

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 for more details. Here is a direct link to the "Sermons & Worship" links: <http://www.saintstephanus.org/sermons-2020>

Pastor Thompson has Bible Study on Sunday morning at 11am. Links to the Bible Study can be found on the website at www.saintstephanus.org/adult, along with worship services and other information. We are using Zoom, which is 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.

Today we celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter, with next Sunday being the Church's birthday celebration! This past Thursday, the 21st, marked Ascension Day, the fortieth day after Easter which commemorates Jesus's ascension into heaven. Our hymns for this Sunday's service will follow that theme. One hymn which we sang way back during Lent just after our services were preempted by the world's events was Beautiful Savior. Little is known of the origin of this hymn but several legends about it exist. It is known as the "Crusaders' Hymn" following the legend that it was sung by twelfth century German Crusaders as they made their trek to the Holy Land. Another account is that it was sung by followers of John Hus, as they were driven out of Bohemia in the bloody anti-Reformation purge of 1620. The text first appeared in 1677 as it was recorded by Hoffman Fallersleben in the publication Schlesische Volkslieder in 1842. Joseph A. Seiss is credited for the English translation of the German text, as we find in our hymnal today. Another translation by Richard S. Willis is equally popular, known as "Fairest Lord Jesus", with Seiss's final verse usually ending this version. With the strange times, in order to provide a link to the comforts of music, I've found the opportunity to try new and different abilities and technologies. Due to the advantage of recording music one possibility is putting together a duet. One piece of music I found was this hymn, Beautiful Savior, presented as a piano and organ duet. I hope you like my attempt at that undertaking, as found here:

<https://youtu.be/CNzAd17UkA>

~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 VANCO site to sign up for one time, weekly or monthly electronic giving.

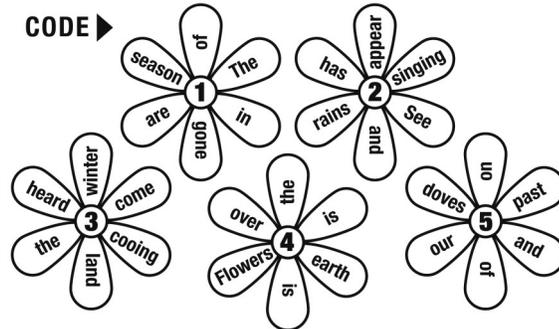


Sunday, June 7th, 2020 following the 9:30 service there will be a Voter’s meeting. We will meet via “Zoom”. The link will be available closer to the date of the meeting. **We will be voting for PPC positions and having a financial update.**

Puzzle!

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.

CODE ▶



_____ ! _____ ;
 [Flower 2] [Flower 1] [Flower 3] [Flower 4] [Flower 5]

_____ .
 [Flower 3] [Flower 2] [Flower 1] [Flower 4] [Flower 5] [Flower 1]

_____ ;
 [Flower 4] [Flower 2] [Flower 5] [Flower 3] [Flower 4]

_____ .
 [Flower 3] [Flower 1] [Flower 1] [Flower 2] [Flower 2]

_____ , _____
 [Flower 3] [Flower 3] [Flower 3] [Flower 3] [Flower 3]

_____ .
 [Flower 4] [Flower 3] [Flower 1] [Flower 5] [Flower 2]

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12, NIV

Answer: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Roxanne Alexander
Dan Piepkorn
Sammie & Grandma
Susan Bauch

Blessings/Guidance

All those graduating school
Latera Admasu
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 24

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, May 25

Memorial Day: Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 26

5:00 P.M. Food distribution

WEDNESDAY, May 27

THURSDAY, May 28

FRIDAY, May 29

SATURDAY, May 30

SUNDAY, May 31

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OFFICE HOURS:
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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Bible readings are located at
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"WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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5/12 - 5/18 Contributions:

Current - \$6,285.07	Sharing \$ Caring - \$5.00	Missions - \$15.00
Concordia - \$15.00	Christian Ed. - \$5.00	Building - \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$5.00	20x5 - \$10.00	Endowment - \$5.00
National Youth Gathering - \$5.00		

Total - \$6,355.07 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 24: *Esther*

May 25: *Bede the Venerable, Theologian*

May 26: Bill Willard, Yoshiko Benson

May 27: Andrew Temme, Noah Gundermann,
Timothy Mohrland, Zachary Langemo

May 28:

May 29: Carol James, Jane Sell

May 30: Ron Hoelscher

May 31: David Sura, *The Visitation*



May contact person: Kathy Fox & Jan Uden

Bruce & Clarice Anderson, Jan & Ron Brubak,
Kathy & Harvey Fox, Yohannes Ghebru,
Marian Harmening, Bill Johnson, Karen &
Todd Mohrland, Eunice Swenson, Emmy
Treichel, Jan Uden

Our Mission Statement:

To proclaim the gospel through word
and sacrament to our membership,
our communities and our world.

Our Vision:

Connecting people with Jesus Christ
and each other through worship,
learning and service.