

St Stephen

a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

October 6, 2019

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION to the 17th Sunday After Pentecost

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.



Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands and faces the baptismal 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, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,

things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

God will never leave you or forsake you.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly continues standing to sing, turning to the cross as it passes by.



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God



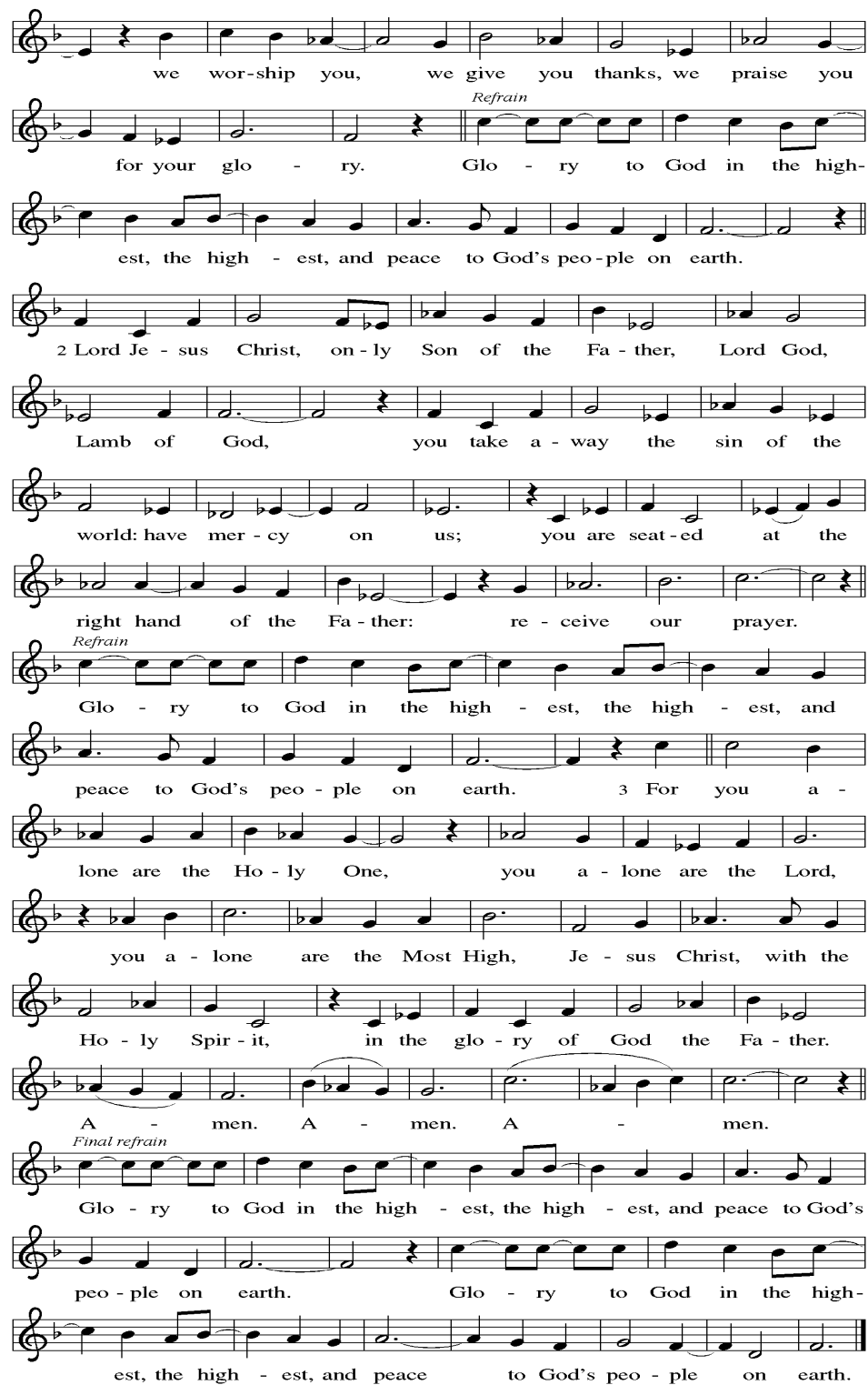
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
Refrain
 for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly sits.



FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-9

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2 Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according

to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table?' ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?' ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

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



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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: Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING/Offering Music

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG:

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW# 814

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads this prayer.

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 presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

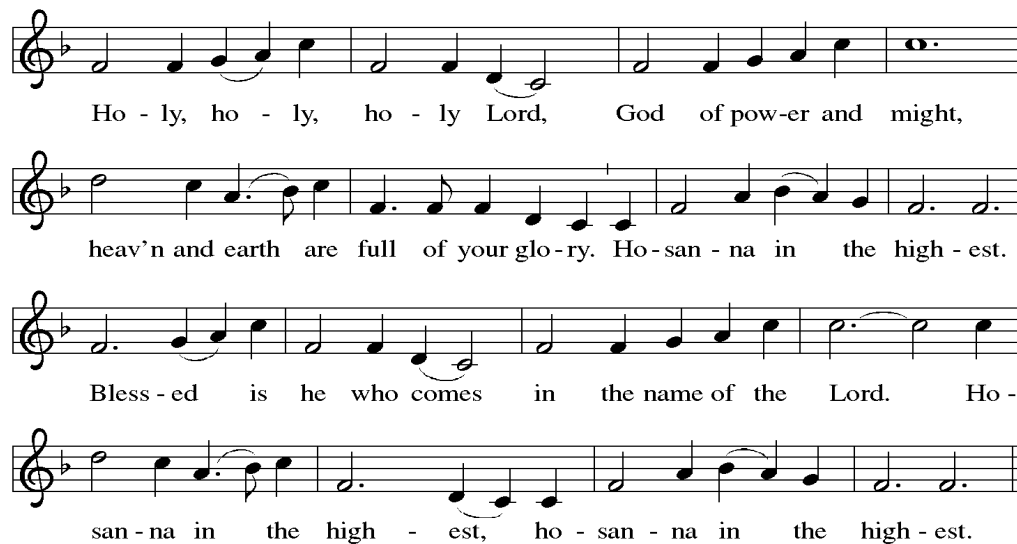
Lift up your hearts.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

You are indeed holy O God...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

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 cup.)

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



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.





1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

An assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Sending

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

Announcements

BLESSING

All may make the sign of the cross as they receive God's blessing.

The peace of God which surpasses all human understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord; and the blessing, grace and mercy of almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.

SENDING SONG:

We've Come This Far by Faith

ELW# 633

Refrain - All



We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by
faith. We've come this far by faith.

Leader



1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your
done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,
life; he'll bear your bur-dens, and

Refrain



praise him for the vic-tories he has won. Oh!
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.



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: Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Laurel Blake, Kathie Paff, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Edith Reichenback, Jim Loggins, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

✠ Chandler, Braemen, Cheryl, Craig, Aiden, Jerry, Robert, Becky, Nettie, Miguel, Donnie, Barbara’s family, Alex, Josephine, Buffi, Lem ✠ Lee, Jake, “Pop”, Kelly, Joe, Natalie, Carole, Cindy, Dean, Greg, Lisa & family, Carol, Pat Walters, Erick ✠ Buffi, Lem, Natalie, Joe, Eric, Pat Jean, Pat Ruth, Glen, Robt.

In a facility or homebound:

- 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
- Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Flowers this week sponsored by: Harry Ambrose.

Assisting at Worship in today

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

10:15 AM	<u>October 6</u>	<u>October 13</u>	<u>October 20</u>	<u>October 27</u> <i>Reformation Sunday</i>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Prego	Eric Castaneda	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
TORCH BEARERS				Eric Castaneda Lynda Smith
ACOLYTE	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
CRUCIFIX				Sera Butz
BOOK BEARER				Pat Belanger
LECTOR	Catherine Zippay	Rita Sharkey	Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lisa Castaneda (w) Karen Breslin	Erika Flanigan R. Mottesheard Lynda Smith Zachary Smith	Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli Jeanne Pettit Patricia Engle	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones
PROJECTION	Jake VanZile	Larry Jones	Jake VanZile	Chris Belanger

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and our first time guests today. Stop at the desk to pick up a **name tag** if you don't have one. 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!



Many thanks...

To everyone who worked so hard yesterday to make our annual Blessing of the Animals in commemoration of St. Francis a beautiful day!

New Name Badges are available on the gathering area welcome table!

If you signed up for one, it is waiting for you. If you need one, just ask! Members and friends, please wear your name tag to every church function. We want St. Stephen Church to be a place where everyone knows your name!



Change for Change Tower: Hurricane Relief in the Bahamas

For the final three months of 2019, we will be forwarding all money collected in the Change for Change tower to the Office of the Bishop in the Florida-Bahamas Synod to assist our brothers and sisters there recover from Hurricane Dorian.

Breakfast Bunch next Saturday: "To Forgive and Be Forgiven"

Join us next Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am. BRING YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST DISH TO SHARE for a breakfast and an inspirational talk by the Rev. Kevin Goodrich, O.P. Father Kevin is a traveling preacher, spirituality teacher and pastor. He served briefly here at St. Stephen as Interim Pastor. Fr. Kevin is known for his sense of humor, engaging preaching style, and ability to relate spiritual concepts to the challenges of everyday life. Fr. Goodrich is a member of the Anglican Order of Preachers (Dominicans). The topic will be, "To Forgive and Be Forgiven." No life is immune to the pain of hurt and resentment. Forgiveness is a pathway to freedom and healing. Explore how to forgive and how to be forgiven with God's help.



All Saints Sunday is November 3!

On this feast day, dating to the early centuries of the church, we remember and give thanks for all the saints—both those who are known to the whole church for their heroic faith and lives, as well as those known only to us. There is a Book of the Names of the Dead in the back of the church for you to enroll those deceased loved ones you would like to remember in prayer on All Saints

Sunday. Please write as many names as you like. The Book will be out all month and will be displayed in front of the altar throughout November. *Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on them.*

Holy Grill needs:

Breakfast continues to be served Wednesday at 9am and dinner on Wednesday at 5pm in the same location in our east lot. Please check one of the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you. We continue to collect for these clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels. WE ARE VERY SHORT ON MEN'S ITEMS RIGHT NOW.**



The Book of Genesis: Tuesdays at 7pm in the Luther Room.

The Bible's first book contains many well-known stories, many familiar since childhood: creation and the Garden of Eden; an ark full of animal adrift in the flood; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the dreams of Joseph. The stage for the whole biblical narrative is set in Genesis. Genesis 1-11 portrays the beginning of the world, the fall into sin, and the flood with its aftermath. Genesis 12-50 tells the story of Israel's ancestors and is especially concerned to speak of God's promises to this family. Now hear these ancient stories in a new way and find that from Eden to Egypt, Genesis affirms God's love for all! Join us and, don't be shy, invite a friend!!



Inviting New Members on All Saints, November 3!

If you have been worshipping for a while or are just interested in the St. Stephen community, we would love to welcome you into a relationship with the congregation through membership. We will receive new members next on All Saints Sunday, November 3.

Check the box on the attendance card today or speak with Pr. Bob and get more details. An orientation for all who wish to join on November 3 will be held in the sanctuary **NEXT Sunday, October 13 from 9:00—10:00am.**

Saturday, October 26-Yard Sale and Oktoberfest!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The community is invited to a yard sale/flea market from 8am-3pm on October 26. Outside space rental is \$20 with 11x18 space. Inside rental with table is \$20. In addition, the Oktoberfest will include Brats, sauerkraut, chips, and soft drinks. There will even be an organ grinder! See Carol Jacobson for a table and more info (954-942-8935).



STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 52

Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 2,797

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion is celebrated weekly
11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

Church Staff

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday 6—17th Sunday After Pentecost

10:15am Worship
11:45am Confirmation Ministry

Monday 7—Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor, 1787

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 8—

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

Wednesday 9

9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry
9:00-12pm Threads of Love
9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
5:00-6:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

Thursday 10

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 11—

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 12

9:00am Breakfast Bunch with Fr. Kevin Goodrich, OP

Sunday 13—18th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00am New Member Orientation
10:15am Worship
11:45am Confirmation Ministry
11:45am Socializing Commission (sanctuary)
11:45am Worshipping Commission (Luther Room)

Reformation Sunday—October 27: Bishop’s Visitation

OCTOBER HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS

WEDNESDAY 9AM

10/9 Karen Breslin – Joe Leone
10/16 Suzanne Loggins – Juliet Crawford
10/23 Carol/ Kelly Jacobson – Joe Leone
10/30 Suzanne Loggins – Karen Breslin

WEDNESDAY 5PM

Rita Sharkey
Jake Waldeck
Rita Sharkey
Joe Leone



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