



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

**January 13, 2019** 

**Baptism of Our Lord** 

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

# Festival Holy Communion

# Gathering

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

### INTRODUCTION

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters... the rivers... fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

### **CHOIR PRELUDE**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### C: Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The presiding minister gives thanks over the water.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

and by your Word you created the world,

calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

On this day, at the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

### C: Amen.

The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water during the singing.



- 1 Crash-ing wa ters at cre a tion, or dered by the Spir it's breath,
- 2 Part ing wa ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans-ing wa ter once at Jor dan closed a round the one fore told,
- 4 Liv ing wa ter, nev er end ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death. wash-ing off the chains of bond-age— chan-nel to a life made new. o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old. Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

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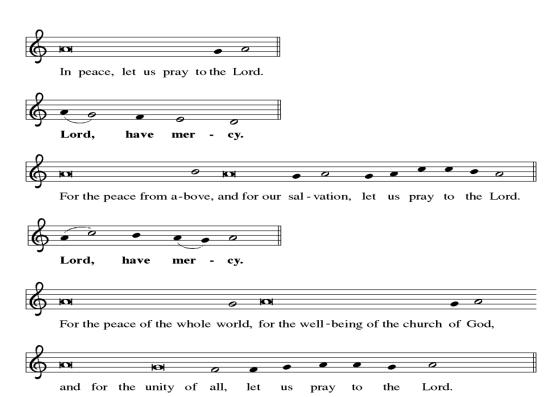
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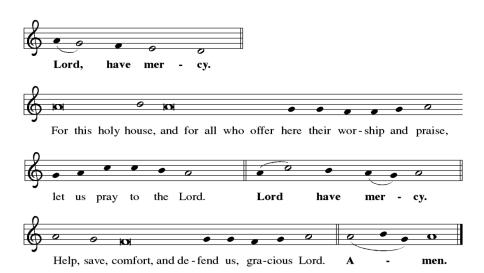
### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

# C: And also with you.

### **KYRIE**











### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

 $^7\mbox{The voice}$  of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

### SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

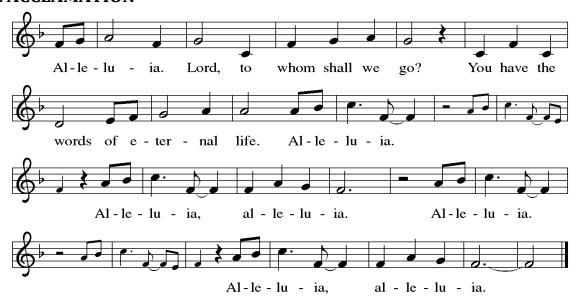
A reading from Acts.

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

# **Children and Youth Message**

### **SERMON**



The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



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### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing. Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen.** 

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.* 

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy. C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### **OFFERING**

The assembly stands.

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** 

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

**ELW# 445** 



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light. one with Christ in liv-ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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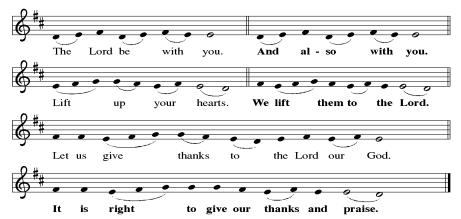
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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

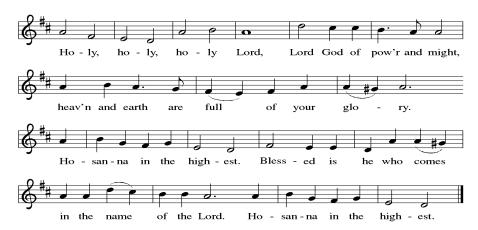
A: Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** 

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



*The presiding minister continues to give thanks:* 

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh. ...

...with thanksgiving we lift this bread and cup before you and proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. 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 wine**.)

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





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# Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the body and blood of our Lord: the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

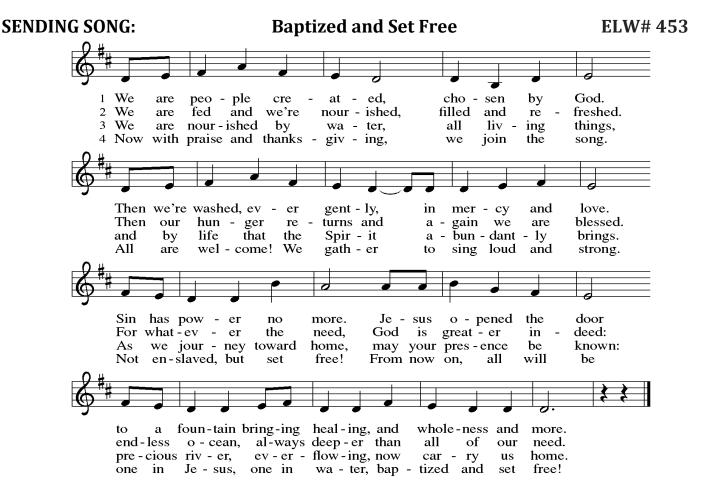
# Sending

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

### **BLESSING**

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.



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### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

### IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

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

♣ Daisy, and Debbie ♣ Erick, Tonny, Carolyn, Deborah, Cynthia, Craig, Nettie, Cheryl, Robert, Chandler, Becky, Aiden, Braemen, Mary, Jerry, Carol, Nettie, and Peggy ♣ Carol, Mr. Driscoll, Pat, John, Diane, Joe, Mikayla, Dakota, world peace, health to family and friends.

### In a facility or homebound:

Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.

1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486

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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

# Assisting at Our Worship in January

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

10:15 AM	January 13	January 20	January 27
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Pat Belanger	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Rita Sharkey	Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Erika Flanigan R. Mottersheard Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Rosie Fennelli Jimmy Fennelli Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Carol Jacobson Pat Belanger	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Eric Castaneda	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Jake Vanzile	Larry Jones

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.



### **Sunday Schedule**

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum 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 13

9:15am Adult Forum—Acts Bible Study

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 14

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 15

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Luther Room)

Wednesday 16

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 17

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Christian Unity Service at St. Nicholas

Friday 18

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 19

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 20

9:15am Adult Forum

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



"Since the church tank hasn't been cleaned, we're going to conduct baptism services out here."

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