



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

June 30, 2019

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION to the Third Sunday After Pentecost

We're now in the Time After Pentecost, the longest season of the church year. These "Ordinary Time" weeks will continue until Advent. The vestments are green, reminding us this is a season of growth in faith as we listen to Luke's gospel in this "Year C" of the lectionary: Today we have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path 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.

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,

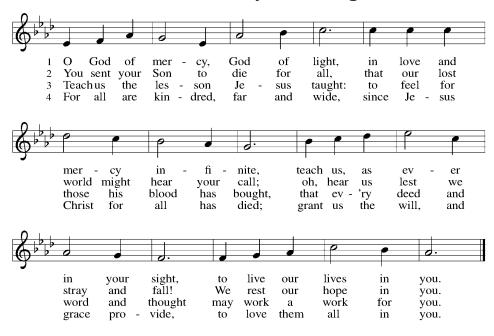
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

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 \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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



- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.

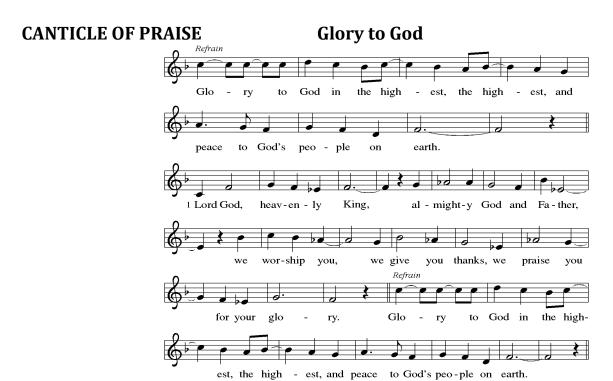
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, 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: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from 1 Kings.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

never take their names up- on my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who up-hold my lot.

6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

 $^8\mbox{I}$ have set the LORD always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians.

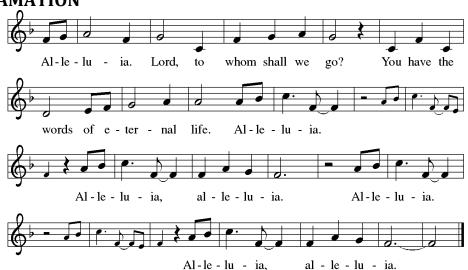
¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed

by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 9:51-62

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

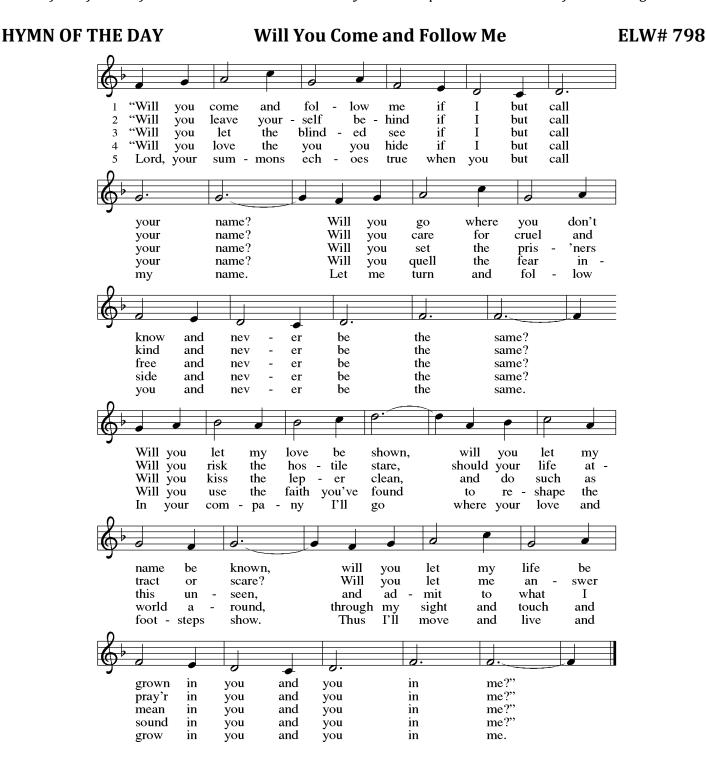
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

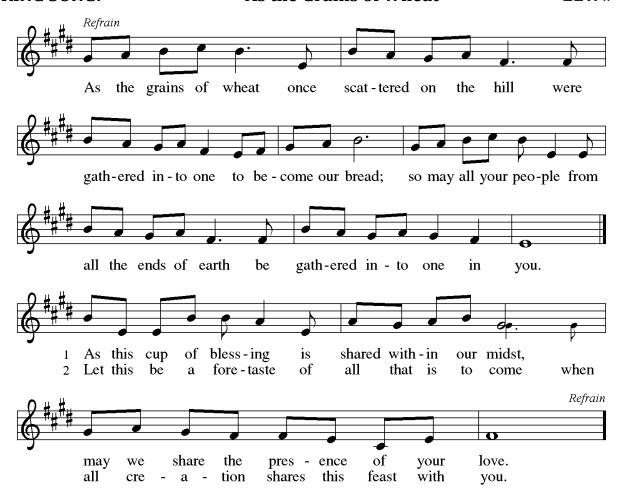
After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The assembly stands.



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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.

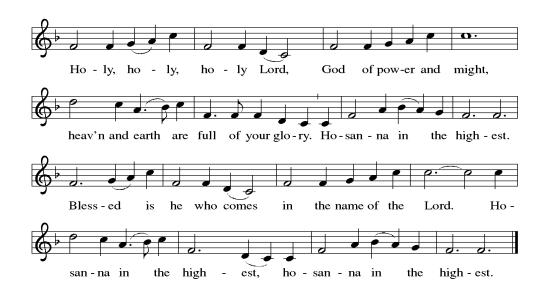
Lift up your hearts.

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



ELW# 793



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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: Now Thank We All Our God

ELW# 840



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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)

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

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

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Assisting at Our Worship in June

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

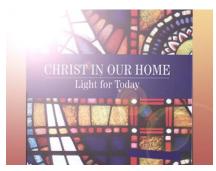
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ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Prego
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve Head Usher	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Rosie Fennelli Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	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!

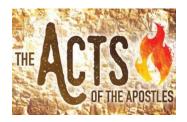


CHANGE FOR CHANGE for June and July will be donated to SunServe.

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.

Tuesday evening Bible Study 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.





rehearsal. Thanks!

THEIR BEORLE

Join the Summer choir! They sing next in two weeks

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

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 will have a brief "temple talk" before the liturgy this morning to explain exactly how easy it is to sign up and participate in electronic giving at St.

Online Giving

Stephen. We are starting to 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. 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.

The next St. Stephen Congregation Council meeting is Wednesday, July 10

Council members, please remember to get any reports in this week to the office. We meet in the Luther Room on July 10 at 7:00pm.

JULY HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS

TUESDAY 5PM		WEDNESDAY 9AM		
	7/2	Eric Castaneda	7/3	Suzanne Loggins Carol Jacobson
	7/9	Erika Flanigan	7/10	Juliet Crawford Joe Leone
	7/16	Joe Leone	7/17	Carol Jacobson Suzanne Loggins
	7/23	Eric Castaneda	7/24	Karen Breslin Juliet Crawford
	7/30	Karen Breslin	7/31	Joe Leone Carol Jacobson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 5,358

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 30

10:15am Worship

Monday 1

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 2

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

5:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 3

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

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 4

Office Closed—Happy Independence Day

Friday 5

Office Closed

Saturday 6

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 7

10:15am Worship



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