



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

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

# Holy Communion

#### **INTRODUCTION to the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

# Gathering

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

#### **Choir Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands and faces the 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,  $\pm$  one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

#### Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

# C: All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever.

# C: Here, we are grafted into the tree of life.

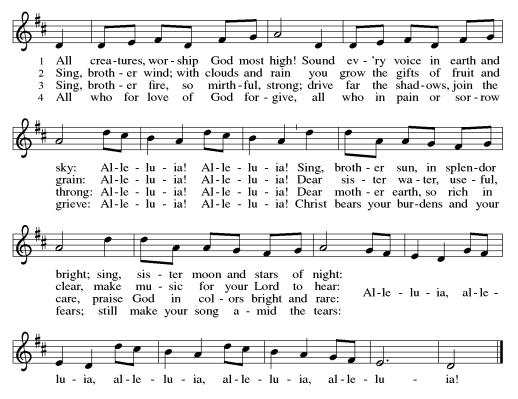
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this water, this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.

Let this water cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions; 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 continues standing to sing, turning to the cross as it passes by.

The assembly is sprinkled with water during the procession as a remembrance of baptism.



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
  Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
  Alleluia.
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

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#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

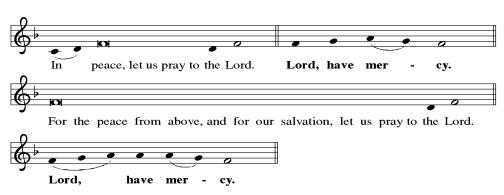
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

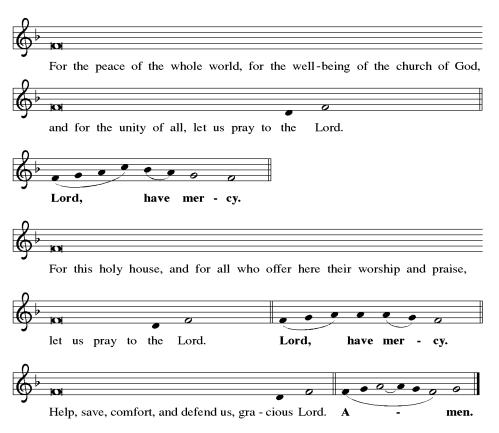
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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**





# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





#### 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 teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers

criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saving, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

 ${}^{5}\text{Let}$  them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

6who made them stand fast forever and ever,

giving them a law that shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

 ${}^{8}\mbox{fire}$  and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

 $^{11}$ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together.

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

#### SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of

heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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: John 13:31-35** 

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.



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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: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Iesus Christ, our risen 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.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

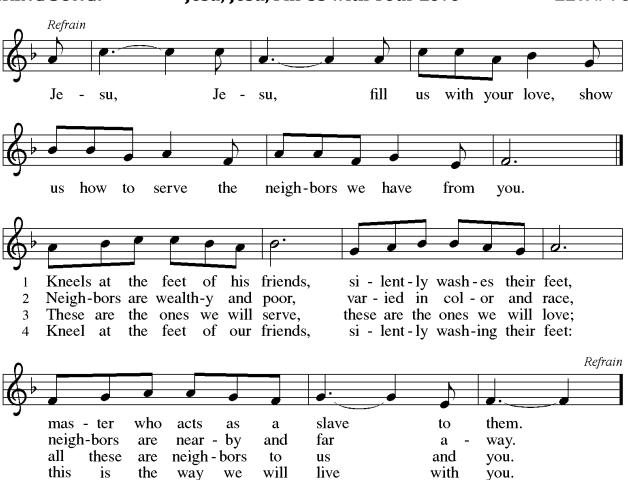
#### **OFFERING/Anthem**

The assembly stands.



# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

**ELW#708** 



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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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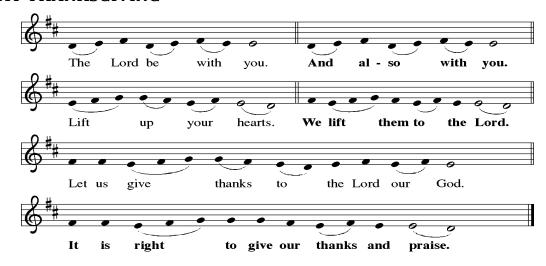
#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

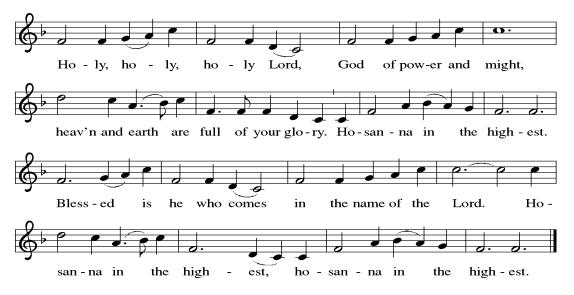
Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

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:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore....

...Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, ...

...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

# Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  $\dots$ 

...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

# Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

... O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **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: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

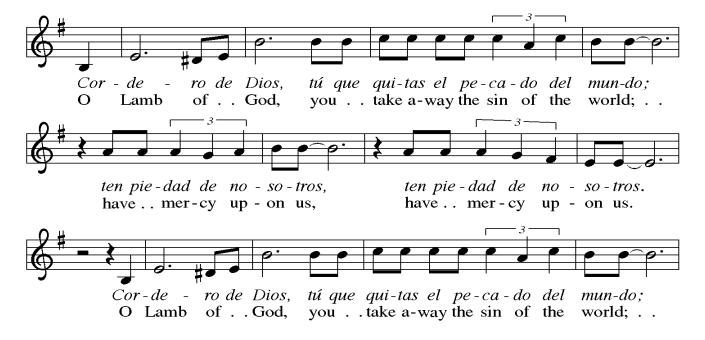
At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the wine**.)

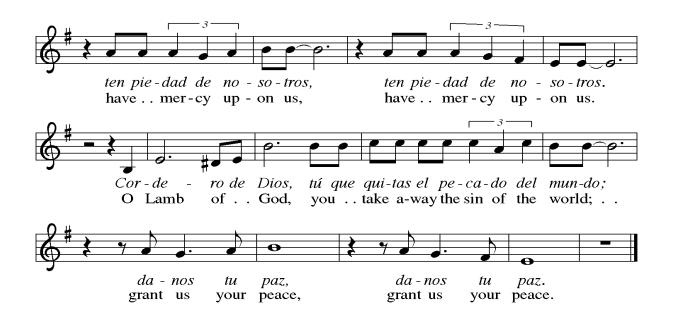
Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask)

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:**

# Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

**ELW# 777** 



- "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst y; drink the wa ter I will give.
- me, all trav-'lers wea ry; come that I may give you rest. "Come to
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to live." Drink the cup of life I of - fer; guest." at this ta - ble be my face." Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn me and seek my to Come and know di - vine com-pas - sion, turn call your name." to me, Ι



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." Refrain
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." Refrain

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

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# Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

# Sending

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

#### **BLESSING**

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

C: Amen.

P: All those who believe in Christ will never perish. May you pass with Christ from death to life.

C: Amen.

P: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

C: Amen.

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: Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW# 656

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be fore our Fa ther's throne we pour our ar dent prayers;
- mu share our tual woes, mu tual bur - dens bear, our shall From sor toil. and and sin be free; row, pain, we



ni - ty and mind is like a - bove. the u of heart to that our fears, our hopes, our com-forts and our cares. aims are one, our and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear. and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

#### **DISMISSAL**

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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: Caroline Smith, Dawn Schramm, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy & Rosie 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)

¥ Jill, Bonnie, Jay, Alora, Rosie, Jimmy, Sean, Chris, Dalton, Pat Ruth and Pat Jean, Rayda ¥ Jane Reinhold, "Pop", Eric, Diane, Katie, W. Storch, CH. Parisini ¥ Gene, Chris, Amanda, Annette, Dustin, Zach.

#### In a facility or homebound:

Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.

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Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands

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Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316

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#### **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 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:30 Socializing Commission Meeting 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 20

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 21

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Luther Room)

Wednesday 22

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

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 23

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 24

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

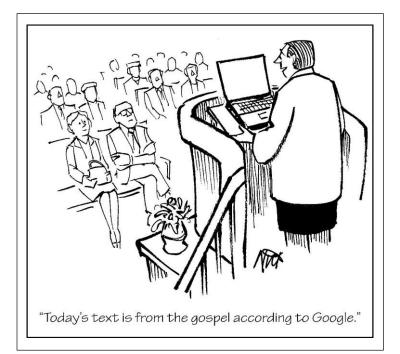
Saturday 25

Fellowship Hall rented

Sunday 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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