



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

March 3, 2019

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947 Music: FESTAL SONG William H

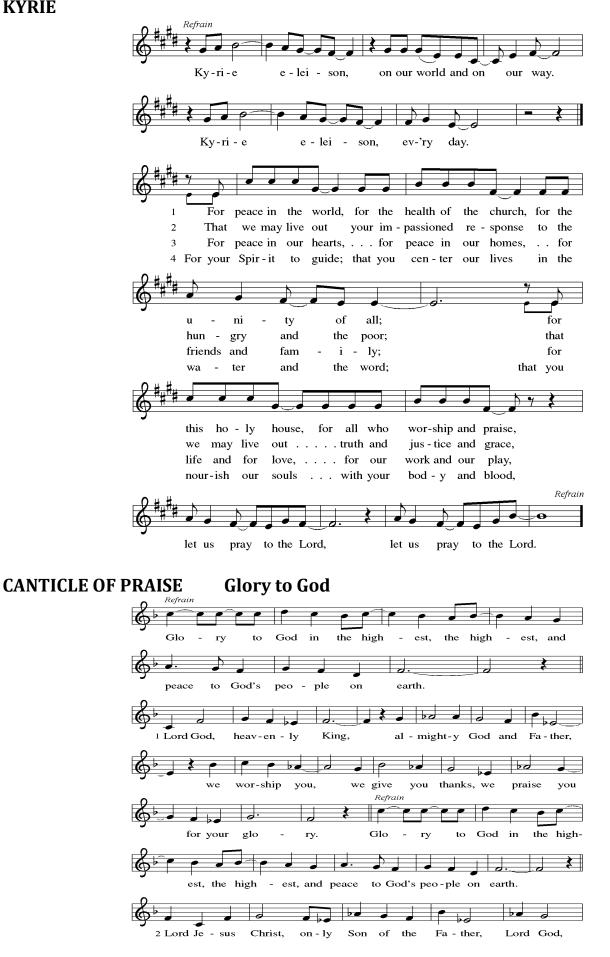
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

KYRIE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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: Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because

he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

- ³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.
- ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.
- ⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

- they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
- ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

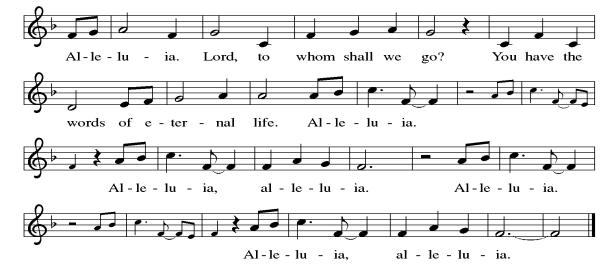
A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9:28-36

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

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

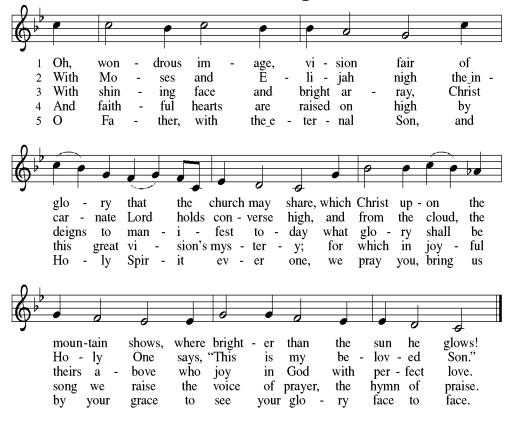
The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

SERMON

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

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

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: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition: A: Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

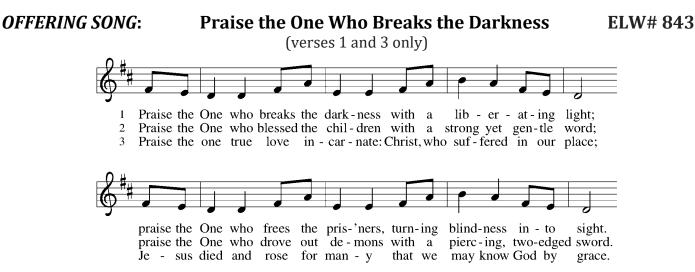
C: And also with you.

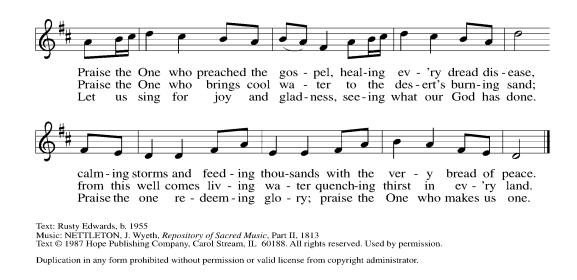
The assembly is seated After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The assembly stands.



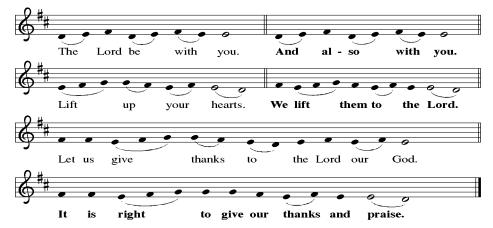


OFFERING PRAYER

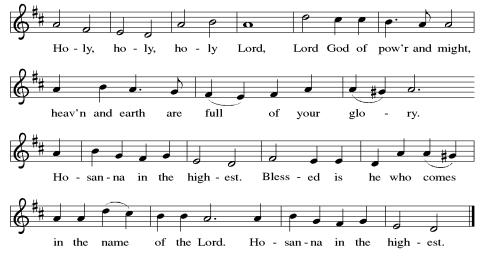
A: Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.... ... as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the Savior 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

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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





Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the body and blood of our Lord: the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.



Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

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)

➡ Bill, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Erick, Frank Orefice ➡ 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.

In a facility or homebound:

The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.			
1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486			
Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941			
6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433			
John Knox Village - Woodlands			
700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060			
3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316			
Ellicott City, MD 21043			

Today the Altar flowers are sponsored by Shirley Wilson.

Assisting at Our Worship in March

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

10:15 AM	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	<u>March 31</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Kevin Otterson	Rita Sharkey	Carisa Esposito	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve Head Usher	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith Lisa Castaneda (w) Rosie Fennelli	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	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Katie Paff
PROJECTION	Sera Butz	Larry Jones	Jake VanZile	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones

Ash Wednesday Volunteers - March 6

- 12:15 p.m. Pat Belanger Assisting Minister
- **7:00 p.m.**Sera Butz Assisting Minister, Pat Belanger Acolyte, Erika Flanigan Lector
Pat Engle and Harry Ambrose Ushers; Jake VanZile and Eric Castaneda Sound and projection.



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!

Sundays are available on our flower chart!

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.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—This Tuesday, March 5 Before we begin the fast of Lent, we celebrate together one last time. Join us for a festive pancake dinner and fellowship at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening. It will be a great evening! Please sign up today after worship.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 6

All baptized Christians are called to take part in the 40-day Discipline of Lent. This discipline begins with worship on Ash Wednesday. For those who cannot attend a Liturgy Wednesday and for the community, we will offer Drive-up Ashes in front of the fellowship hall from 8:00—9:30am. A Spoken Liturgy of Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes will be held in the



church at 12:15pm and a Sung Liturgy of Holy Communion with Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated in the church at 7:00pm. Begin the holy season of Lent at one of our Ash Wednesday services.

The Holy Grill feeding ministry open at St. Stephen!

We serve breakfast to hungry, homeless and the working poor at the east end of the property on Wednesday mornings at 9am. Please check off the box on your attendance card to volunteer to be a part of this ministry. In Lent we will be collecting food for the Holy Grill. Watch for details!

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

Wear your name badge: NEW BADGES HERE AGAIN!

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!!!

Bingo fundraiser – March 9

Come join us on March 9 at 6pm at Stephen's Fellowship Hall. This bingo is a fundraiser to cover medical expenses for a member of Aidee's Koach family. Everyone is welcome. Bring a buddy! Tickets are \$10 on the door and include 10 bingo game cards.

LAST WEEK: Change for Change: Kappa League Foundation

February is African-American History Month. Therefore, through February the money collected in the Change for Change Tower will be shared with **The Kappa League Foundation of Pompano, Florida**, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that has established itself as a premier legacy organization bringing African-American males together in a social, cultural, and learning environment. They provide mentoring, leadership development and critical life skills for transformational leadership to the next generation. The focus is on 6th-12th graders. You can view the entire website, at: www.kfpompano.org

Spring ahead!

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday. Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on Saturday night so you get to church right on time!

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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 116 Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$3,725 QUILT SUNDAY DONATION: \$682.00!!!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!













Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum 10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

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Congregation Council

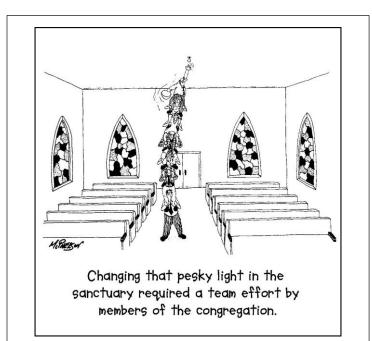
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Activity Calendar

Transfiguration Sunday 3 9:15am Adult Forum (Acts) Pastor's Office 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry Monday 4 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open **Tuesday 5** 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 6:00pm Shrove Tues Dinner Celebration (Hall) Ash Wednesday 6 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 8:00-9:30am Ashes to Go (Fellowship Hall) Ash Wednesday Liturgy 12:15pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:00pm Thursday 7 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal Friday 8 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Saturday 9 6:00pm Bingo Night. Fellowship Hall. Sunday 10 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:30am Socializing Team 11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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