



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

July 21, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION to the Sixth 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. Today we learn that Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

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.**



Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

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.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁶Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁶Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,

who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from Colossians.

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely

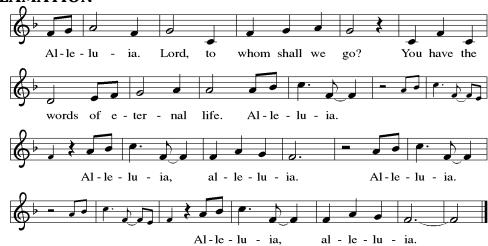
established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

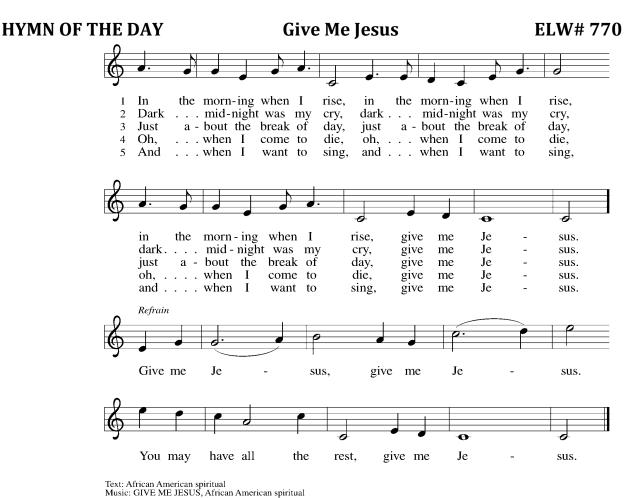
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer



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: 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:

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW# 685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly, for my King; 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: Patmos, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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. **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.

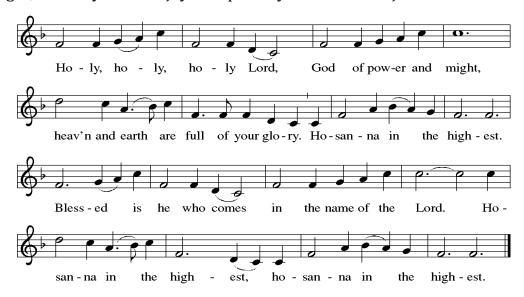
Lift up your hearts.

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:



The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

forever and ever. Amen.

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,

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.

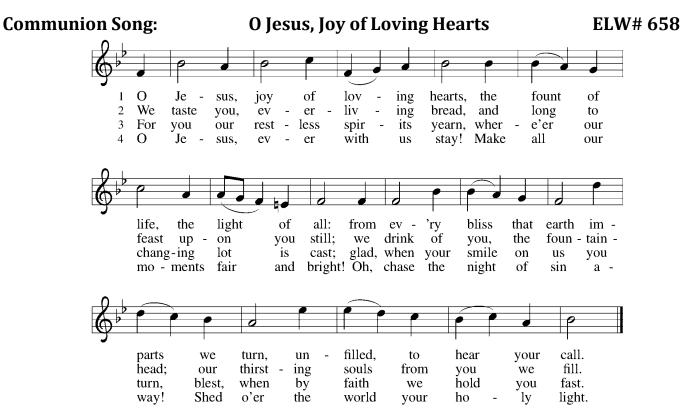
All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing. 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





Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus 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: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving;

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

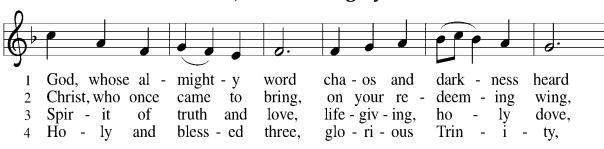
C: Amen.

The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.

SENDING SONG:

God, Whose Almighty Word

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and took their flight: heal - ing and sight; speed forth your flight; Wis - dom, Love, Might:

hear hum - bly pray, and where the us, we trou - bled mind, sight where il health the to move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the bound-less o - cean's tide, roll - ing as in



sheds glo - rious ray, let there be gos - pel day not its light. light. lu - sions blind: oh. hu - man-kind let there be now to in earth's dark - est place let there be light. lamp of grace, and full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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: Kathy Runk, Larry Jones, 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)

₱ 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 ₱ Jimmy, Alex, John, Nitza, Jack, Curt, Barbara, Alma, Christina, Pop, Harrison, and Mary Anne.

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: Rita Filbert.



Assisting at Our Worship in July

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

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

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!

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

Phone: 202-997-9265



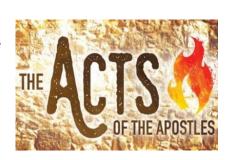
Luther Room Update:

Slowly but surely the renovations to the Choir Room as it morphs into the Luther Room continue. Installation of baseboards and closet doors will complete most of the physical renovations. Over the next month a new music office desk/chair, conference chairs

and a flat screen TV will be added to the room. When finished it will be used as a multi-purpose choir room, meeting space, classroom, bridal room, reception area, nursery. Mark your calendars now, the new Luther Room will be blessed and dedicated by Bishop Suarez when he makes an episcopal visit to St. Stephen on Sunday, October 27 (Reformation Sunday).

Tuesday evening Bible Study: 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 believes in Jerusalem to a worldwide movement that included both Jews and Gentiles.



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.



Summer Choir sings next on August 11

The St. Stephen choir will sing at the liturgy on the *second Sunday* of the next two months: 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!

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 ongoing focus is on collecting these clothing needs: Men's/women's underwear, socks, flip-flops, shorts, towels.



JULY HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS

TUESDAY 5PM

WEDNESDAY 9AM

7/23 Eric Castaneda

7/24 Karen Breslin - Juliet Crawford

7/30 Karen Breslin

7/31 Joe Leone - Carol Jacobson

Electronic Giving NOW AVAILABLE!

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.

Online Giving

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".

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 58 Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 1,954

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

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 21

10:15am Worship

Monday 22

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 23

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

5:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Luther Room)

Wednesday 24

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

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 25

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Friday 26

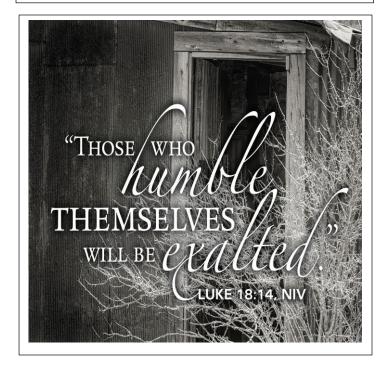
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Saturday 27

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 28

10:15am Worship



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