

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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>

Johann Sebastian Bach composed the cantata "**Herr Christ, der einge Gottessohn**" ("Lord Christ, the one Son of God"), for the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. This cantata was based on a Epiphany hymn by Elisabeth Cruciger (1500-1535) a German poet, hymnwriter, and friend of Martin Luther. Cruciger's hymn of the same name was first published in 1524 along with eighteen of Luther's hymns, making it one of the oldest hymns in the Lutheran tradition, so it was well known in the Lutheran world by the time of Bach's cantata in 1724. The hymn as seen in our hymnal today, "The Only Son from Heaven" is the suggested Hymn of the Day for today, the Second Sunday After the Epiphany, which is fitting as Epiphany is the season celebrating the revealing of Jesus as the Son of God. Bach created a set of forty six chorale pre-udes to represent the Church year (his original plan was to include 164 tunes), which is known as the Orgelbüchlein, or "Little Organ Book". One of the chorales from this collection is the tune "Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn", which is actually found in the Advent section of the Orgelbüchlein.

A video of this setting can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/6qSze0j0p4o>

~The Organ Bench~

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Your 2021 offering envelopes are available for pick up at the church office. Please call in advance (651-228-1486) to ensure Clarice will be available to let you in the building and set your envelopes out for easy and safe pick up. Consider picking up envelopes for your neighbors and family to help with distribution. If you would like your new envelope number to reference on your offering until you are able to pick up your envelope please contact the office. We realize that not everyone feels comfortable, or is able to visit the church. If you would like to have them delivered to your home please contact Lynne Heuton to make arrangements (651-315-4158) lmheuton@gmail.com



Communion

This coming Sunday (January 17th), we will celebrate The Lord's Supper together online. You will be able to participate in our normal way over YouTube.

How are we going to do this?

We ask that you prepare bread and wine (or grape juice) in your own home and set aside a place for them before the service. At the time of the Words of Institution, you are welcomed to speak them together with me and then receive the body and blood of Jesus. If you are in a family, you may distribute to each other using the words "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you." If you are by yourself, you may also join in speaking those words aloud to yourself and receiving the gift of Christ for you. For those who have not been instructed in the reception of the Lord's Supper, we invite you to share a blessing reflected from one of the readings, such as, "You are a temple of the Holy Spirit in whom God dwells" or "The grace of Jesus Christ lives in you" while making the sign of the cross on their head. If you feel like baking it yourself, we sent a recipe out at Christmas and would gladly send you it again if requested at saintstephanus@comcast.net or pastor@saintstephanus.org.

Cards

There has been so much in these days to keep up with. One of the ways that we can continue to encourage each other in them is to write to each other, especially those who have recently lost a loved one.

Since I have been asked, contact information for the family of Carol Hirt is below:

Lisa Eckman (Carol's daughter)
2688 Lake Court Dr.
St. Paul, MN 55112

Also for Bev Piepkorn after the loss of her son Dan,

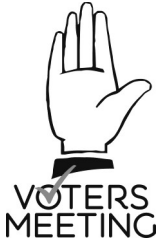
Bev Piepkorn
2730 Hazelwood Street
#105
Maplewood, MN 55109

And Tricia Schmidt and family, whose mother LuAnn passed away this last week

Tricia Schmidt
90 Maria Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55106



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.



Voter's meeting is schedule for Feb. 7th. The agenda will include a referendum to extend the Synodical triennium .

Prayers for Worship

As we've been gathering together for Worship we've been collecting prayers through our YouTube comments to use in worship. We recognize that not everyone is logged in or likes to have the comment section up during worship. If there are prayers you'd like us to include that week we invite you to submit them using this form: <https://forms.gle/JLDCstJFWRbu25PT7>

Hello parents,

Studies show that our young people are growing increasingly farther away from their faith (Fuller Youth Institute). Our goal is to help you aid them. In the middle of February, we are starting a new series called Faith Legacy, which encourages parents to aid their children in carrying their faith throughout their lives. This is part of the field work experience, and I, Danielle Critchley, will be teaching.

There are five age groups, each with a different focus. The two younger groups will meet on Mondays from 8:00-9:00 P.M., and the three older groups will meet on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 P.M. 0-3 year old parents will meet on February 15th, preschool-2nd grade parents will meet on February 22nd, 3rd-6th graders and their parents will meet on March 8th, 7th-8th graders and their parents will meet March 15th, and high schoolers and their parents will meet on March 22nd. If you are interested, please visit <https://forms.gle/9cHm6yFwaen8BKoW7> and fill it out, regardless of whether or not you are busy that evening. We would like to have registration completed by or before January 25th so we know how much we need to order in supplies and have time to have items shipped.

I am also looking for a Thrivent grant sponsor to fund the series. The grant will provide the funding for materials that we will need for these activities. If you are interested in helping out with this, please contact me at critchld@csp.edu so that we can work out the details. Thank you!

I look forward to working with all of you in aiding your child in growing in their faith and keeping it through their whole lives.

Yours in Christ,
CSP DCE Field work student
Danielle Critchley

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Reba Peterson

Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristen Humber
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 17

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, January 18

TUESDAY, January 19

WEDNESDAY, January 20

THURSDAY, January 21

FRIDAY, January 22

SATURDAY, Jan. 23

SUNDAY, Jan. 24

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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Contributions

Total - (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Jan. 17: Marie Benson

Jan. 18: Dustin Trudeau,

The Confession of St. Peter

Jan. 19: Sheila Schlechte

Jan. 20: Lisa Bisping, Robert Holtz, *Sarah*

Jan. 21:

Jan. 22:

Jan. 23: Matthew Sagstetter

Jan. 24: *St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor*



Birthdays

January contact persons: Jim Radtke & Sue Kressin

Carol Donahoe, Cherie Fleischhacker
Joan Johnson, Suzanne Johnston, Jon
Marschke, Anthony Nissen, Wyatt Nissen,
Tami Nissen-Omosowon, Ed & Marlene
Potter, Jim Radtke & Sue Kressin, Joe &
Kristen Rivera

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 www.saintstephanus.org under the "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at www.saintstephanus.org

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