

# 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.**

**July 14, 2019**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:15am**

**The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor**

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# Holy Communion

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## **INTRODUCTION to the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

*The green vestments and parments remind us that we are in “Ordinary Time”—this Time After Pentecost that continues now until Advent. Green reminds us of growing things. Green vestments remind us this is time to grow in our faith. Today we learn to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God’s mercy in responding to one’s neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the “gospel that has come to you”—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

## **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.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*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.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**GATHERING SONG:**

**Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**

**ELW# 519**



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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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.

**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  
*Refrain*  
 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

P: Let us pray.

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

P: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Word

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

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me  
according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up-right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has

been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

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

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of

him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

### When the Poor Ones

ELW# 725



1 Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;  
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;  
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;  
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,  
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;  
 when ex - spect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:  
 when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;  
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:  
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:  
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;  
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.  
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

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## Welcoming New Members to the Congregation

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these or similar words.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*A representative of the congregation or the presiding minister may introduce each new member or household.*

*The presiding minister may introduce the Creed.*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

*The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. *Brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?*

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome *these brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The new members return to their places within the assembly.*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

*After each petition of the prayer is said:*

A: Let us pray,                   **C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.                   **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:

### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW# 708

*Refrain*

Je - su,                   Je - su,                   fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,                   si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,                   var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve,                   these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,                   si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave                   to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far                   a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us                   and you.  
this is the way we will live                   with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.

Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

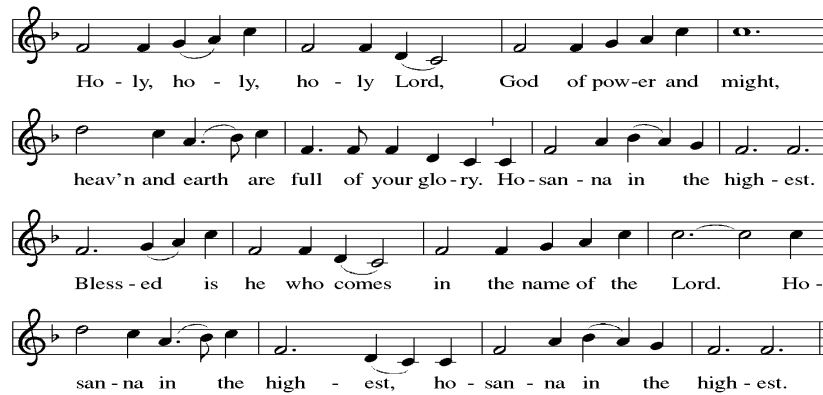
*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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:*

Glory, honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

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

**C: 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

*The bread is broken for the communion.*

P: 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.

## Communion Song:

## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW# 659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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**Additional Communion songs are sung as needed**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: 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.*

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

**SENDING SONG:**

**When We Are Living**

**ELW# 639**

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*  
 1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . .  
 3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . .

*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.*  
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord, . . .  
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .  
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .

*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,

*so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.*  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 *En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
 en la belleza y en el amor,  
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

3 *En este mundo por doquier habrá  
 gente que llora y sin consolar.  
 Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

# 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: Larry Jones, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, 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)

✠ Gene, Annette, Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Chandler, Braemen, Aiden, Becky, Nettie, Mary, Jerry, Michael, Angie, Tito, John, Jack, Jojo ✠ Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, Chuck, Betty, Joana, Susan, Donnie, Lorraine, Alex, Jimmy, Anne, Lisa, George ✠ Alex, Alma, Christina, "Pop", Eric, Liz, Dax, George, The Castaneda family.

### 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 celebration of Harry's Ambrose birthday.

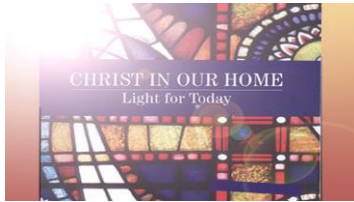
### *Assisting at Our Worship in July*

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

10:15 AM	<u>July 14</u>	<u>July 21</u>	<u>July 28</u>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	TBA
<b>LECTOR</b>	Tom Peterson	Catherine Zippay	Kevin Otterson
<b>USHERS –Need 4 to Serve</b>	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay	Rosie Fennelli Jimmy Fennelli R. Mottersheard Lisa Castaneda	Suzanne Loggins Lisa Castaneda (w) Pat Engle Karen Breslin
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve</b>	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson
<b>SOUND</b>	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to worship!** We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and 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!

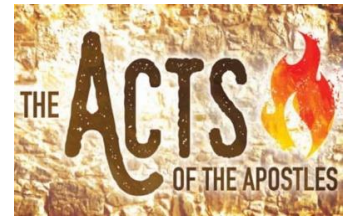


## ***Our new daily devotional booklet, Christ in Our Home, is here!***

The July—August—September edition is now available in the back of the church. Be sure to pick up a copy on your way out this morning. It only takes a few minutes; make a resolution this week to spend a few moments in prayer and meditation with the Lord each day using this great little devotional tool!

## ***Tuesday evening Bible Study meeting in the Luther Room: The Book of Acts***

We gather for this conversation every Tuesday from 7—8pm in the Luther Room. Acts tells the story of the early church. It traces the growth of the church from a small group of Jewish believers in Jerusalem to a worldwide movement that included both Jews and Gentiles.



## ***Summer Choir sings today! We sing next on August 11***

The St. Stephen choir will sing at the liturgy on the *second Sunday* of each month: August 11 and September 8. Rehearsals will be at 9 a. m. on the Sundays when the choir sings. Like to sing? Try us out. Contact Cesar Vidaud or one of the choir members, or just show up for a rehearsal. Thanks!

## ***Welcome Our New Members***

### **Jake Waldecki:**

I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio. Moved to Florida in January. I am in recovery. I met George down here. I am retired from the workforce. I am an artist, and member of the Board of Directors of the Broward Art Guild. I enjoy cooking, baking, working out, baseball and staying strong in my recovery. I came to St. Stephens through George, Lisa & Eric Castaneda. I know this would be a welcome place.



**Jake Waldecki & George Arce**

### **George Arce:**

I am from Boston and came to Florida in 1999. I consider myself to be very kind and loving person, and love to be around family and friends. I am a customer service agent for Pharma Company providing assistance for diabetics. I love my job and coworkers. I met Eric and Lisa where I live and they opened their hearts to me when I went thru hard times. The entire Castaneda family has taken me in as one of their own and now I want to share their love with our church. Jake is now filing a big part of my heart.

***The Holy Grill feeding ministry needs you!***

Dinner is served at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and breakfast at 9:00am on Wednesday in the same location in our east lot. We need more volunteers, now for both meals. Please check one of the box on the attendance card if interested. Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you. Our focus is on collecting these clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear, socks, flip-flops, shorts, towels.**



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

We have plenty of 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.

***Electronic Giving NOW AVAILABLE!***



We now 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,

**Online Giving**

if you choose. Electronic gifts are fast and secure.

- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations

- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website a link is there on the homepage under "Giving".

**JULY HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS**

**TUESDAY 5PM**

- 7/16 Joe Leone
- 7/23 Eric Castaneda
- 7/30 Karen Breslin

**WEDNESDAY 9AM**

- 7/17 Carol Jacobson  
Suzanne Loggins
- 7/24 Karen Breslin  
Juliet Crawford
- 7/31 Joe Leone  
Carol Jacobson

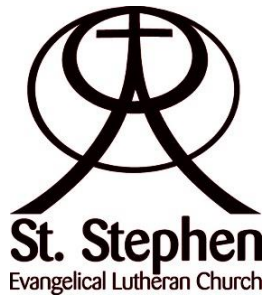
**Thank you!**

***STEWARDSHIP CORNER:***

**Last Sunday Attendance: 55**

**Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 3,369.79**

**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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**Clarence (Teddy) Rowe** – Sexton  
**Aidee Koach** – Administrative Assistant  
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### Congregation Council

**Larry Jones** - President  
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**Christian Hecker** – Vice-president  
**Eric Castaneda** - Treasurer  
**Natalie Prego** – Secretary  
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## Activity Calendar

**Sunday 14**  
10:15am Worship with New Members

**Monday 15**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Tuesday 16**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open  
5:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry  
7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Luther Room)

**Wednesday 17**  
9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry  
9:00-12pm Threads of Love  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Thursday 18**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Friday 19**  
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

**Saturday 20**  
Happy and Blessed Saturday!

**Sunday 21**  
10:15am Worship



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