

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

October 14, 2018

21st 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

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to meet our Risen Lord in word and sacrament, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our + Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

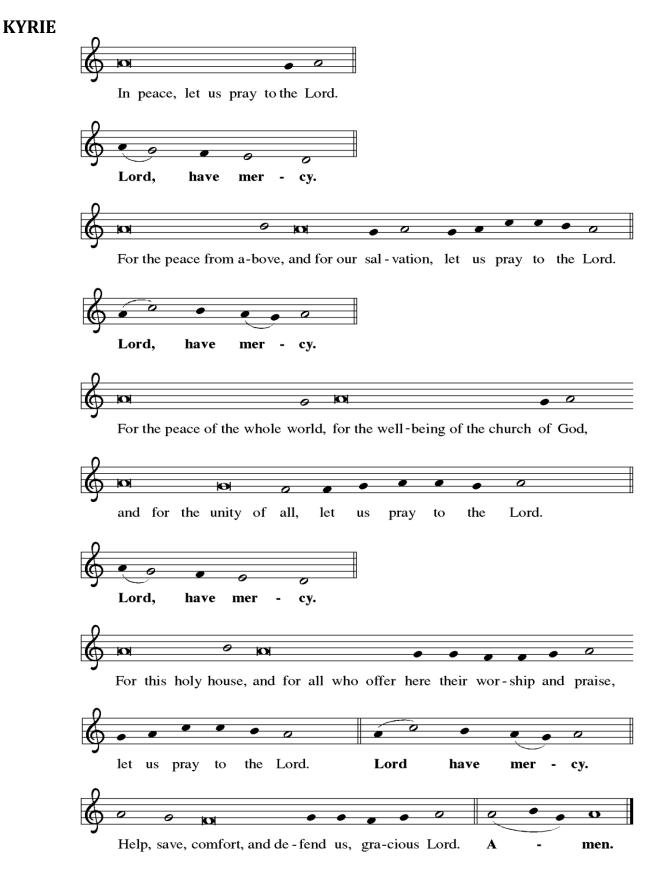
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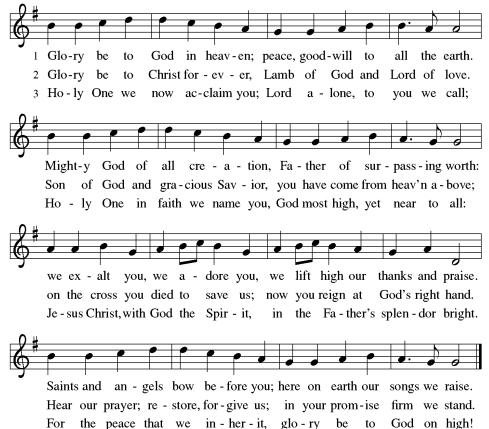
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GREETING

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.**



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 and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

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

FIRST READING:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Reading Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your

transgressions, and how great are your sins you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us

and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

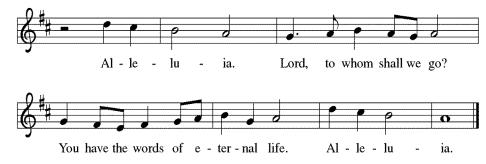
¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10:17-31

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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



Youth and Children message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

Take My Life, That I May Be



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APOSTLES' 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: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said: A: Lord in your mercy. **C: 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



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

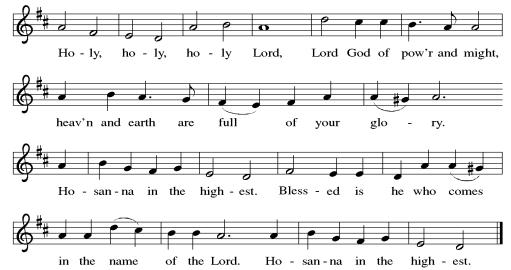
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, ...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **C: 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

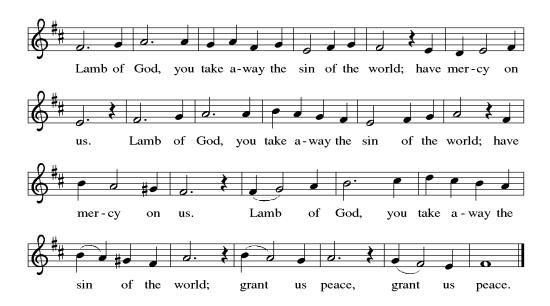
P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

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

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. 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. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



Communion Song:

When the Poor Ones



Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us the gifts that form us to be humble and courageous:
the body and blood of your Son.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Messiah and Lord.
C: Amen.

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

BLESSING

P: The God of all compassion bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. **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: Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Jimmy Fennelli, Caroline Smith, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Shelley Amato and Barbara Lewis.

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

♥ Rosie's Fennelli family, prayers for Puerto Rico, friends and family ♥ Gene, Annette, and Sandra ♥ Rebecca Cox, Lieber's family, Erika's grandma Lucy, George Stewart, Aurea Soto, families of police officers killed in Florence, for world peace.

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 sponsored this week: Entrance plants in memory of Rita's Sharkey mom birthday, Dora Sally. The Altar flowers are given in honor of Pastor Robert Schaefer on the occasion of his Installation as our pastor by the St. Stephen Congregation.

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!

Lutheranism 101—October 7, 14, 21—NEXT SUNDAY: LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Join us on Sunday mornings at St. Stephen to deepen your walk with God and God's people. Pastor Bob will lead the conversation from **9:15—10:00am**. We observe Reformation Sunday this month. So, what makes us Lutheran Christians anyway? Why are we named after a medieval German monk? Join us any Sunday. Those who would like to join St. Stephen, seasoned Lutherans, and the curious are invited to come and see!

Interested in joining St. Stephen?

We will next welcome new members to the parish on Reformation Sunday, October 28. Please check the box on the registration card in you bulletin if you are interested and Pr. Bob will be in touch. You are invited with all members and friends of St. Stephen to attend Lutheranism 101 which will be held on October 8, 14, and 21 from 9:15 to 10:00am in the church.

Bishop Pedro Suarez will install Pr. Schaefer at 3:30pm today!

All members and friends of St. Stephen are invited to gather in the church at 3:30 today for a Eucharist of Installation in celebration of our new ministry partnership here. The festive liturgy will be followed by a reception and dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Clergy from the synod are invited to vest and process.

Change for Change: Puerto Rican Relief

Puerto Rico's revision of the death toll from last September's horrific Hurricane Maria to 2,975 elevates the storm to one of the greatest catastrophes of recent times in the United Sates. During September and October, we will be collecting money in the Change for Change tower in the Narthex to help with the ongoing relief effort in Puerto Rico through the ELCA Caribbean Synod. Please be generous. The Congregation Council also designated the \$712 that was currently in the tower for this effort.

Wine & Cheese - Saturday, October 27

This fun event will be at 4:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy the music while sharing a great time with our church friends. Bring your friends and neighbors, everyone is welcome! A suggested donation of \$15.00 would be collected at the door. Sign up today!

We are invited to the Broward-Bahamas Conference Reformation Service...

On Sunday afternoon October 28 at 4:00pm, St. John's Church in Hollywood (2919 Van Buren Street, Hollywood, FL) will host a conference wide observance of the Reformation with a Festival Eucharist. Following the liturgy there will be a light German-American upper in the St. John Parish Hall. If you would like to sing in the volunteer choir, be at the church at 3pm. There is no charge for the dinner but please let Pr. Bob know if you would like to attend. In addition, choirs and members of all conference congregations are invited to participate.

Wellness Expo at the Center for Active Aging

The Center for Active Aging (formerly NE Focal Point Senior Center) at 227 NW 2nd Street in Deerfield Beach, will be holding their 18th annual *Health and Wellness Expo—Fit through the Ages* on October 20 from 9:00am to 12:30pm. The public is invited and there is a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex with more information.

Worshipping Commission Date Change:

Please take note the next meeting of the St Stephen Worshipping Commission will be on Sunday, October 28 at 11:45am. This is a change from the originally scheduled meeting on October 21.

Assisting at Our Worship Celebrations on October

10:15 AM	October 14	October 14	October 21	October 28
3:30 PM		Pastor Installation		
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz
Book Bearer		Katie Paff		
ACOLYTE	Carol Jacobson		Sera Butz	Madison Kibler
Crucifer		Eric Castaneda		
LECTOR	Sera Butz	Tom Peterson Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson	Kevin Otterson
Torch Bearers		Marsha Kibler Pat Belanger		
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Pat Belanger Rosie Fennelli	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith Patricia Engle Harry Ambrose	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Lisa Castaneda Suzanne Loggins	Darin Kibler Drew Kibler Marsha Kibler (w) Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones		Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff	Larry Jones
PROJECTION	Terry Shumway	Terry Shumway	Dennis Magarrell	Jake Vanzile

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

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Mark 10:24b, 25 – Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God."

When he talks about money, Jesus frequently uses words of warning. Why does wealth hinder rich people from entering the Kingdom of God? How are you managing? How can we, as steward-disciples, do better?



Sunday Schedule

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

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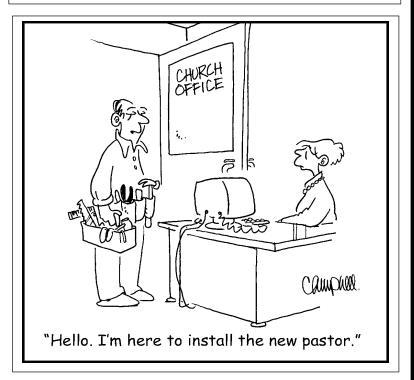
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Activity Calendar

Sunday 14 10:15am Sunday Worship 3:30pm Pr. Schaefer's Installation Liturgy Monday 15 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open **Tuesday 16** 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Wednesday 17 8:00am Quilting 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Thursday 18 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal Friday 19 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open Saturday 20 Happy and Blessed Saturday! Sunday 21 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:30 Luther Room Team 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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