



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

November 18, 2018

26th 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

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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.

GATHERING SONG:

How Great is Our God

ELW #707

The splendor of a King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves



GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

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: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done 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: Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from Daniel.

¹"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

never take their names up- on my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who up- hold my lot.

6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

A reading from Hebrews.

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of

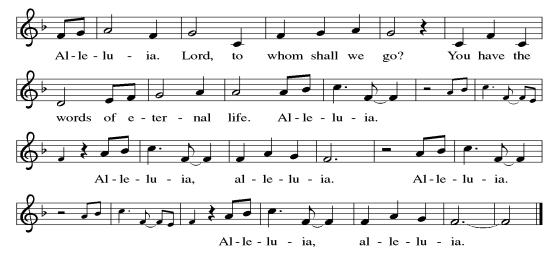
our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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.



Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt. Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

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: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through 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



Text: From An African Prayer Book, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931
Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949
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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.

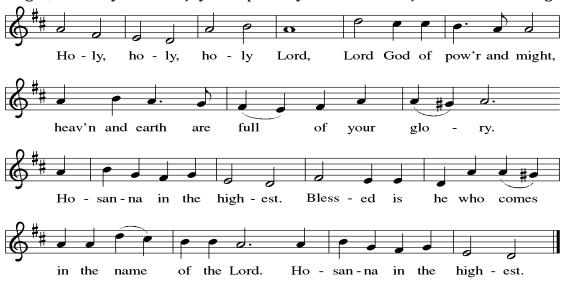
Lift up your hearts.

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





Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas Text and music © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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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.

Sending

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.



Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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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: Terry Shumway, 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, and Antonio Alves.

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

♣ 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 ♣ Eric, family & friends of people who lost their lives in the shooting in Thousand Oaks, and those who lost everything to the fire in California. World peace, guide, keep us safe, O Lord.

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 sponsored by: Harry Ambrose.

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!

A Note of THANKS: to all who participated in the jewelry event. A small donation was made in the name of the congregation. Rosie Fennelli.

I would like to thank everyone who had me in their prayers, sent cards and called. Jimmy Fennelli.

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!!!*

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. In the next couple of days, 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 18	November 25
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Erika Flanigan	Kevin Otterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Rosie Fennelli	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins Rosie Fennelli
Head Usher GREETERS –		
Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Jake Vanzile	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Larry Jones	Terry Shumway



Sunday Schedule

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

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 18

9:15am Adult Forum

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

11:30am Luther Room Team

Monday 19

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 20

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 21

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

6:00pm Soup Supper - Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday 22

Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

Friday 23

Office Closed

Saturday 24

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 25

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



"Thank you for this turkey and dressing which you have provided, and the broccoli which the devil has slipped in."

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