

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.**

September 9, 2018

16th 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

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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 † 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.

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

GATHERING SONG:

Blessed Be the Name

ELW #797



1 He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.
2 Twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.
1 Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name.
2 Let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.



He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su. A - mi - ni!
Twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni. Be - lieve!
Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name.
Let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.



Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. He - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su. A - mi - ni!
Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. Twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name. Be - lieve!
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Text: East African traditional, as taught by Deogratias Mahamba
Music: HERI NI JINA, East African traditional
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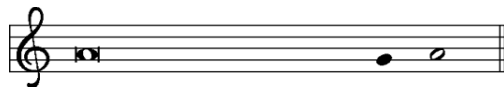
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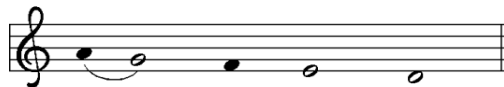
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



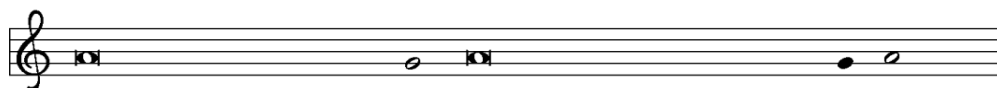
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



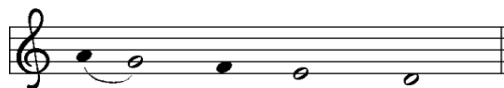
Lord, have mer - cy.



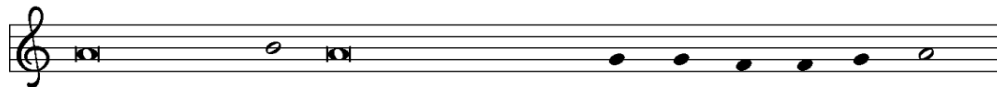
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE “Glory to God”



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

Word

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

A Reading from Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

A Reading from James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

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

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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.

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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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

MUSICAL OFFERING:

We Come to You for Healing, Lord (verses 1, 3 and 5 only)

ELW #617



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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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.

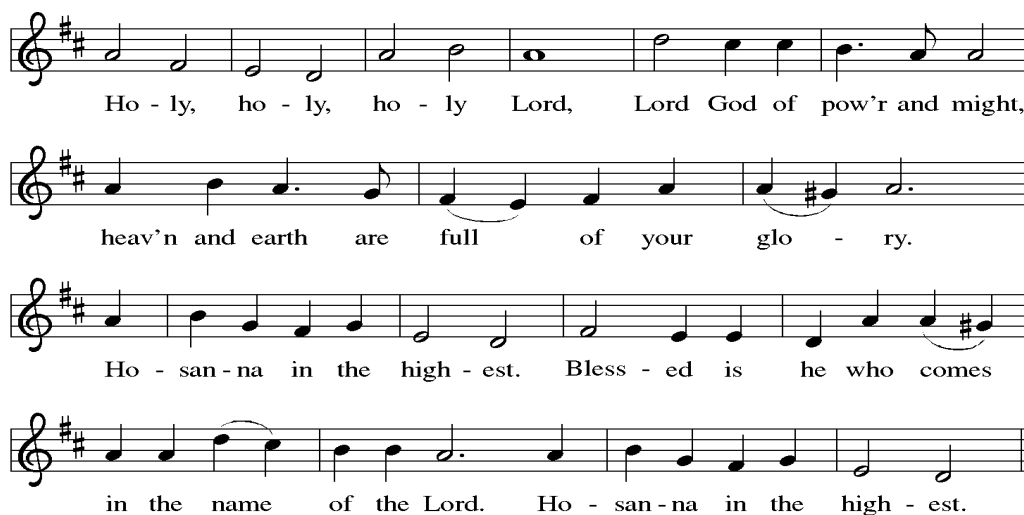
Lift up your hearts.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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.**

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, constant source of all healing,
 we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life,
 and above all we thank you that you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son,
 through whom we have health and salvation.

Help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives
 and to trust in your eternal love;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING

P: The God of all consolation 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.



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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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)

✠ Brittney, Ed Nelson, Gene Kriberney, Richard, Carol Chmelynski, Marcus Castaneda, Laurie Gonzalez ✠ Carolyn Sharp, Deborah Sharp, Lynn Sunis, Senator McCain, Adrian, Jean, Nino, Rosie's Fennelli family, Vera DeBolt, Joyce Brelsford, George Stewart, Aurea Soto, and for the families of the Jacksonville shooting, our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and those affected ✠ William & Gerry Stewart, Annette, Gene, Joanna, Betty, Peace, Cheryl, Robert, Aiden, Chandler, Becky, Braemen, Jerry, Mary, Craig, Nettie, Jennifer Castaneda and Cristina Rosua.

In a facility or homebound:

Audrey Shumway - Willow Wick, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

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Evelyn Braun - 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433

Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands
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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!

Confirmation Orientation today.

Today from 11:45am-12:45pm Pr. Bob and Sera Butz will meet with the parents and kids of all those interested in preparing to affirm their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation at St. Stephen. If you have any questions, please see Pastor or Sera. We will meet in the Luther Room after fellowship hour.

NEWS FLASH: "Luther Room" renovations to begin!

Over the past several years more than \$9600 have been raised to transform the Choir Room off the Narthex (Gathering Area) into the "Luther Room." This attractive, bright, renovated space will be available for choir rehearsal, parish meetings, confirmation ministry and adult classes, nursery care during worship, wedding preparation and dressing, and prayer. We need a small team to coordinate planning for the room. Please see Pr. Bob or Larry Jones, or check the box on the registration card in your bulletin if you would like to help in the final planning. We will keep you posted on progress!

Change for Change: Puerto Rican Relief

As we come up on the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Irma, it is just an unpleasant memory for most of us. For our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico the aftermath of Irma and Maria is still a devastating reality for many. Puerto Rico's revision of the death toll from last September's horrific Hurricane Maria to 2,975 from 64 elevates the storm to one of the greatest catastrophes of recent times in the United States. 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.

Choir rehearsal – We need your voice!

Choir rehearsals have resumed each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Speaking of choir, we are looking for people who like to sing to add to our ranks. All you need to do is show up 7:00pm on any Thursday. We will welcome you! Questions? Speak to Cesar Vidaud our Director of Music.

Join our worshipping commission:

Worship is at the heart of everything we do. This group assists the pastor in planning faithful and meaningful worship at St. Stephen. New members are always welcome. We will meet next Sunday, September 16 after the liturgy in the Luther room off the gathering space.

SAVE THE DATES NOW:

Annual Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, October 5th from 10am—2pm. Food and fun in front of the church! All animals, living and stuffed are welcome!

Installation of the Rev. Robert Schaefer as Pastor—Sunday, October 14th at 3:30pm. Bp. Pedro Suarez will preside and preach. A reception with finger food and refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Sign up for the flowers that beautify our altar each Sunday.

They are only \$35 per week and you may take them home after the liturgy or they will be given to the sick or homebound. They may be given in memory or in honor of someone. Signup is on the back wall of the gathering area (Narthex).

Be Good Stewards.

Stewardship has been defined as everything you do after you say, "I believe." Summer months are a challenge: Our August expenses were **\$8,379** under our August income. Part of stewardship is our financial generosity and commitment to Christ through his Church. As a response to God's blessings to you, we encourage you to keep your offerings current especially if you are planning to be away. Not only does your generosity support local mission and ministry here, but through our mission support to the Florida-Bahamas Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we support ministries around the globe. Thank you for your commitment!

Unemployed? Under employed? Career Source Broward wants to help...

See the flyer from them on the bulletin board in the Narthex for details and contact information.

Assisting at Our Worship Celebrations in September

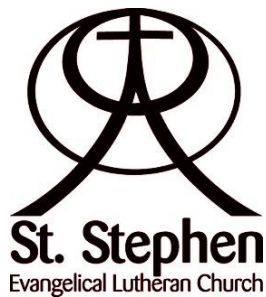
10:15 AM	<u>September 9</u>	<u>September 16</u>	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 30</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Prego	Pat Belanger	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Sera Butz	Tom Peterson	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Jimmy Fennelli Suzanne Loggins Linda Hanzlik (w) Rosie Fennelli	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Terry Shumway Linda Hanzlik (w)	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson
SOUND	Terry Shumway	Eric Castaneda	Terry Shumway	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones

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

Stewardship Snippet for Sept. 9, 2018 (16th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

James 2:15 – If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

For many of us who have more than we need, it's very hard to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor as ourselves. The questions steward/disciples have to ask prayerfully are "How generous am I, really? Is God calling me to be more generous?"



Sunday Schedule

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

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 9

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45am – 12:45pm Confirmation Orientation

Monday 10

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 11

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 12

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 13

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 14

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 15

Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 16

10:15am Sunday Worship & Baptism

11:45am-12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

11:45am Worshipping Commission



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