

St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

March 24, 2019

Third 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

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.

GATHERING SONG:

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW# 658



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

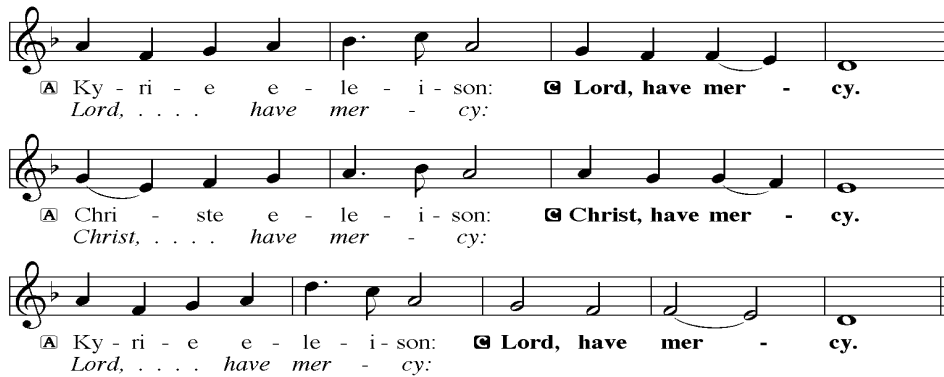
Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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.

KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you,
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from Corinthians.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when

the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW # 333

Refrain – All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1	No	one	can	do	like	Je - sus,	not	a
2	When	Je - sus	was	on	earth,	the . .		
3	Yon - der	comes	my	Sav - ior,		him . .		

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

Holy Baptism

God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.

PRESENTATION

Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate:

I present *Jeremiah Walfredo Vaquero* for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,
so that *your child* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this person* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Jeremiah Walfredo* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of child.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate.

Jeremiah Walfredo, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your son new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain *Jeremiah Walfredo* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross with Sacred Chrism on the forehead of the baptized.

*Jeremiah Walfredo, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.***

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

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 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:

Come to the Table

ELW# 481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

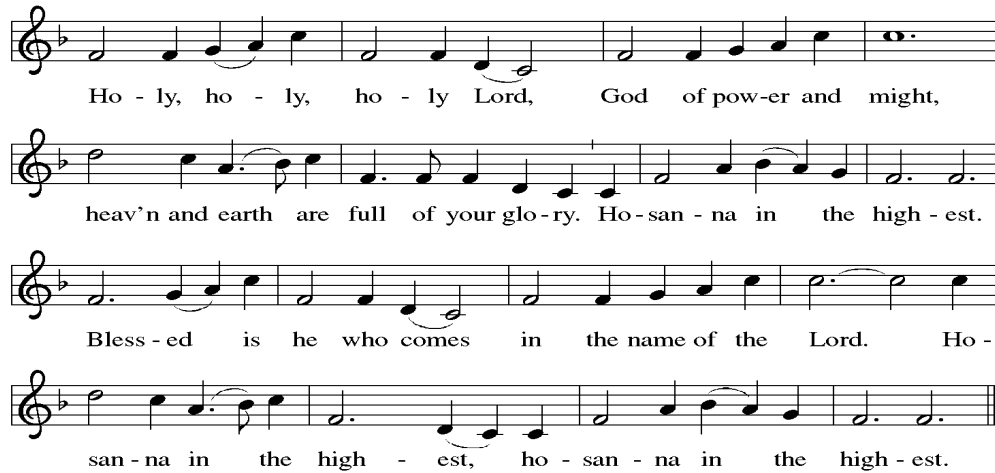


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

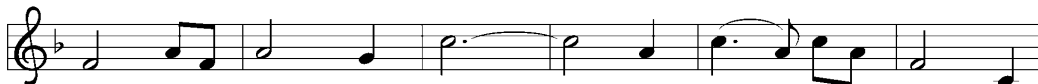
Communion Song:

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW# 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

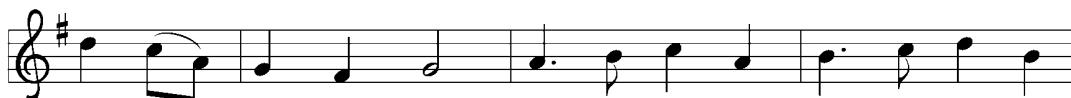
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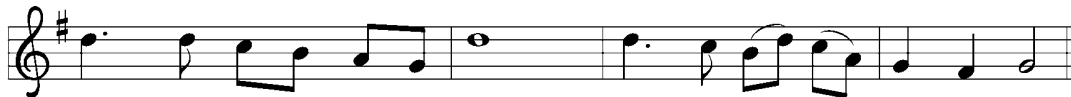
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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)

✠ Joyce, Sal, Lizbeth, Aurea, Marjorie, Jennifer, Aliya, Lem, and Eric ✠ Linda H., Sean, Letty, Pat, Susan, and Dan B. ✠ Celeste, Erika's dad, Braemem, Chandler, Aiden, Pat Jan, Pat Ruth, Yineth, Dennis & Cammie.

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 March

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

10:15 AM	<u>March 24</u>	<u>March 31</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson
SOUND	Sera Butz	Katie Paff
PROJECTION	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!

We welcome Jeremiah Walfredo Vaquero...

Jeremiah will be baptized into Christ's one holy catholic Church during our liturgy today. His parents are Richard Vaquero and Brandi Rose Vaquero. His godparents are Anthony Mink and Samantha Mink. Welcome to the body of Christ!

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



We continue to 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). Our remaining themes:

- ❖ 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.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Easter Day Breakfast and Egg Hunt!

We would like to have an Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt this year on Easter morning, April 21. We have some great plans but we need some great St. Stephen volunteers to help prepare and cook. We plan to serve breakfast in the fellowship hall from 8:30 to 9:45am. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, assorted casseroles and fruit. If you are willing to help with any of these things, please see Carol Jacobson today!



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.

Wear your name badge:

It's really important that we know each other by name and can warmly welcome guests to our community. Please wear your name tag to worship and to every parish function!



world hunger

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.

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 Episcopal 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 93

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$3,525

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 24
10:15am Sunday Worship – Baptism Of
Jeremiah Vaquero
11:30am Worshipping Meeting
11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 25
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 26
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 27
9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 28
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
12:15pm Midweek Lent Eucharist
7:00pm Midweek Lent Eucharist
7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 29
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 30
Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 31
10:15am Sunday Worship
11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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