



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

October 28, 2018

Reformation Sunday

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

FESTIVAL HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

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.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment.

But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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



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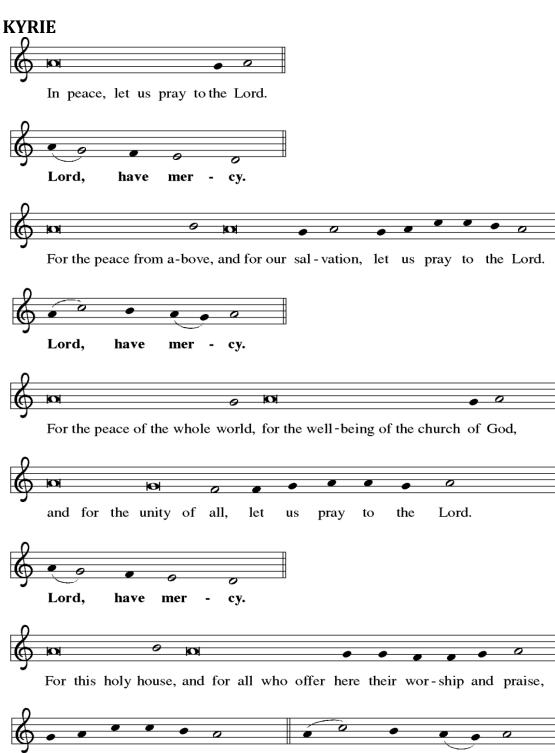
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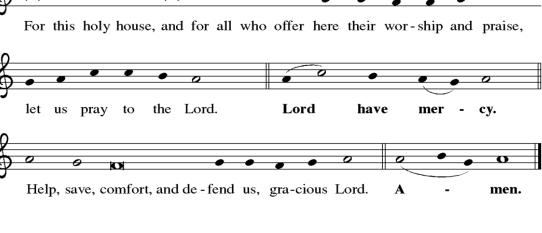
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GREETING

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: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;

9behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption

that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

The Church's One Foundation

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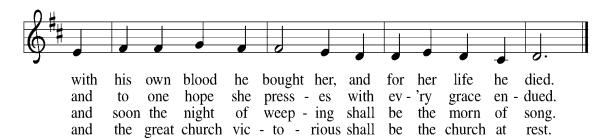
- 1 The church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won der this world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion and tu mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion with God, the Three in One,



she his new a - tion by and the word. is cre wa - ter her va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth: char - ter of sal a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed, by schisms. rent waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er she more; mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest won. and



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food. saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" yet glo - rious her long - ing eyes are till with the vi - sion blest, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your Oh, grace,



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Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

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Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The presiding minister addresses the assembly and introduces the new members.

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The assisting minster addresses the assembly:

Let us welcome this new sister to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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: Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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



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OFFERING PRAYER

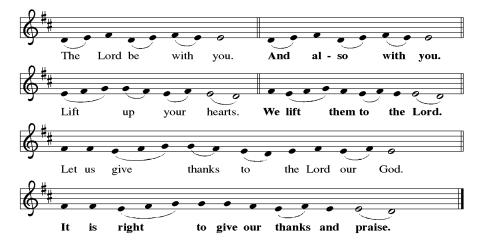
A: Let us pray. God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor.

it shall be thy royal throne.

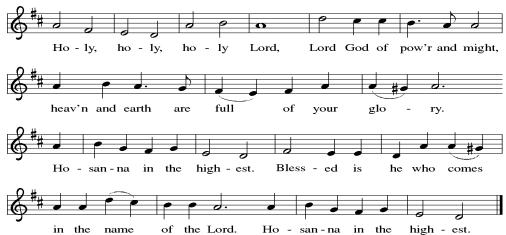
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

ever, only, all for thee.

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:

We praise you all holy God, ...

...and we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

... We praise you, all-holy God, Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield, today, tomorrow, 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. *Response:* **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Response:* **Amen.**



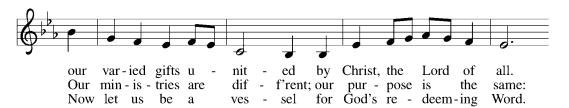


We All Are One in Mission

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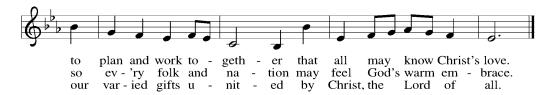


- 1 We all are one in mis sion; we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for ser vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 Now let us be u nit ed, and let our song be heard.





A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur-pris-ing grace, We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

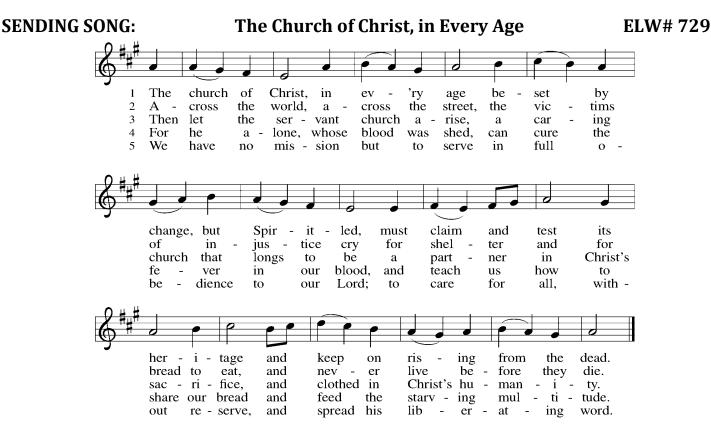
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.



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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: 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)

♣ Rebecca Cox, Lieber's family, Erika's grandma Lucy, George Stewart, Aurea Soto, families of police officers killed in Florence ♣ Emelia, Chico Enes, Vera DeBolt, Margareth Bushman, and for those affected by hurricane Michael, give them comfort and hope. ♣ Gene, Aiden, Cheryl, Robert, Jerry, Mary, Craig, Nettie, Chandler, Becky, Braemen, Harry, Melody, Rose P., and Diana.

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: Harry Ambrose.

Assisting at Our Worship today

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

10:15 AM	October 28
ASSISTING	Sera Butz
MINISTERS	
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Kevin Otterson
USHERS –Need 4	Darin Kibler
to Serve	Drew Kibler
	Marsha Kibler (w)
	Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need	Kelly Jacobson
2 to Serve	Rose Jones
SOUND	Larry Jones
PROJECTION	Jake Vanzile

JOIN US: SUNDAY NOVEMBER ADULT FORUM

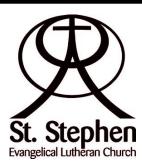
Signs of God's Love: Ourselves, Our Time, Our Possessions

November 4, 11, 18 from 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 what we have to be signs of God's gracious presence in the world? We will look at scripture to help us understand the call of Christians is to live generous lives of service in the church and in the world.

PLEASE VOTE NOW!

Is there a better time for you to attend adult formation other than Sunday morning? Indicate that on the space on your attendance card.



Sunday Schedule

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

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 28

10:15am Reformation Worship w/new members

11:45am Worshipping Meeting

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

4:00pm Reformation 501 Liturgy at St. John's

Monday 29

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 30

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 31

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 1

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 2

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 3

9:00am Breakfast Bunch

11:00am Luther Room Clean Up

11:00am Fellowship Hall rented

Sunday 4

9:15am Adult Forum

10:15am All Saints Festival Holy Communion

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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