



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

November 11, 2018

25th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presider begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake,
I announce to you: God forgives you all your sin,
in the name of the Father, and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

Amen.

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

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us **GATHERING SONG: ELW #707** Lord have bought us with your life - blood of ry, you you Grant us hearts, dear Lord, give glad - ly, free - ly, to Won - drous hon our hum - blest you have giv - en to or Lord glo have bought us with life - blood of ry, you your as the price, nev - er grudg-ing for the lost ones that tre of your own. With the sun - shine of your good-ness melt our char - i - ty in your own mys - te rious sen - tence, "You have nev - er the price, grudg-ing for the lost ones that tre that have and with men - dous sac - ri - fice; free - ly giv - en our self - ish na - tures, thank - less hearts of stone till cold and me." Na - ked, done it all to sick, in pris - on, hun - grymen - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, bless - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap ру the say - ing by in least, your face we view, your hope, souls you: but, oh, best of to stay our on

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GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory to God"





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from 1 Kings.

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews.

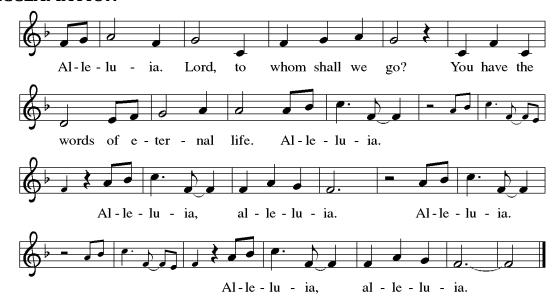
²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood

that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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: Mark 12:38-44

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

The assembly is seated.

Youth and Children's Message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in Song.



- 2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo
- 3 Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu_amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo
- 4 Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente_y su poder sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

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APOSTLE CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

P: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW #680

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

You only are the maker of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

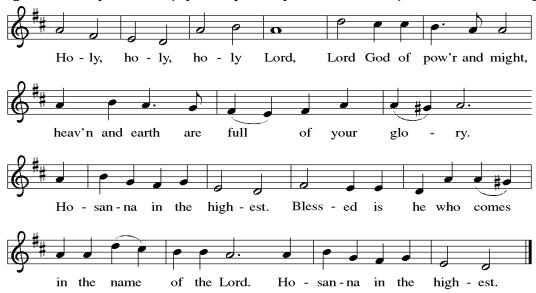
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold 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: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

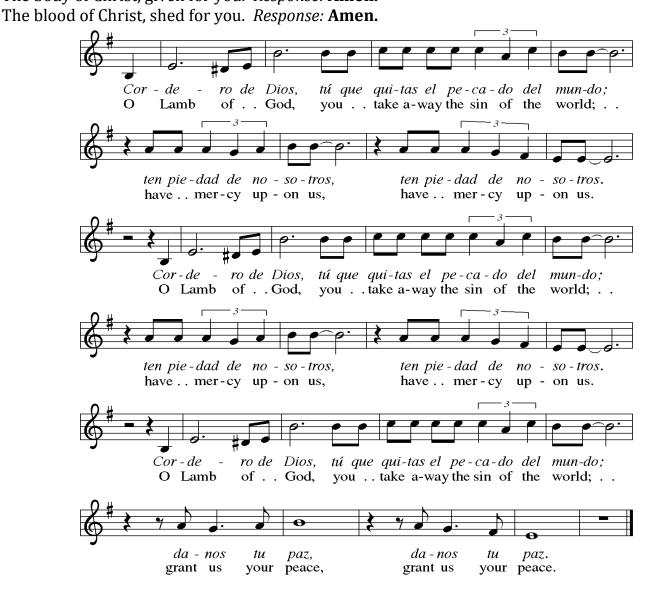
The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. 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.**





- 1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
- to know that you are 3 Oh, what joy near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, wis - dom to o - bey; grow too great to bear;

the bless-ings, Lord, you send me I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all paths I strug-gle day by day. o'er the I will fear no e - vil come, O Lord, to you when I in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior, will trust in your en - dur-ing grace. Sav-ior, the mor - row, I what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter-nal rest. help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo-ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

P: Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Let your blessing rest this day on all veterans here and everywhere. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,

And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.



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DISMISSAL

A: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

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: Harry Ambrose, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Shelley Amato, Antonio Alves, and Barbara Lewis.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

♣ Gene, Aiden, Cheryl, Robert, Jerry, Mary, Craig, Nettie, Chandler, Becky, Braemen, Harry, Melody, Rose P., and Diana ♣ George Stewart, Aurea Soto, Debbie, Harry, Lieber's family, and the families of people killed in Pittsburgh ♣ Dax, Chico, Vera DeBolt, Erick, Tony, and Gene.

In a facility or homebound:

Audrey Shumway - Willow Wick, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545 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

Flowers this week: In memory of Don Burroughs, in honor of those who served in the military by Carol & Kelly Jacobson.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship!

We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors today. 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!

Great book giveaway!!!!

After cleaning up the Luther Room for the coming renovations, we have some copies of our former worship book, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, and some contemporary versions of the bible available. They are on the cabinet in the Narthex. Please feel free to take any of them.

Change for Change Tower: Let's help the homeless and hungry in November

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, let us also be mindful of those who have no resources this time of year. Our Change for Change Tower collection for this month will go to the St. Laurence Homeless Shelter in Pompano Beach (1698 Blount Road—next to Broward Outreach Center). This ministry which is sponsored by our full-communion partners in The Episcopal Church provides an array of services for clients who are homeless and hungry. Their mission is to provide breakfast, lunch, showers, clothing, medical care, chapel services, overnight accommodations and more. Please give

generously to this local ministry during November. In September and October, we collected a total of \$1004 for Hurricane Maria Relief in Puerto Rico. Thanks for your generosity!!!

Join us: November Adult Forum...9:15—10:00am

Stewardship has been defined as everything we do after we say, "I believe." How does God want to use us and all that we have to be signs of God's gracious presence in the world? We are looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians to help us understand the call of Christians to live generous lives of service in the church and in the world. Join us on November 18 for the third conversation in this series!

Wednesday, November 21, Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper and Worship

Starting at 6pm at the Fellowship Hall we will be gathering to celebrate our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper. Bring your favorite soup to share with our friends. A simple service of evening prayer will follow. Come and join us!

Save the date now: Sunday, December 2. Congregational Vitality and Mission Planning Every St. Stephen member needed!

We will be joined by Pr. Khadar El Yateem, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the South Region of the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Pr. El Yateem will preach at Holy Communion at 10:15 and then following fellowship and snacks will lead us in the results of the Congregational Vitality Study and a conversation about mission planning. This will be a very crucial conversation as we look to our future and we urge all members and friends to make a point to join us this Sunday.

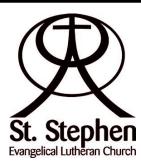
December 9 is Commitment Sunday at St. Stephen Church

God owns everything, and we get to manage it. The responsible management of these God-given resources is called stewardship. Later this month you will receive a letter from Pr. Bob and a 2019 Commitment Card. Your generous offerings not only sustain the mission and ministry of St. Stephen, but also through the ELCA we support the wider church here and around the globe. You will be asked to return your commitment to Christ and his church on December 9. "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." --2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Assisting at Our Worship on November

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

10:15 AM	November 11	November 18	November 25
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson
ACOLYTE	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Rita Sharkey	Erika Flanigan	Kevin Otterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Rosie Fennelli (w) Carol Jacobson Erika Flanigan Jeanne Pettit Rosie Fennelli	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Rosie Fennelli	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS -	Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith	Kelly Jacobson
Need 2 to Serve	Rose Jones	Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones
SOUND	Terry Shumway	Jake Vanzile	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones	Terry Shumway



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 11

9:15am Adult Forum

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 12

Veteran's Day

Office Closed

Tuesday 13

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 14

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 15

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Fellowship Hall rented

Friday 16

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 17

Fellowship Hall rented

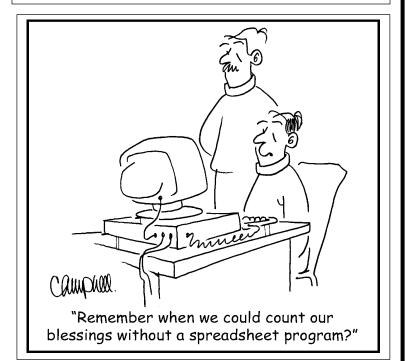
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