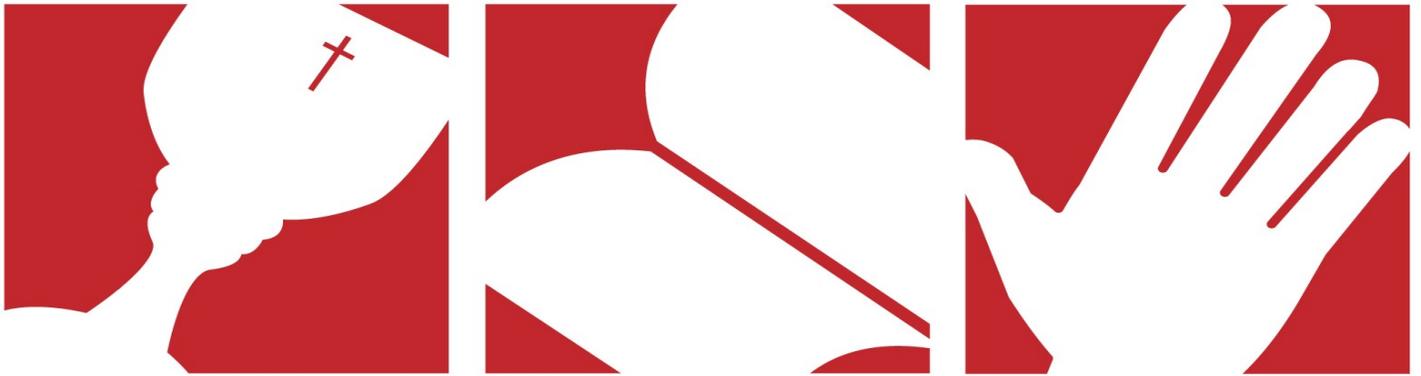


St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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>

Robert Robinson (1735-1790), was born in the county of Norfolk, in the English countryside. His father passed away when Robert was only eight years old. Robert's maternal grandfather, a wealthy man, had never approved of his daughter's marriage, and disinherited Robert. Shortly after, Robert became apprentice to a barber, providing for both himself and his mother. Without a father, he lived a wild youth, surrounding himself with a gang of ruffians. Robinson and his group went to hear George Whitefield, one of the founders of Methodism and one of the most prominent religious figures of the eighteenth century, with the intention of heckling the gathering. Whitefield's sermon that day was based on Matthew 3:7, where John the Baptist says to the Pharisees and Sadducees, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" Robinson left in dread and later converted to Christianity and became a Methodist minister. However, prone to wander, Robert later left the Methodists and became a Baptist.

A story about Robinson tells how he was traveling by stagecoach one day, with the only other passenger being a woman who was a stranger to him. She began to sing to pass the time. The song she sang was "Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love."

When she finished singing, the woman asked Robertson what he thought of the song, and commented what an encouragement it had been to her. Finally Robert told her, "Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who composed that hymn, many years ago. And I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I then had." She replied, "Sir, the 'streams of mercy' are still flowing."

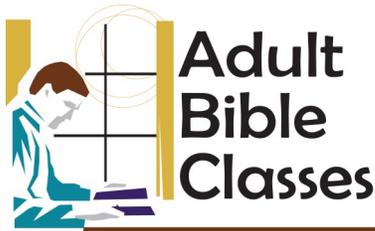
A partita based on this hymn tune can be heard by clicking the link here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6IHe4EjvOsE>

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~



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 or if you need a new mite box mailed to you please contact the church office to arrange a time.** These mites are important and 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.



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.

Stay Connected!

Have you found us on Facebook yet? During this season of being apart we're trying to engage members and congregational friends in prayer and conversation together through various Facebook posts. We invite you to join us: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintStephanusLCMS> .



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.

Wanting a way to do some socially distanced volunteering? Have some skill and ability putting things together? Feeding the Dream needs help putting together some shelves to store food and basic needs supplies. Contact me if you would be willing to help! - Pastor Thompson-

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter

To all returning to school
either in a classroom or at
home

All teachers

All parents

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, September 6

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, September 7

Office will be closed

TUESDAY, September 8

5:00 P.M. Food Distribution

WEDNESDAY, September 9

THURSDAY, September 10

FRIDAY, September 11

SATURDAY, September 12

SUNDAY, September 13

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Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM
Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Aug. 24-30 Contributions

General - \$2,155.00 Technology Fund - \$4,500.00

Total - \$6,655.00 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Sept. 6:

Sept. 7: Marc Karger

Sept. 8:

Sept. 9: Richard Johnson

Sept. 10: Phillip Radtke

Sept. 11: Emmet Heck, Yohannes Ghebru

Sept. 12: Jennifer Caquelin

Sept. 13: Tarrie Culbert



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.

Bible readings are located at
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"WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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