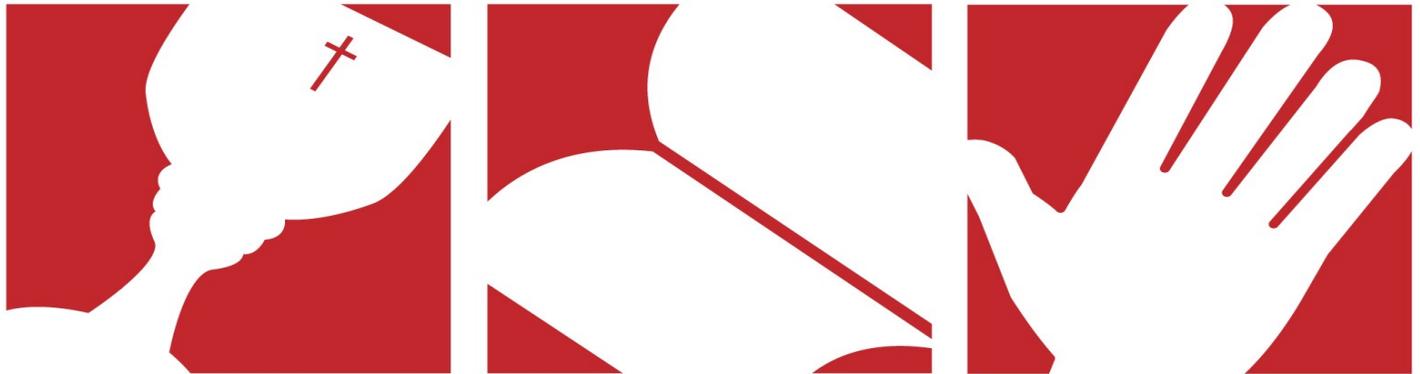


St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor will be on VACATION starting August 16 (after the service) and will be returning to the office on August 31.
There will be NO Bible study TODAY

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>

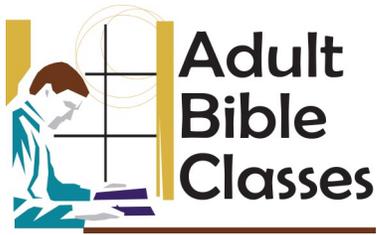
The hymn tune HYFRYDOL, meaning "tuneful" or "pleasant" was composed by Roland H. Pritchard, a Welsh composer, in 1830. Pritchard, only 19 years old at the time, was already well known as a "cantor" (song-leader). The tune was first published in a children's music collection *Cyfaill y Cantorion* ("The Singer's Friend") in 1844. Ralph Vaughan Williams, a noted English composer, harmonized Pritchard's tune in a 1906 publication, and this is the version we know well today. A setting of the tune as arranged by Paul Manz can be heard by clicking the link here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OSR_2Gk1mQ

Do you have a favorite hymn you'd like included in a service? Or maybe a piece to include in the video presentation? Drop me a note at banderson@saintstephanus.org (or call the church office) and I'll try to fit it in! ~The Organ Bench~



As many of you know Trent Willard was called to serve in the military overseas. He is need of your prayers but also his unit needs cleaning supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning solutions. Any supplies can be dropped off at the Willard house at 1187 Hubbard Ave. or you can call Jeremiah Willard at 651-724-2622 and he can arrange to pick it up at your home. Jeremiah will be sending supplies every Saturday so he would like the supplies by Friday.



Pastor Thompson has **Bible Study on Sunday morning** at 11am. A link to 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.



Tech Fund Update – To date we have raised approximately \$7,900 toward our \$9,000 goal! This includes a \$4,000 matching gift. Praise God and thank you to all who have contributed. This money will fund an investment in technology that will allow us to live stream worship services on a permanent basis. When the Endowment Committee granted seed money for this project we discussed if this was the right project for St. Stephanus. We decided that the investment was valuable to our mission. We also knew that St. Stephanus would

let us know if we had made the right decision through their support. We have received contributions big and small with notes telling us how important online worship has been for members during COVID-19. We are confident we have made the right decision.

Orders have been placed for cameras, microphone splitters, amplifiers, hardware, monitors, cables, software, and a multitude of other equipment necessary to make this possible. Our timeline is uncertain due to the fact that so many churches, schools, and businesses are making similar investments and this demand is creating a backlog. We will continue to accept donations through September 6th. Our goal is within sight and we know there will be unexpected costs and price increases due to heavy demand and our goal is that no money from the general fund will be spent on this project.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Fellowship Group Meets via Zoom– If you are missing conversation and connections we had at church before the pandemic, you might be interested in joining the small group meetings that happen on the **1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M.** via ZOOM. Every meeting has time for sharing life updates, reading a part of scripture together, talking about what the passage meant in history and what they mean to us today, sharing prayer requests and praying together. **Last time we met was August 20th.** Contact Sheila Schlechte at sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com if you would like to be sent the zoom information to attend. All are welcome.

Gospel Support Groups meeting via video conferencing— Do you see brokenness, weariness, or anxiousness around you (and sometimes even within you)? Do you have moments of joy and peace that do not reflect your outward circumstances? Do you find yourself flip flopping between those states? How is God's light shining through you to others? Is it easy to give reason why you have hope? Does your heart break when you see the pain of brokenness in your neighbor?

Gospel means good news and God desires to bring us wholeness in Him. How great it is when I have conversations with others about how the Holy Spirit is at work. Sometimes I need to hear someone encourage me when I feel weary from helping others, sometimes I need to be reminded that God is at work in the situation (God isn't asking me to be the superhero), sometimes I need others to pray with me for discernment because I am at a loss how to respond to my neighbor. Wouldn't it be great to have a time and place to receive and give that intentional support and encouragement?

Please contact Sheila Schlechte at sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com if you are interested in participating in a Gospel support group. Meetings will be held via video conferencing during the pandemic. Gatherings can happen twice a month and would depend on schedules of those interested.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy

All people going back for schooling

Those in the paths of the tropical storms/potential hurricanes

Paul & Kristen Humber

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 30

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, August 31

TUESDAY, September 1

WEDNESDAY, September 2

THURSDAY, September 3

FRIDAY, September 4

SATURDAY, September 5

SUNDAY, September 6

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OFFICE HOURS:
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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Bible readings are located at
www.saintstephanus.org under the
"WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
www.saintstephanus.org

Click the logo for
Online Giving:



Aug. 17-23 Contributions:

General - \$ 7,354.01	20x5 - \$5.00
Concordia Academy - \$10.00	Missions - \$10.00
Technology Fund - \$2,750.00	
Total - \$ 10,129.01 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)	

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Aug. 30: Joshua Langemo, Clarice Anderson

August 31: Nora Brown

Sept. 1: Logan Curtis, *Joshua*

Sept. 2: Janice Uden, Jingyan Schlechte, *Hannah*

Sept. 3: *Gregory the Great, Pastor*

Sept. 4: *Moses*

Sept. 5: *Zacharias & Elizabeth*

Sept. 6:



September contact person: Marie Benson

Marie Benson, David & Diana Betts, Lynne Billing, Kathy Fleischhacker, Emmet Heck, John & Colleen Heck, Simon Heck, Megan & Ryan Hoffman, Erica Moore, Walt & Reba Peterson, Wayne & Dianne Warnest

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.