



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

September 30, 2018 19th 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

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the \pm holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

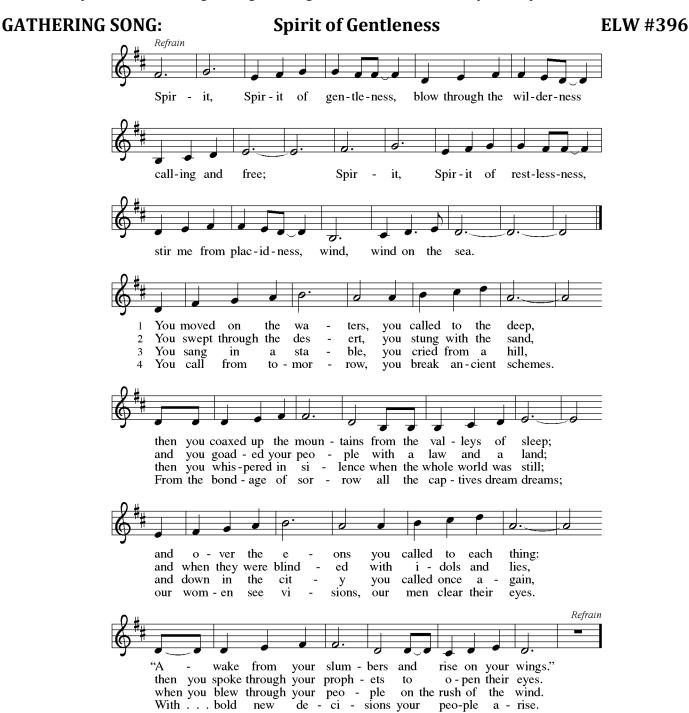
Our sins are forgiven,

God's love is unconditional.

Therefore, I 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.

C: Amen.



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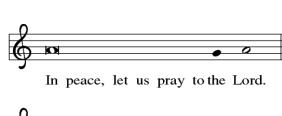
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GREETING

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.

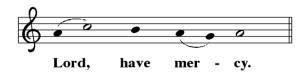
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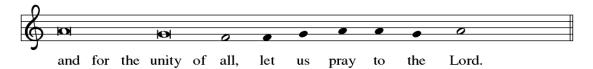


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

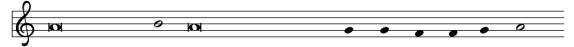




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

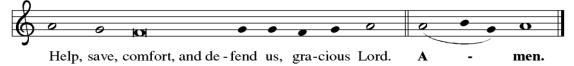




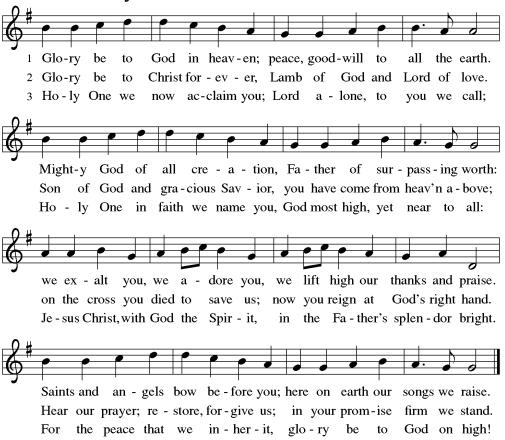


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word

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

FIRST READING:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

 10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. 11 So Moses said to the LORD,

"Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

 12 Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A Reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

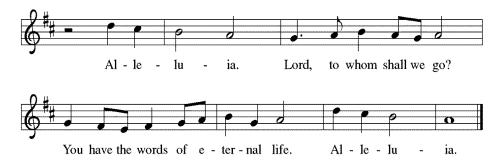
¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life ELW #719







- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

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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: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

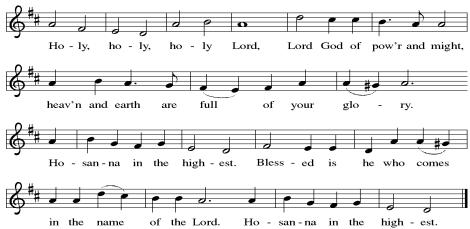
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign....

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup...to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, ...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants ...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.

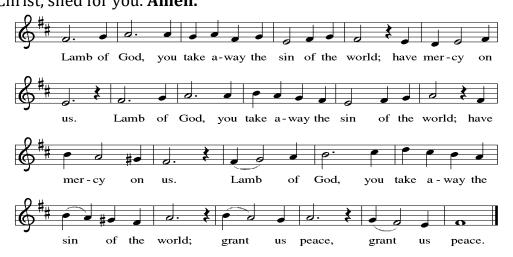
The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.

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)

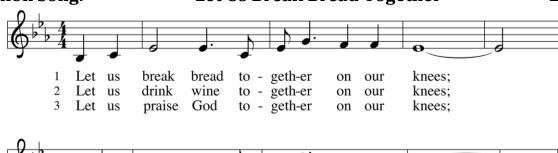
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**





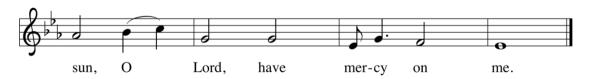
Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #471









Text: African American spiritual

Music: Break Bread Together, African American spiritual

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.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Go, Make Disciples

ELW# 540



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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, and Shelley Amato.

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

¥ Eric Hecker, Nicholas De Faria, Ryan Schaly, Joanna Betty, Gene, Annette ¥ Sandra, Joanna, Tammy Hulshoff, George Stewart, Aurea Soto ¥ Rosie's Fennelli family, prayers for Puerto Rico, friends and family

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 month sponsored by:

9/20 Marti, Lynda & Zachary in memory of dad, Harry Danforth.

9/27 Aubrey Shumway

9/30 Lauterberg's family in memory of Wayne Lauterberg.

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!

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.

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.

Annual Blessing of the Animals—NEXT SATURDAY, October 6th from 10am—2pm.

This tradition honors St. Francis, who loved God's creation and whose feast day is October 4. Food and fun in front of the church! All animals, living and stuffed are welcome! Invite all your neighbors and friends in the community. The animals don't need to be Lutheran ©.

Installation of the Rev. Robert Schaefer as Pastor—Sunday, October 14th at 3:30pm.

Bp. Pedro Suarez will preside and preach at this festive liturgy. A reception with finger food and refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or check the box on the card in your worship folder and join in the celebration.

Wine & Cheese – Saturday, October 27 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.

Help Wanted: Do you like electronics?

We are seeking to grow our sound and projection team. These people work the controls in the back of the church for both the sound system and the images we project. Contact Pr. Bob if you would like to know more.

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.

Assisting at Our Worship Celebrations today

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

10:15 AM	September 30
ASSISTING	Sera Butz
MINISTERS	
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS -	Rose Jones
Need 2 to	Kelly Jacobson
Serve	
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Larry Jones

Sept. 30, 2018 (19th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Psalm 19:14 – Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

When we live fully to God, we want not just our outside appearance to meet with God's approval, but even our thoughts and words. This is the prayer of a true steward/disciple.



Sunday Schedule

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

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 30

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45am-12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 1

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 2

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting

Wednesday 3

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 4

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 5

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 6

10:00am-2:00pm Blessing of the animals

Sunday 7

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45am-12:45pm Confirmation Ministry



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