

St Stephen

Lutheran Church, ELCA



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

July 29, 2018

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands as able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

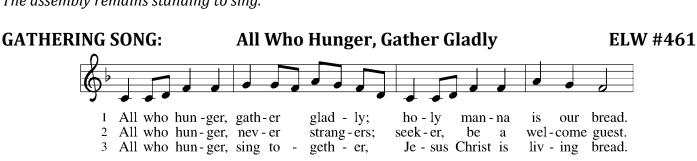
P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal God our creator:

C: In you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. C: Amen.





wan - d'ring. Here in Come from wil-der - ness and truth we will be fed. joy we keep the feast. Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in Come from lone - li - ness and Here in peace we have been fed. long - ing.



full-ness, all You that yearn for days of a-round us is our food. We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood. Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i -



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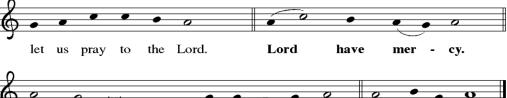
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GREETING

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





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

Youth and Children message

Word

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A Reading from 2 Kings.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left." ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-18

- ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
- ¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- out all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- $^{17}\mbox{You}$ are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- $^{18}\mbox{You}$ are near to all who call upon you, to all who call up- on you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

A Reading from Ephesians.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

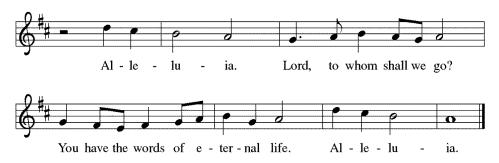
²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

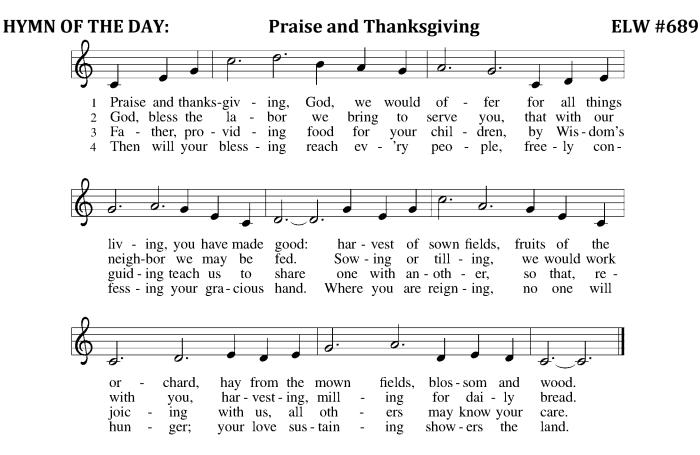
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



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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.

The assembly stands to pray.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

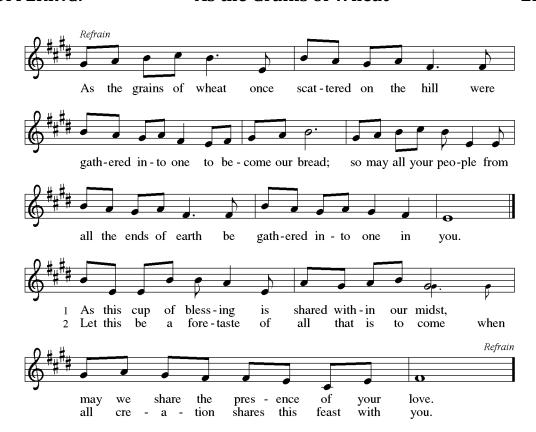
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465



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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

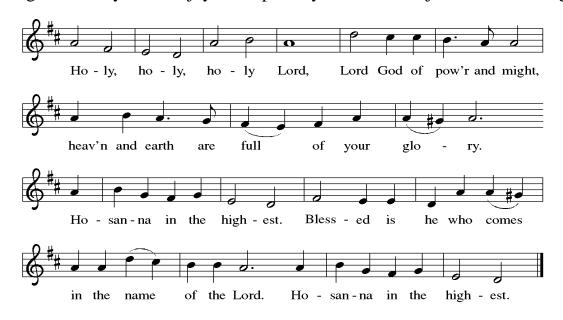
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer... and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal to be the body and blood of Christ: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, both now and forever. **Amen**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold 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: Taste and see that the Lord is Good.

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

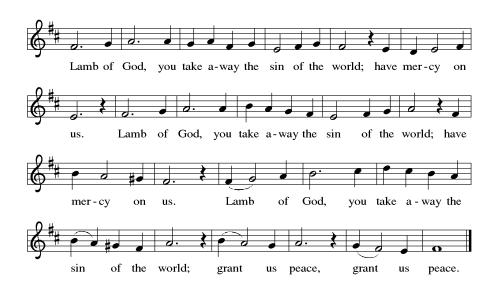
All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

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





Bread of Life from Heaven



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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

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Blessing

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing **SENDING SONG:** God's bless-ing, our Sent forth by faith true con fess - ing, With praise and thanks - giv - ing God dwell - ing God from this peo - ple of take leave. the tasks our ev - 'ry - day life facesup - per is end - ed. be tend - ed now ex faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev er car - ing, fruits ser - vice in all who be lieve. em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race. of The Christ's seed teach - ing, re cep souls With feast you feed us, with your your now ac - tion for reach-ing, shall blos - som in God and for all. u - nite us one life that we share.

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

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: Caroline Smith, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

♣ Lynne Steele, Mickey Castaneda, Laurie Gonzalez and Cindy Hoover ♣ George Stewart, Marjorie, Aurea Soto, Carol Chmelynski, Austin Taylor Cooper, Larry Cartwright, Lynne Steele, Craig, Chandler, Aiden, Braemen, Cheryl, Robert, Becky, Nettie, Jerry and Mary ♣ Jane Batson, Eric Hecker, Rosie's Fennelli family, Vera DeBolt, Pat Palmiera, Celeste, Oswald Zambrano.

In a facility or homebound:

Audrey Shumway - Willow Wick, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545
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

651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Announcements

Join us in praying for those who have asked our prayers

We are beginning an email prayer chain. This was approved by the congregation council and it is for the purpose of drawing the members in prayer for those who are sick or in special need of prayer. On Tuesday morning, we will send out the names of those who were added to the attendance cards on Sunday. If we have special requests during the week, those will be sent out Friday morning. Emails will go out only from the administrative assistant or the pastor. If you have prayer request, call the church office during the week. Occasionally, emergencies may arrive and a request will go out mid-week. Let us put prayer cover over our sisters and brothers as they experience difficult times.

Need to speak to or get in touch with the new pastor?

Pr. Schaefer's cell phone and email address are now listed in the staff directory. Take note of his contact information and feel free to be in touch as needed!

Service Assistants for today and August

10:15 AM	July 29	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler	Katie Paff	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Catherine Zippay	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger	Erika Flanigan
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Darin Kibler Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Linda Hanzlik	Suzanne Loggins Lisa Castaneda (w) Terry Shumway Linda Hanzlik	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Rosie Fennelli Patricia Engle	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Lisa Castaneda (w) Terry Shumway	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fenneli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Linda Hanzlik Ruth Wagle	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz
PROJECTION	Katie Paff	Sera Butz	Terry Shumway	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda

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

Stewardship Snippet

July 29, 2018 (10th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Psalm 145:15, 16 – The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Our God is a god of abundance. As steward/disciples we look to God for all that we need, knowing that God provides.



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 29

10:15am Sunday Worship

Monday 30

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 31

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 1

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 2

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:30pm Choir rehearsal

Friday 3

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 4

Happy and blessed Saturday!

Sunday 5

10:15am Sunday Worship



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