

# St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**Encouraging and  
strengthening faith in Jesus,  
and sharing the joy of God's love.**

**August 4, 2019**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:15am**

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

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# Holy Communion

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## **INTRODUCTION to the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

### **Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The assembly continues standing to sing, turning to the cross as it passes by.

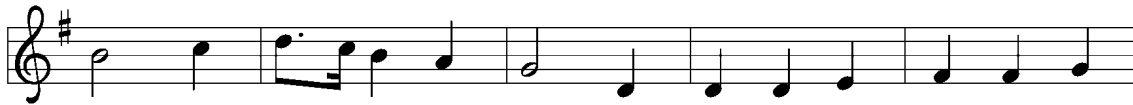
## GATHERING SONG:

## You Servants of God

ELW# 825



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -  
2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of  
nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his  
loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the  
pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!  
tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!  
an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.  
an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and



peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept, then the presiding minister leads the prayer.*

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. <sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 49:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- on the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for an- other's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

### SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your

life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Children and Youth Message

### SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW #678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store;  
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A:** Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

**A:** Let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING SONG:**

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**

**ELW# 686**



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850



## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads this prayer.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as the grains of wheat once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, may we who celebrate this Holy Communion be gathered into one in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

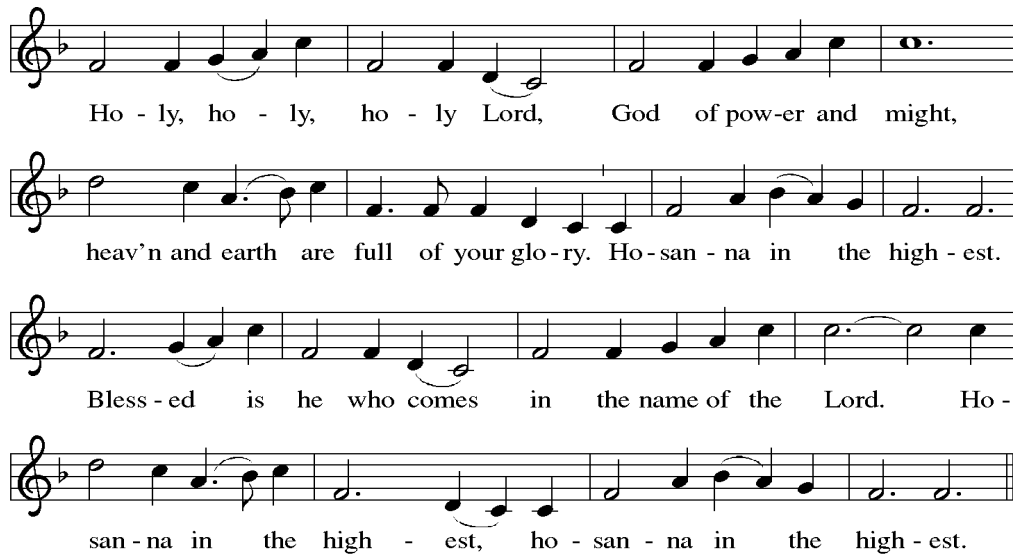
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues to give thanks:*

Praise be to you, Lord of heaven and earth...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## Communion

The bread is broken for the communion. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

The assembly is seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing. At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either **drinking directly from the cup or by intinction** (That means that you may receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the cup.)

**Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask)**

**Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)**

The body of Christ, given for you. *Response: Amen.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Response: Amen.*

## Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,      ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,      have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,      ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,      have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz,      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,      grant us your peace.



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to you my heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, in joy and say: What wealth has



thanks and praise are due; you have so lov - ing - ly be - stowed  
come to me to - day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in my soul



on me your bod - y and your blood.  
and makes my wound - ed spir - it whole!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928, alt.  
Music: UD GÅR DU NU PÅ LIVETS VEJ, Carl Nielsen, 1865–1931

*Additional Communion songs are sung as needed*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*An assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

*All may make the sign of the cross as they receive God's blessing.*

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,  
and abound in thanksgiving;

and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you  
and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.*



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



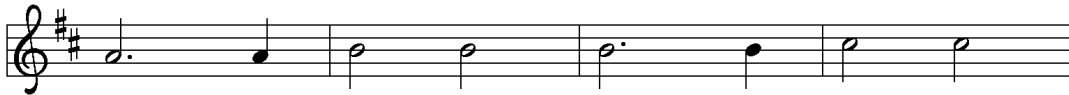
from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958  
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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



*In response to the amazing love, mercy and grace of God, St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community that openly welcomes all who are seeking God's divine love and grace. All are welcome in this place regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic situation or life situation, marital or relationship status, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, friends, spouses and partners are welcome. Your diversity and uniqueness enriches and expands our community. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Laurel Blake, Dorothy Johnson, Kathy Runk, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

**Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)**

✠ John, Nitza, Jack, Curt, Barbara, Alma, Christina, Pop, Harrison, and Mary Anne ✠ Shauna Widman, Harrison, Tom, Mary Anne, C.W., Dawn, Joanna, Betty, Peterson family, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, Alex, John, Jack, Alma, Jo-Jo., and Puerto Rico ✠ Mary De Sapio family, Aiden, Chandler, Becky, Braemen, Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Nettie, Jerry, Gene, Chris, Amanda, Chuck, Annette, Madison, Mason, Robert, and Rosie's Fennelli family at the death of her beloved brother Alex.

**In a facility or homebound:**

- Barbara Kaptain - The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.  
1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486
- Jane Reinhold - Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941
- Evelyn Braun - 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433
- Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands  
700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

**Flowers this week sponsored by:** Pat Engle in memory of her mother Katherine Trykoski.

***Assisting at Worship in August***

(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.

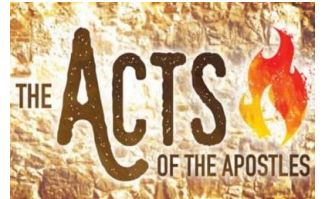
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<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Pat Belanger
<b>LECTOR</b>	Tom Peterson	Erika Flanigan	Kevin Otterson	Natalie Prego
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Suzanne Loggins Lisa Castaneda (w) Pat Engle Karen Breslin	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Patricia Engle R. Mottesheard	Jimmy Fennelli Rose Fennelli (w) Suzanne Loggins Lisa Castaneda	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
<b>SOUND</b>	Eric Castaneda	Jake VanZile	Dennis Magarrell	Jake VanZile
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to worship!** We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and our first time guests today. Stop at the desk to pick up a **name tag** if you don't have one. Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church (Narthex) following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry! We thank **Linda Hanzlik** for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!

## **Tuesday evening Bible Study: The Book of Acts**

We gather for this conversation every Tuesday from 7—8pm in the Luther Room. We will finish up over the next two weeks.



## **Final Summer Choir on September 8**

The St. Stephen summer choir will sing at the liturgy today. September 8 will be the final summer choir before the regular choir resumes. The rehearsal on September 8 will be at 9 a.m. Like to sing? Try us out. Contact Cesar Vidaud or one of the choir members, or just show up for the rehearsal. Thanks!

## **Council meeting this Wednesday, August 7.**

Congregation Council members please pick up your packets in the back of the church today and read them in preparation for the meeting at 7pm on Wednesday in the Luther Room.

## **The Holy Grill feeding ministry health kit project**

For the month of August, we will be collecting items that will be placed in plastic bags to share with our guests at the Holy Grill in September. For the rest of this month you are invited to bring the following items and place them in the specially marked bin in the Narthex (Gathering Area). All of these items should be "travel size":



- Deodorant
- tooth brush
- tooth paste
- bug spray
- baby wipes
- comb
- small water
- disposable razor
- soap
- shampoo
- Quart size zip bags.

At the end of the month, they will be packaged in the quart size bags and then distributed. Breakfast continues to be served Wednesday at 9am and dinner on Wednesday at 5pm (**note change from Tuesday**) in the same location in our east lot. Please check one of the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you. In addition to the health kits we continue to collect for these clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels.**

## **AUGUST HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS**

### **WEDNESDAY 9AM**

8/7 Zachary Smith – Suzanne Loggins  
8/14 Juliet Crawford – Carol/Kelly Jacobson  
8/21 Joe Leone – Karen Breslin  
8/28 Juliet Crawford – Carol/Kelly Jacobson

### **WEDNESDAY 5PM**

Jake Waldeck  
Erika Flanigan  
Eric Castaneda  
Karen Breslin

### ***Blessing of Teachers and Students***

As our children and youth return to school over the next couple of weeks, next Sunday we will include a special blessing for all teachers, school staff, and students in the Sending next Sunday.



### ***Confirmation Ministry Returns!***

Calling all students: our confirmation ministry program will start again on Sunday, August 18 from 11:45am—12:45pm in the Luther Room. Affirmation of Baptism/Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Suarez here at St. Stephen on October 28, Reformation Sunday.

### ***Make a gift of flowers to beautify our worship***

We still have some openings on the calendar in the narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday today. You can give the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or to the glory of God. You may take the flowers if you wish after worship. It is only \$35 to sponsor the flowers for a week.



## **Online Giving**

We offer you the opportunity to give online through our website and also set up automatic offerings so you don't wish to fill an envelope each week, if you choose. Electronic gifts are fast and secure.

### ***In Loving Memory of Dawn Schramm:***

In lieu of a traditional funeral, Dawn's son, Scott, sends us the following invitation: "We're planning a celebration of Dawn's life on September 28th, 2019. We decided to wait till then due to everyone's busy summer schedules, and it should be much cooler here by that time of year. Rod and I want to make this a celebration for Mom and fun for all with events, dinners, and all the things my Mom loved so much. Her favorite things were dinners at our house, fun parties and enjoying the boat. We will be hosting from 4pm - 7pm on Saturday 28th of September at our home: 1725 NE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305." PLEASE RSVP Scott if you plan on attending, so he can get a head count for the caterer and arrangements for other events over the weekend. His contact info is: Email: [scottinaboat@gmail.com](mailto:scottinaboat@gmail.com) Phone: 202-997-9265

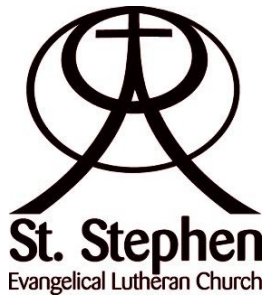
### ***STEWARDSHIP CORNER:***

**Last Sunday Attendance: 56**

**Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 3,297**

**WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!**





### Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship  
Holy Communion is celebrated weekly  
11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

### Church Staff

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## Activity Calendar

**Sunday 4**  
10:15am Worship

**Monday 5**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Tuesday 6**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Luther Room)

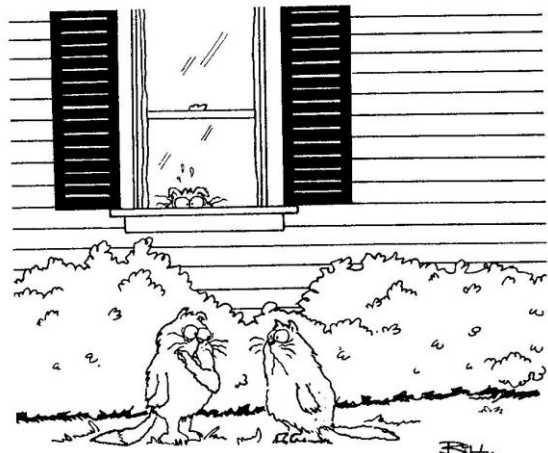
**Wednesday 7**  
9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry  
9:00-12pm Threads of Love  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
5:00-6:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry  
7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting

**Thursday 8**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Friday 9**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Saturday 10**  
Happy and Blessed Saturday!

**Sunday 11**  
10:15am Worship/Blessing of  
Teachers & Students  
11:45 Socializing Commission



"I heard the pastor who lives here was preaching about the Old Testament practice of 'animal sacrifice' this morning... I sure hope Whiskers isn't in any danger."

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