



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

March 10, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands and turns to the 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.**

The presiding minister leads the following prayer of preparation:

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.**

Brothers and sisters, during these great forty days of Lent, let us prepare ourselves to receive Christ in word and sacrament by confessing our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, 🕂 forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. **Amen.**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days GATHERING SONG: ELW# 319 0 Lord, through - out these days 1 for ty you You 2 strove with Sa tan, you won; your and Though parched and hun gry, yet you prayed and 3 4 Be with us through this sea son, Lord, and prayed and fast; kept the in spire re pen - tance faith - ful lend ness en dured; us your nerve, your bove; de fixed your mind а so teach us to all our earth ly days, that when the fi nal for sin, and free from our past. our us skill and trust in God's e ter nal word. -ny our selves that we may know God's love. _ Eas ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

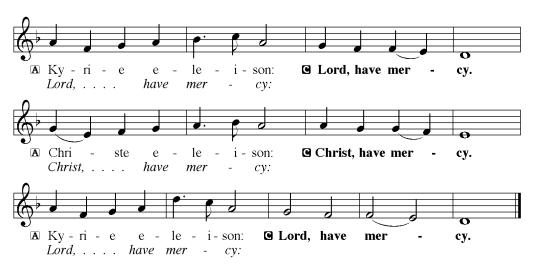
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

Word God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty— ²you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,

my God in whom I put my trust." ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, ¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.** ¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;

you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.
¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

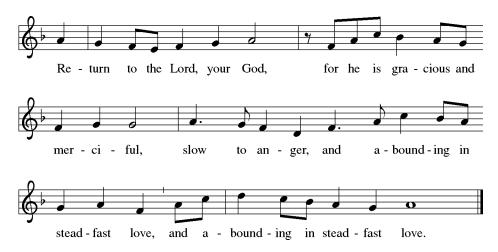
^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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 4:1-13

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

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this

authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

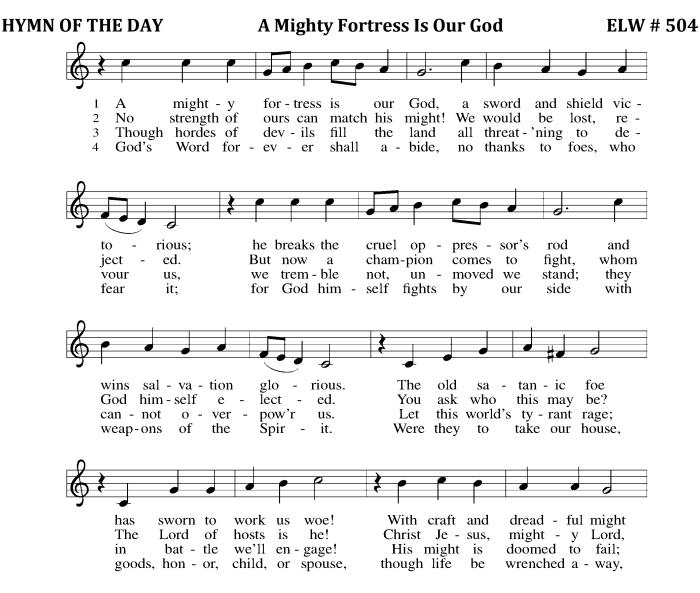
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

SERMON

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.





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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said: A: Hear us O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord 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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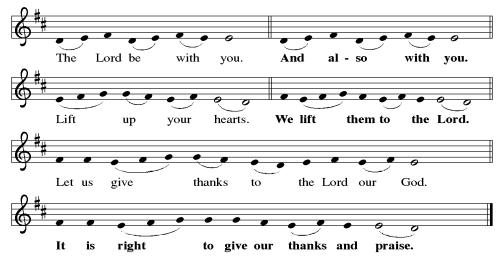
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OFFERING PRAYER

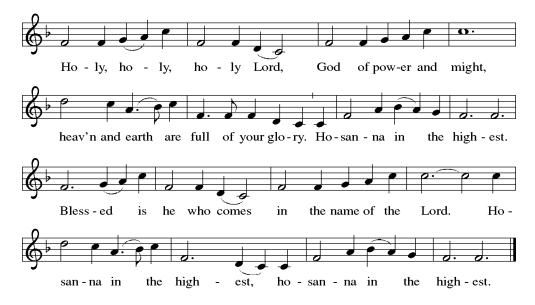
A: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

Blessed are you, O God of the universe....With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life...Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home. *The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.*

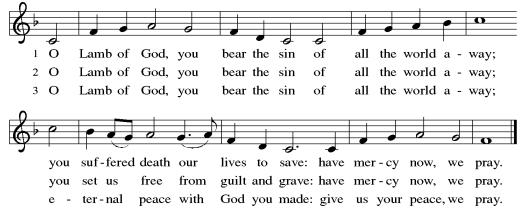
All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

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

Lamb of God



Communion Song:

One Bread, One Body



Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

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Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

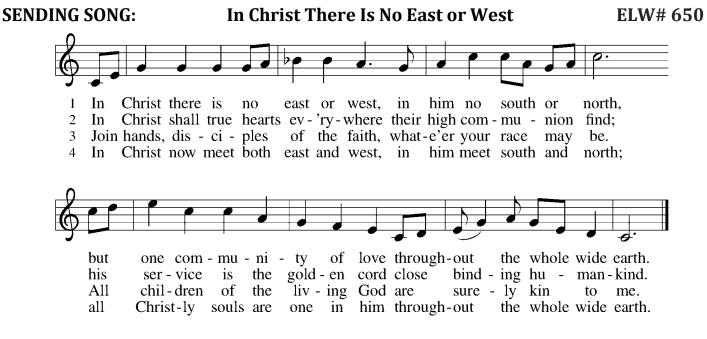
Sending

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

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

P: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever. **C: Amen.**



Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt. Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

DISMISSAL A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **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, Dawn Schramm, Juliet Crawford, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, 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)

➡ John, Jim's Vitale family, Norma, Aliya, Lem, Dan, Mykayla, Millie, Eric, Robin, Gary, Melissa, Matty, Bob, Lizbeth, Marjorie, Aurea ➡ Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Nettie, Chandler, Becky, Aiden, Braemen, Jerry, Mary, Makayla, Bob, C.J., Bruce, and Sean ➡ Joyce, Sal, Lizbeth, Aurea, Marjorie, Jennifer, Aliya, Lem, and Eric.

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 – Evelyn Braun – | Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433 |
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| 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 March

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

| 10:15 AM | <u>March 10</u> | March 17 | March 24 | <u>March 31</u> |
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| ASSISTING MINISTER | Sera Butz | Natalie Prego | Carol Jacobson | Pat Belanger |
| ACOLYTE | Madison Kibler | Sera Butz | Katie Paff | Madison Kibler |
| LECTOR | Rita Sharkey | Carisa Esposito | Catherine Zippay | Tom Peterson |
| USHERS –Need 4 to Serve Head Usher | Karin Breslin Linda Hanzlik (w) R. Mottersheard Zachary Smith Rosie Fennelli | Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli Rosie Fennelli | Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Rosie Fennelli | Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay Rosie Fennelli |
| GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve | Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson | Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson | Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle | Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson |
| SOUND | Katie Paff | Dennis Magarrell | Sera Butz | Katie Paff |
| PROJECTION | Larry Jones | Jake VanZile | Dennis Magarrell | Larry Jones |



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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors 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!

JOIN US: Lent mid-week worship series every Thursday at 12:15 and 7:00pm in the church.



Each Thursday in Lent we will share word and sacrament and explore each of five faith practices that mark baptismal living! The liturgy for the Affirmation of Baptism describes the faith practices that grow out of our baptism (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 236). These will be our themes:

- ✤ March 14--To live among God's faithful people
- March 21--To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper
- March 28--To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- ✤ April 4--To serve all people following the example of Jesus
- ✤ April 11--To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Assisting ministers needed at worship!

"Liturgy" means "public service" or "work of the people." When we gather for worship an ordained pastor presides, but the liturgy is the work of the entire assembly and there are many roles. One of the most important is what **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** calls "Assisting Minister." In the liturgy an assisting minister is a lay person who leads some of the prayers, assists at the altar and distributes holy communion. We have four dedicated assisting ministers, but we need



more—especially men at this time, but all are welcome. If you might feel called to this important ministry, please check off the Assisting Minister Volunteer box on the attendance card. Pr. Bob will be in touch to schedule a training schedule. We are also looking for more lectors, greeters and ushers—see Pr. Bob if interested in any worship ministry.

Change for Change Tower: 40 Days of Giving



This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow supporters to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed. ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United

States and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action. St. Stephen has set a goal of collecting \$500 during Lent for this project. Please pick up a Lenten 40 Days Giving Devotional Calendar in the back of the church if you have not already received one.

Book of Acts Bible Study on hold during Lent!

This past Tuesday evening was the final Acts bible study until the Tuesday following Easter. This morning is the final Sunday morning Study until the Sunday after Easter. We want to encourage everyone to show up for Thursday mid-week Lenten worship. We will continue to study the Acts of the Apostles together during the season of Easter.

The Holy Grill feeding ministry needs you!

We serve breakfast to hungry, homeless and the working poor at the east end of the property on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10am from the Holy Grill feeding truck of St. Nicholas Episcoapl Church. Please check off the box on your attendance card to volunteer to be a part of this ministry. We will contact you about schedule. Here is the list of food and goods we are collecting during Lent. Bring items to the narthex any time in Lent.



- Canned Goods
- Sloppy Joe mix,
- Individual Juices, Bottled Water, Tea, Kool aid
- Plastic Utensils
- Underwear
- Socks

In addition, you may arrange with Pr. Bob to bring the following perishable items on Wednesday mornings:

• American Cheese, Eggs, Butter, Breakfast Meat, Vegetables, Fruit.

You may also donate money designated for the Holy Grill for equipment for such as:

• Ice Machine, Ovens, Walk- in Refrigeration, as well as food.



Wear your name badge:

It's really important that we know each other by name and can warmly welcome guests to our community. If you ordered one over the past couple of weeks, it's here!!!

Save the date—Community Garage Sale coming to St. Stephen, Saturday March 30!

Vendor cost \$20 per space. Rita Sharkey is in charge of this event. Bring your treasures to sell!

We follow the ancient tradition of not using flowers at the altar during Lent.

There are many openings on the chart in the narthex near the door for later in the spring. Consider honoring or remembering a loved one, or just give flowers to beatify our worship to the glory of God. There are a number of Sundays open on the chart near the front doors of the church. The flowers are \$35 for the week.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 146 Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$5,198 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!





Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

Thursday Eucharist in Lent

12:15 p.m. & 7:00pm

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 10 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:30am Socializing Team

Monday 11 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 12 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 13 9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 14

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 12:15pm Midweek Lent Eucharist 1:00pm Administration Team 7:00pm Midweek Lent Eucharist 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 15

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 16

9:00am Bishop's Lenten Visitation/Miami 11:00am James Vitale Funeral Eucharist

Sunday 17

10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

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