



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

June 2, 2019

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION to the Feast of the Ascension

The Ascension is a principal feast of the church, coming 40 days after Easter. In places where an Ascension Thursday service is not practical, it is transferred to the 7th Sunday of Easter. In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands and faces the 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, \pm one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

C: All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever.

C: Here, we are grafted into the tree of life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this water, this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.

Let this water cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly continues standing to sing, turning to the cross as it passes by. The assembly is sprinkled with water during the procession as a remembrance of baptism.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus' name! Let an gels pros trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is rael's cho sen race now ran somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid's line, whom Da vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all. the who saves you by his grace and crown him all. hail him Lord of the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all. his feet all. spread your tro-phies at and crown him Lord of go



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him all. Lord of The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all. Go spread your tro-phies at all. his feet and crown him Lord of

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

GATHERING SONG:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the

Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

²For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,

³who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

⁴who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

⁸God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

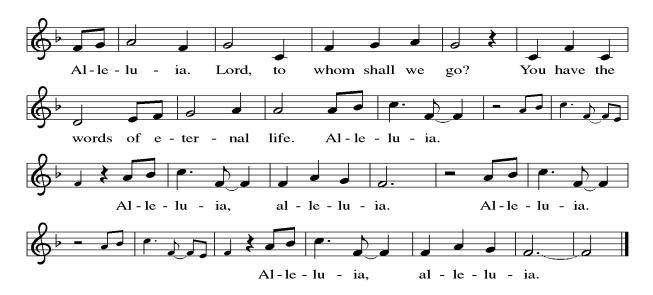
¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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: Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

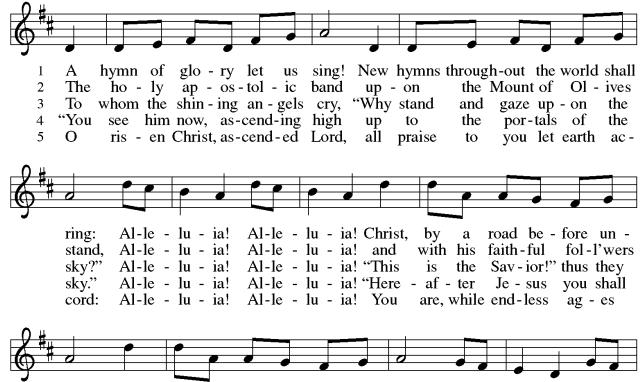
The assembly is seated.

Children and Youth Message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

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



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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: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

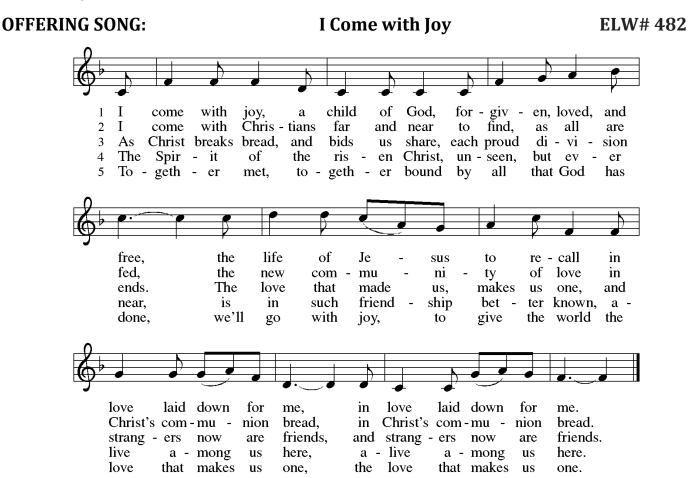
After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING/Anthem

The assembly stands.



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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OFFERING PRAYER

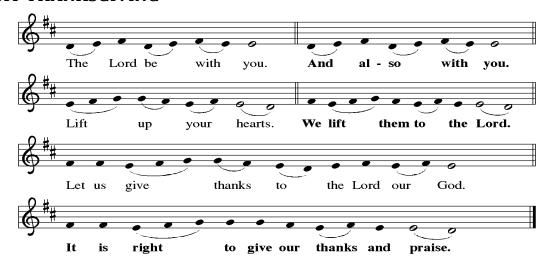
A: Let us pray.

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.

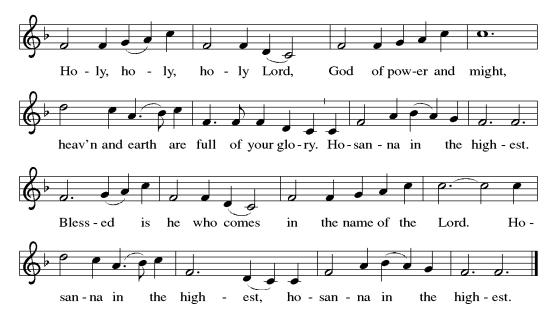
Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

C: Amen.

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:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore....

...Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, ...

...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, ...

...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

... O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

P: 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.

P: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 wine**.)

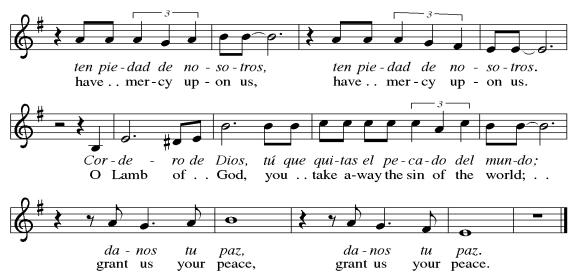
Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask)

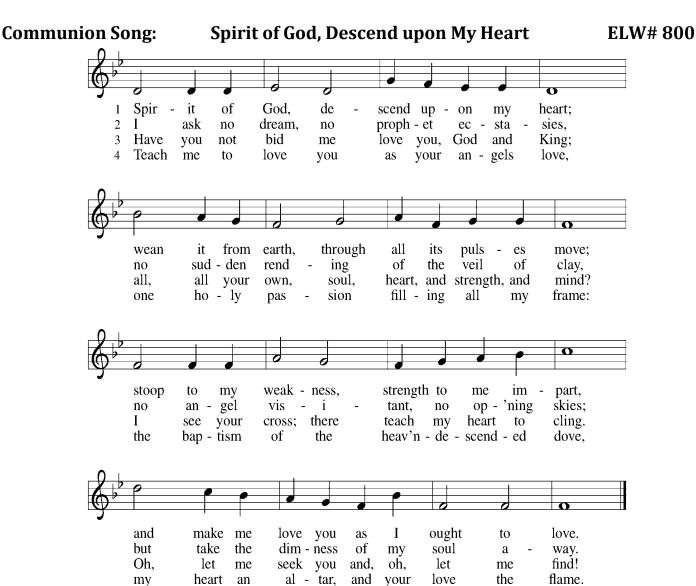
Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)

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

Lamb of God







Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

C: Amen.

P: All those who believe in Christ will never perish. May you pass with Christ from death to life.

C: Amen.

P: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

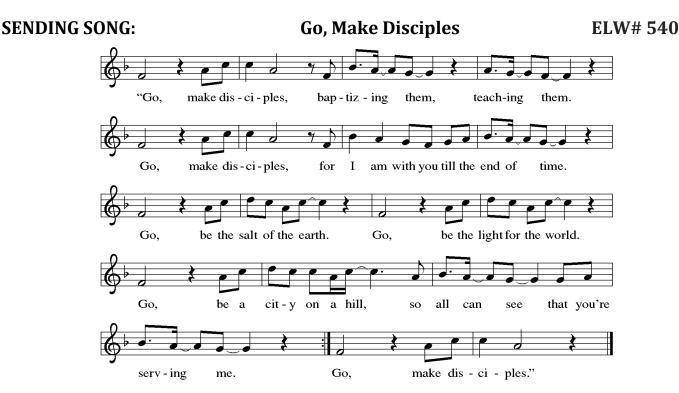
C: Amen.

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

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

C: Amen.

The assembly turns toward the cross as it passes by.



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DISMISSAL

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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: Dawn Schramm, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, 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)

➡ Jane Reinhold, "Pop", Eric, Diane, Katie, W. Storch, CH. Parisini ➡ Gene, Chris, Amanda, Annette, Dustin, Zach ➡ Marita, Millie, Dollie.

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Assisting at Our Worship in June

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

10:15 AM	June 2	June 9	<u>June 16</u>	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 30</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Prego		Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
CRUCIFER		Sera Butz			
ACOLYTE	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson	Madison Kibler
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BOOK BEARER		Tom Peterson			
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Karen Breslin Lisa Castaneda (w)	Erika Flanigan Pat Engle Lynda Smith Karen Breslin	Suzanne Loggins Pat Engle Lynda Smith Karen Breslin (w)	Suzanne Loggins Pat Engle Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Linda Hanzlik	Linda Hanzlik	Linda Hanzlik	eatherine Eippay
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Jake VanZile	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones	Jake VanZile	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones



Sunday Schedule

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

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 2 Ascension of Our Lord 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 3

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 4

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 5:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry 7:00pm Acts Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 5

9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (church)

7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting

Thursday 6

Florida-Bahamas Assembly (Through Saturday)

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 7

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

6:00pm Randy Mottesheard/Alexis Mitchell Wedding

Saturday 8

Happy and Blessed Saturday

Sunday 9 Pentecost

10:15am Worship/Baptism/New Members 11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

4:00pm Broward-Bahamas Pentecost Sing

IUNE HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS:

June 5	Kevin Otterson & John Partipilo
June 12	Juliet Crawford & Joe Leone
June 19	Karen Breslin & Carol Jacobson
June 26	Juliet Crawford & Carol Jacobson

Thank you!

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