

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**He is Risen! Alleluia!**

Although we won't have weekly services at church for the foreseeable future, there will still be a stream of regular Sunday worship available on Sunday morning! Please visit our website [www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org) for more details. Here is a direct link to the "Sermons & Worship" links: <http://www.saintstephanus.org/sermons-2020>

**Pastor Thompson** has started a **Tuesday Bible Study** at noon and 7pm, and a return to **Bible Study on Sunday morning** at 11am. Links to the Bible Study can be found on the website at [www.saintstephanus.org/adult](http://www.saintstephanus.org/adult), along with worship services and other information. We are using Zoom, which is extremely easy to use. You don't need to be able to speak or have video, you can just come listen in. Let us Shelter in the Word together in this time.

**One of today's hymns**, for the sixth Sunday in Easter, is "Praise the Almighty". Johann Daniel Herrnschmidt (1675-1723), the author of this hymn, was considered one of the best hymnwriters of his era. Herrnschmidt's works focus on the scriptural text but unlike many others are not noted for being poetic, with this particular hymn based on Psalm 103, Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name". Only a couple of Herrnschmidt's other hymns appear in English, with "Praise the Almighty" being the most common. The tune, LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE was first published in 1665 and it's composer is unknown. A setting of this tune by Richard Lind can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/ytmaw0BJfFY> ~The Organ Bench~

**The office** will remain open at this time. Feel free to call or email me with your questions, concerns, and prayer requests.

**Portals of Prayer** for April-June have arrived in the office. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact me at the church office.

**You are welcome to mail in your contribution straight to the church**—the church’s address can be found on the next page. Reminder: there was an email sent out that included instructions on how to go to our website and get to the VAN-CO site to sign up for one time, weekly or monthly electronic giving.

**On the third Sunday of each month**, our church collects your pocket change for “mites for missions”. If you need a mite box please contact the church office and let me know how many boxes you would like. If your mite box is full and you would like to drop it off please contact the church office to arrange a time. These mites go towards mission projects as well as provide aid to those seeking a Lutheran High School education, assisting seminary students with food/clothing, or help expand outreach to ethnic women and families to name just a few ways that your mites help the LWML reach the world. Thank you for your support.



Sunday, June 7th, 2020 following the 9:30 service. We will meet via “Zoom”. The link will be available closer to the date of the meeting. We will be voting for PPC positions and having a financial update.

