



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

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

# Holy Communion

# **INTRODUCTION to the Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.



# Gathering

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

#### Choir Prelude

#### Welcome

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the pressing minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

#### 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.** 

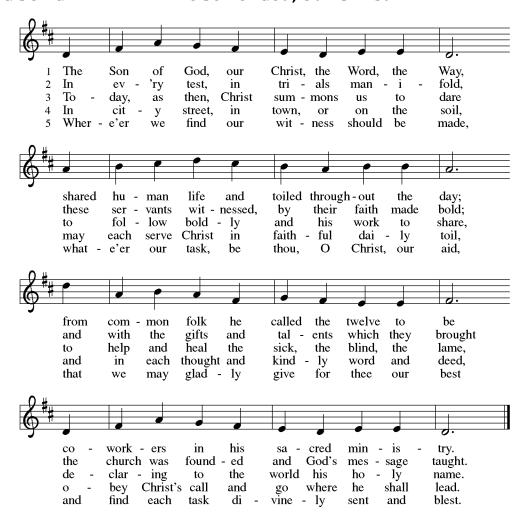
As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.** 



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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.** 





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

The assembly sits.



# Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

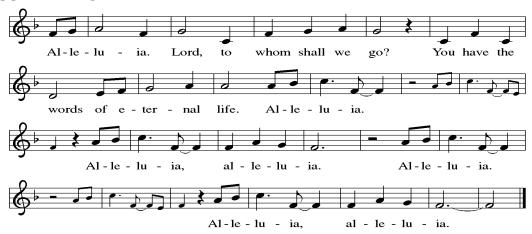
<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he

called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

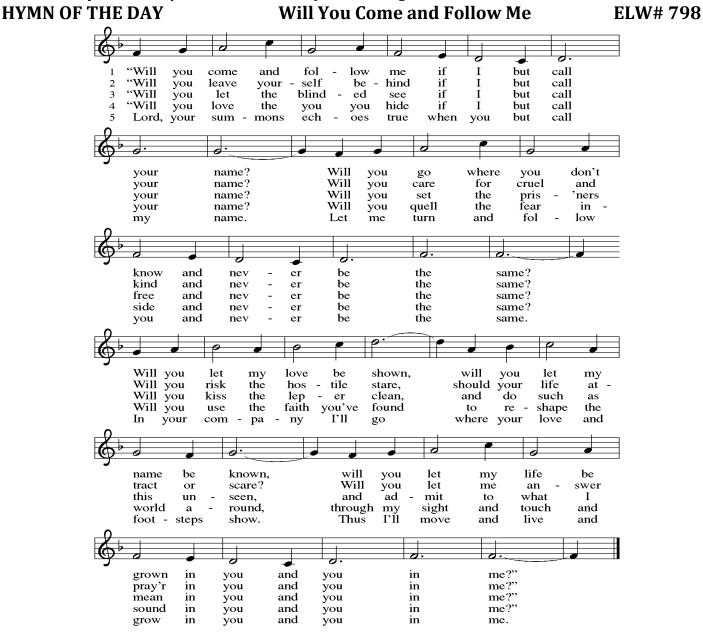
The assembly is seated.

# **Children and Youth Message**

#### **SERMON**

# The Rev. Dr. John L. (Jan) Setzler

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



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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

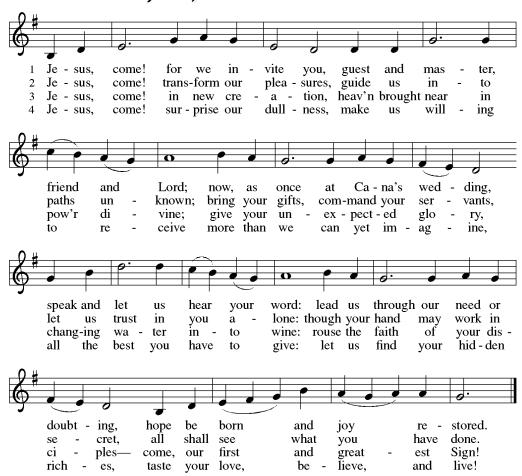
After all exchange the Peace, the assembly is seated.

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### **OFFERING**

The assembly stands as the gifts are presented at the altar.



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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. 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:



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.

 $\ldots$  all glory and honor are yours, almighty  $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$  , now and forever.

Amen.

P: 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

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

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.** 

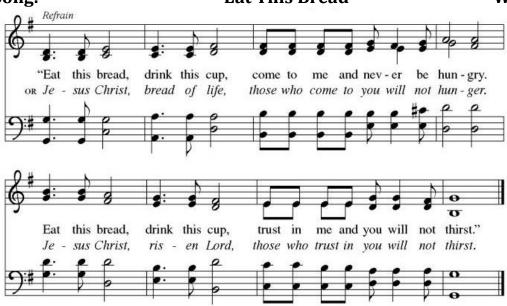
#### Lamb of God



# **Communion Song:**

# **Eat This Bread**

#### **WOV#709**



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# Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation, the very body and blood of Christ. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



# Sending

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

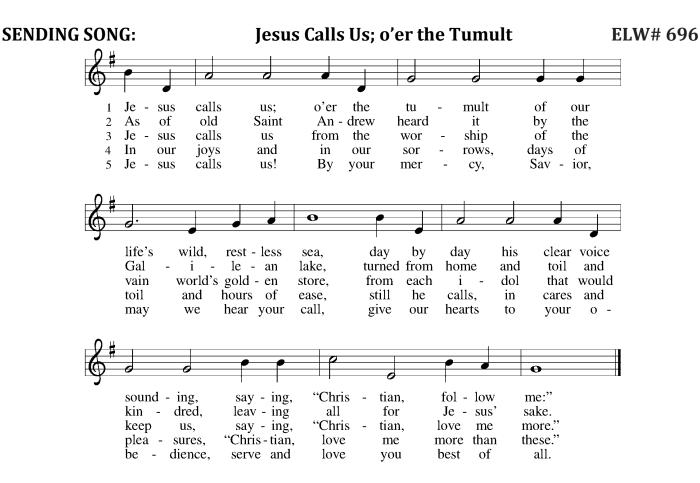
**Announcements** (The assembly is seated)

#### **BLESSING**

The assembly stands as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

Amen.



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

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: Don Schutt, Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Laurel Blake, Katie Paff, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Edith Reichenbach, Jim Loggins, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

♣ Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, George, John, Eric ♣ Vilma, Joe, Christina, Henry, Medina's family, Melissa, Gary, C.C., Greg, Connor, Melissa, Donnie, Nettie, Bill ♣ Antero, Waino, Gene, Annette, Donna, Joanna, Betty, Chuck, Susan, Greg, Valerie, Carol, Randy, Barbara, Makayla, Bode, Haley, Carlota, Cheryl, Robert, Chandler, Braemen, Aiden, Jerry, Craig, Becky, Nettie, Jerry, Edith, Bill, Carol, Kathy, Susan, Dorothy, Phil, Marti, Craig, Caroline.

#### 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: Carol & Kelly Jacobson in memory of Don Burroughs.

# Assisting at Worship in January 2020

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

10:15 AM	January 26
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Prego
ACOLYTE	Carol Jacobson
LECTOR	Rita Sharkey
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Larry Jones

<u> January Holy Grill Serving Volunteers:</u>	
9am	5pm
1/29 Juliet Crawford – Judy Dooge	Judy Hoyer

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 111
Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 2,395

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

# DARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Welcome to worship! Welcome winter residents!

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!



# CAMP SUNDAY IS HERE! CAMP CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Today we celebrate CAMP SUNDAY as part of our ELCA NovusWay camp ministry. Camp is only possible because of the generosity of churches and individuals from ELCA congregations in the Southeast. NovusWay camps are funded through program revenue of 50%, retreat rental revenue of 25% and the remaining 25% is funded through the generosity of people and congregations like ours. Our

gifts will not only serve to train skilled staff who shepherd campers every week in fun and exciting ways, but it will also be used to make camp possible for children who would not be able to attend for financial reasons. NovusWay partners with a growing number of community providers to identify children in foster care or other support programs to provide scholarships to camp. You may use the offering envelope provided today or give now online at <a href="https://www.novusway.org">www.novusway.org</a>. Simple monthly giving options are available by clicking the donate button. Thank you for your support of our valued camp ministry. Your gift changes everything.

# New name tags are here!!! Pick yours up this morning!

If you signed up for one, and you have not yet received it, it is waiting for you. If you need one, just ask! Members and friends, please wear your name tag to every church function. We want St. Stephen Church to be a place where everyone knows your name!



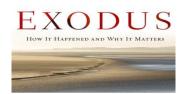


# Welcome to St. Stephen Church! New members invited.....

We will next welcome new members into this community of faith on Sunday, February 23, The Transfiguration of Our Lord. If you have been worshipping with us or exploring the faith here, we would love to officially welcome you into this Christian community. Please check off the box on the attendance card in the bulletin and Pr. Bob will be in touch with you.

# Bible Study every Tuesday evening and Sunday morning

We gather Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Luther Room to study of the Book of Exodus. The class is repeated on Sunday from 9-10am in Pr. Bob's office. Learn about how God saves the chosen people from slavery and



how the Exodus events relate to Christ, to Lent and Easter, and to the Lord's Supper for Christians. Come and Invite a friend!!

# Worshipping Commission: February 2

The meeting will be in the Luther Room following worship.



If you are interested in the future mission of St. Stephen, come to our Visioning Retreat—

Friday, February 7 7:00-8:30pm

Saturday, February 8 9:00am-2:00pm (lunch provided)

Who are we as a congregation? On Friday evening, February 7 and Saturday, February 8, Sr. Michelle Collins from the Office of the Bishop, will lead our congregation in this conversation that

will begin to help give our ministry direction for the next year or two.

#### **Retreat Description:**

As this congregation considers God's vision for mission and ministry in the future, we are invited to prayerfully consider the questions: "What is God doing in the world and what is the church's role?", "How is God calling this congregation to participate in God's mission in the world?" and "Who has God called this congregation to be in this context at this time?" During this retreat, we will work together to review our unique purpose in God's mission and to clarify the principles that guide our participation in that mission. Our Guiding Principles will inform our vision for future, and will create the framework for our ongoing visioning and planning.

This interactive retreat will involve small and large group discussion, personal and communal reflection, prayer and Bible study, as we seek God's will and strive to be open to the creativity of the Holy Spirit.



# Annual Meeting of St. Stephen Congregation: February 9

This is to serve official notice that the annual meeting of the congregation will take place following the 10:15 am Liturgy of Holy Communion on Sunday, February 9 in the sanctuary. The meeting will hear reports on our mission and ministry in 2019, and be asked to ratify a 2020 spending plan along with mandatory updaters made to the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations. Copies of the constitution are available on the table at the rear of the church. Annual Reports will be available next Sunday.

# Holy Grill Feeding Ministry:

Breakfast is served Wednesday at 9am and dinner at 5pm in our east lot right in front of the sanctuary. Clothing is available each week in the Narthex. Please check the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you.

We continue to collect for these urgent clothing needs:

Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels.





#### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00am Bible Study in Pastor's Office

10:15 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

#### **Church Staff**

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#### **2020 Congregation Council**

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# **Weekly Calendar**

#### Sunday 26—Third Sunday After Epiphany

9:00am Exodus Bible Study (Pastor's Office)

10:15am Holy Communion/Camp Sunday

11:30am Congregation Council Meeting

Monday 27—Ss. Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 28-St. Thomas Aquinas, Teacher 1294AD

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Exodus Bible Study (Luther Room)

#### Wednesday 29—Weekday

9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

12:30pm Administration Team Meeting (Pastor's Office)

5:00-6:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

#### Thursday 30—Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 31—Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 1—Weekday

#### Sunday 2—Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

9:00am Exodus Bible Study (Pastor's Office)

10:15am Festival Holy Communion/Blessing of Candles

11:30am Worshipping Commission

# Online Giving

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

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