

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

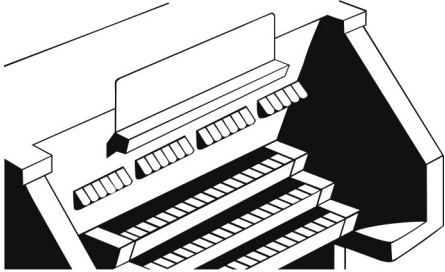
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 23, 2021
Pentecost

From the **ORGANIST**



"Veni sancte spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium..." (Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people") is a Latin antiphon for Vespers of the Vigil of Pentecost. This chant later evolved into the German hymn "Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott". Luther spoke highly of this German version, remarking, "The hymn 'Come, Holy Spirit Lord and God' was composed by the Holy Ghost himself, both words and music." Luther modified this German version adding two additional stanzas. The tune we know today as KOMM HEILIGER GEIST is very similar to the tune Luther included in his 1524 hymnal where the hymn first appeared. Dietrich Buxtehude (1639-1707), a German composer was especially famous for his

"Abendmusik" - concerts in the evening of organ and choral music held for the five

Sundays before Christmas. In 1705, J.S. Bach travelled two hundred miles on foot to meet Buxtehude, and spent several months on the visit, jeopardizing his organ position from which he had taken leave. Both Bach and George Frideric Handel wanted to follow Buxtehude in his organ post in Marienkirche, but neither did as marrying Buxtehude's daughter was a condition of the position. Buxtehude's chorale setting of the Pentecost hymn, "Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/T0zVv-TNrVc>

Other music in the service:

Chorales on "Komm Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist" and "Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" - J.S. Bach
"Hail Thee, Festival Day" - setting by Robert J. Powell

~The Organ Bench~

Reminder: No in person worship for Sunday May 30th. It will be pre-recorded.

No Sunday School or Bible Study!

June 6-Sept. 5 Return to live service for the Summer.

- Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of service
- There will not be any furniture in the lobby
- People will be asked to leave the church immediately after the service and socialize outside if desired.
- Communion will be celebrated only on the first and third Sunday of the month
- We will NOT have acolytes or Greeters
- We will not “pass the offering plates” but there will be an offering plate on the table on as you leave
- All elements of the liturgy will be live
- All music will be live—NO hymnals will be available
- Bible study will continue to meet on ZOOM. Once Pastor completes the study of Mathew, Bible study will take a break and not meet until fall

MASKS: Although the state has dropped the mask mandate, there is still a mandate in effect for St. Paul. For right now, masks will be required when in the church building.



Did you know that the altar flowers are not paid for by the church budget? We need your help! Please look at the new flower chart and let Clarice (office) know what date you would like to have flowers signed up in your name along with 1 or 2 bouquets. Due to COVID restrictions there is no pen for you to use. There are still spots open to request flowers. The flowers may be dedicated to a special occasion, in thanks for something, in honor of a person or group, or just because you want to make sure we have flowers to praise and honor God.

1 bouquet of flowers is \$27.50 and 2 bouquet of flowers are \$55.00

Summer Communications Intern!

Do you know a college student or high school junior or senior interested in communications, social media, and/or web design? We are looking for a summer intern to help with our digital communications. Know someone who might be interested? Have them contact Megan Hoffman at youth@saintstephanus.org to learn more!

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

Are you looking for a new way to get connected, and serve at SSLC? Check out the list below and see if there are any spaces where your gifts and passions align with a need. Many of these opportunities are important pieces in helping us continue to safely offer hybrid worship, and be a place of blessing in our community. Email the person listed with each opportunity for more information and to get your questions answered.

Worship Volunteers:

Online Worship Host | Remote (rotating schedule), YouTube greeter, and prayer gatherer, Sundays during worship. Megan Hoffman youth@saintstephanus.org

Sanctuary Sanitizing | In Person, Sundays after worship Pastor Thompson - athompson@saintstephanus.org

Caretaker, Communion Assistants, Lector and Usher | In Person (rotating schedule), Sundays during worship. Dan Savard danielsavard@mac.com

Summer Food Distribution - Volunteer Sign-ups coming later in May. Distributions **begin June 8th.**

Little Pantry Filling (from donations already given) | Once time or repeat (rotating schedule), [Cherie Fleischhacker - ckfle@yahoo.com

Building/Grounds Volunteers:

Volunteering in Simon's Garden | On-going need throughout the summer, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12pm (or contact for other times) [Dale Trapp, dtrapp@csp.edu

Parking Lot Planter | One time need - donating and planting plants in the large circular planter on the Blair side of the parking lot. [Megan Hoffman - youth@saintstephanus.org



FARE for ALL at St. Stephanus

Fare for All holds regular sales of produce and meat packs purchased through wholesale bulk and local food partnerships that allow for a discounted rate.

Fare for All will be at St. Stephanus on **Wednesday, May 26th**. One additional volunteer is needed in the afternoon between 1:30 P.M. and 4 P.M. to help deliver boxed packages from the church lobby to the parking lot. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cherie Fleischhacker at ckfle@yahoo.com.

A message from Jonathan House

Starting in early June, the Jonathan House will have a college intern with them through late November. As a part of her program, she needs to find a place to live.

She is looking for:

- Something in the Midway, Hamline, Frogtown, Summit, University, or North End neighborhood (biking distance to Jonathan House)
- Possibly a young family (no single men/all male housing situations)
- Someone of moderate socio-economic status

If you or someone you know might be interested in hosting a college student in your home or if you know of any other housing situations that might seem suitable, please email Kelsey Briggs at Kelsey@iafr.org.

Feeding the Dream News:

Our April & May distributions gave away 150 boxes of basic needs each time. Thank you to all who donated and put together the boxes of needed items for our community! We want to continue being able to do this, and will welcome any donations into the future. These basic needs boxes were combined with a box of nonperishable food, meat and potatoes that served 250 households in April and 371 households in May. During the May distribution 300 cucumber plants were also given away. Thank you again for your support!

Summer Plans

Produce will be distributed from the parking lot again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month starting on June 8th. The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays there will be a distribution at St. Paul Fellowship. We are also working on partnering with the Dept of Health to offer Vaccines at one of the distributions at each location. Details coming soon about that. Volunteer signups will be coming towards the end of May.

PBS Frontline recently ran a documentary called "Escaping Eritrea" which is available online for viewing - <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/escaping-eritrea/>. As we, and our Eritrean brothers and sisters, begin returning to worship in person, I commend it to you as an opportunity to learn and understand some of the things they have experienced in this life. Many still have family in Eritrea, and it can be difficult to discuss the situation there publicly for many reasons. May it be an opportunity to grow in the grace of compassion for our neighbor and the things they carry.

Amy Gundermann is stepping down as the leader of worship music after many years in that position here at St. Stephanus. I am deeply humbled and grateful for the work that she has done for us, and I invite you to share a note of thanksgiving with her in appreciation of the ways Jesus has been shared with us through her work over these years.

Amy Gundermann
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Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Bev Piepkorn
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter
Concordia University
Lois Bruss

Shut-ins

Sharon Kappes

Week Ahead

9:30 AM SUNDAY, May 23
Worship In-Person and Online

MONDAY, May 24

TUESDAY, May 25

7:15 PM WEDNESDAY, May 26
Youth Group on Zoom

THURSDAY, May 27

FRIDAY, May 28

SATURDAY, May 29

9:30 AM SUNDAY, May 30
Pre-recorded Worship ONLY

✚ Communion Service



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Wayne Warnest
Admasu Mekonen

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

May 9-16 Contributions

General - \$10,685.11 Missions - \$200.00
Technology - \$700.00

Total - \$11,585.11 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 23: Davis Omosowon, John Schonebaum

May 24: *Esther*

May 25: *Bede the Venerable, Theologian*

May 26: Yoshiko Benson,
St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

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

May 28:

May 29: Carol James, Jane Sell

May 30:



May monthly group contact persons:

Kathy Fox & Jan Uden

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

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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