



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

June 23, 2019

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

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

This Sunday we return to the long season of Ordinary time, as we enter the non-festival half of the church year. The color of the vestments and parments are green: a color connoting growth in faith. The liturgy is in a simpler form during this season. This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for 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.

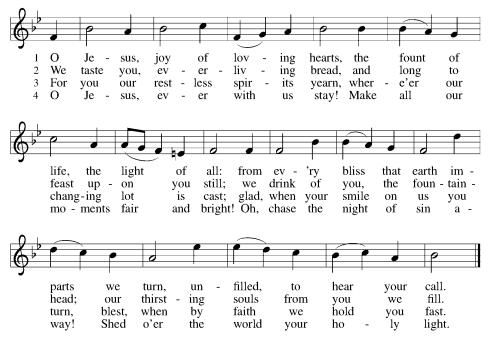
Most merciful God,

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.

**O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts** 



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

## **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.

P: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, 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: Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 22:19-28

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

## SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

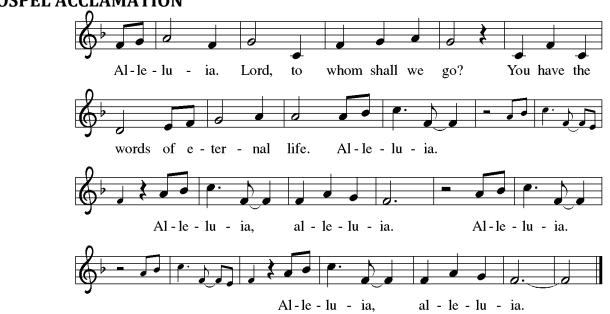
A reading from Galatians.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as

were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

#### 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 8:26-39

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he

might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

#### P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

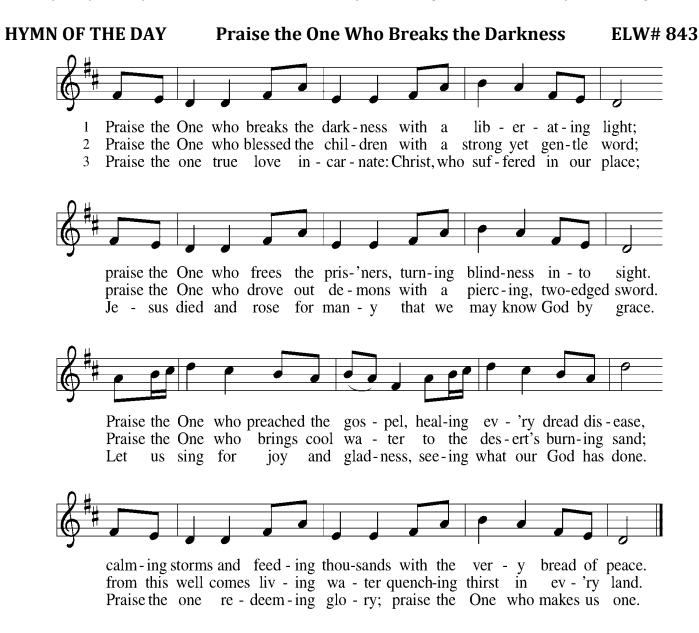
The assembly is seated.

#### **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.



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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: 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



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## **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.

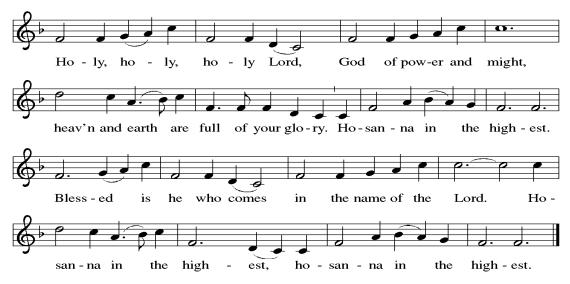
Lift up your hearts.

## 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:



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



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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.

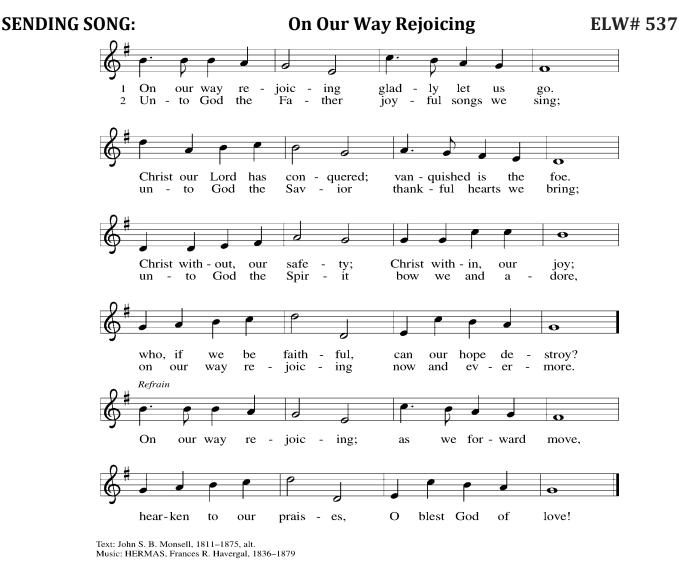
## Sending

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.



#### 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: family of Dawn Schramm, 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)

▪ Marita, Millie, Dollie ▪ Dawn, Sham, Gene, Annette, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Chandler, Braemen, Aiden, Becky, Nettie, Mary, Jerry, Michael, Angie, Tito, John, Jack, Jojo ▪ Karen, Marjorie, Aurea.

#### 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	

## Assisting at Our Worship in June

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

10:15 AM	June 23	<u>June 30</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
ACOLYTE	Carol Jacobson	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve Head Usher	Suzanne Loggins Pat Engle Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
	Karen Breslin	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Jake VanZile	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Dennis Magarrell	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!



#### CHANGE FOR CHANGE for June and July will be donated to SunServe.

SunServe is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit social services agency serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community in South Florida. They provide high quality, culturally relevant care for all with an emphasis on those in financial need, minorities, youth, seniors, HIV+ persons, and those with life-challenging physical or emotional conditions. They also offer myriad education and training services.



*Bible Study now meeting in the Fellowship Hall: The Book of Acts* Note we have moved to the Fellowship Hall! We gather for this conversation every Tuesday from 7—8pm. 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.

## Join the Summer choir!

The St. Stephen choir will sing at the liturgy on the *second Sunday* of each month: July 14, 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!



#### Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

One of our faith community, Dawn Schramm, died in Christ this past Wednesday night at the Hospice in John Knox Village. Dawn was active here until her health began to decline earlier this year. There will be a funeral here after her cremation. Details will follow.



## 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 clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear**, **socks, flip-flops and casual clothes, towels** 

## Electronic Giving NOW AVAILABLE!

We are venturing into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and starting to offer you the opportunity to give online through our website and also set up automatic offerings so you

**Online Giving** don't wish to fill an envelope each week, if you choose. Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of

every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do. • 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 already there; but over the next weeks and months we will introduce this new opportunity in more detail.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 53

E: 53 Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 647 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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#### **Congregation Council**

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## **Activity Calendar**

Sunday 23 10:15am Worship

Monday 24 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 25 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 5:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry 7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 26 9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry 9:00-12pm Threads of Love 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 27 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Friday 28 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 29 Fellowship Hall Rented

Sunday 30 10:15am Worship



## WEDNESDAY MORNING JUNE HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS:

June 26 Juliet Crawford & Carol Jacobson

# Thank you!

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