

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Thomas Andrew Dorsey** (1899-1993) was the son of a Baptist minister and church organist who moved to Chicago from his native Georgia in 1916. There he achieved remarkable success as an arranger, blues pianist, jazz band leader, and recording artist, but he also suffered a nervous breakdown, emerging from it only after a deep religious experience. Always wavering between the secular and sacred music worlds, Dorsey eventually reconciled the two by writing the first gospel songs, and for this he is called the "father of gospel music." He attempted to market his songs through local ministers, offering to sing them at the end of Sunday services, but to no avail. He achieved more success when he published his songs on single sheets and sold them on the street corner.

In 1931, a newly appointed pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Chicago invited Dorsey to play for the services. Struck by his performance and its effect on worshipers, on the next Sunday the pastor invited church members, under Dorsey's leadership, to organize what was to become the first gospel choir in America. The following year Dorsey experienced the worst tragedy of his life - while playing at a music revival in St. Louis, he received a telegram that his wife, Nettie, had died in childbirth. Soon afterwards his newborn son also died. This personal tragedy led to Dorsey, as he explained later, finding himself "stumbling up on some new words which suited my mood of dejection and despair: *Precious Lord - take my hand. Lead me on. Let me stand. I am tired.* The words were so simple. It was a simple song, but it came right out of me almost as if God had personally dictated every syllable."

The tune, MAITLAND, was first published in an 1855 publication with the words "Must Jesus bear the cross alone", and is the basis for the tune PRECIOUS LORD.

#### **Other music in the service:**

Hymns: 738: Lord of All Hopefulness, 739: Precious Lord, Take My Hand, 922: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Prelude: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - setting by Mark Hayes

Postlude: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" - setting by William H. Bates

~The Organ Bench~

No Bible Study June 27th and July 4th.

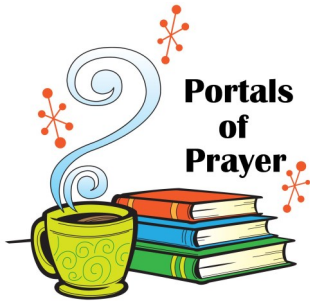
**Summer Food Distributions have started!** Feeding the Dream continued its pre-Holiday tradition of a distribution before Father's Day at the Brownstone on University and Victoria, and distributions here at St. Stephanus started this week, with a distribution at St. Paul Fellowship starting soon.

Thank you to the volunteers!



### Emmaus Lutheran needs your help

**THANK YOU** to all who were able to drop off shoes on June 17th. Thanks to your help, the Emmaus Lutheran Youth Group is within 20 bags of reaching our goal of collecting 100 bags of worn, gently used or new shoes. If you would still like to donate shoes, it's not too late. Please contact [emmaus@q.com](mailto:emmaus@q.com) or [pjuran77@gmail.com](mailto:pjuran77@gmail.com) with questions to arrange for drop off or pick up! Thank you again for your support!



### Portals of Prayer

**The July Portals of Prayer devotion books have arrived.** They are now located at the bottom of the lobby stairs in the revolving bookcase.

**Updated Address:** Kathy Fleischhacker 1840 University Ave. W Apt. #406 Saint Paul, MN. 55104



## Altar Flowers

**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 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. You are asked to take your flowers home right after the church service. 1 bouquet of flowers is \$27.50 and 2 bouquets of flowers are \$55.00

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Roger Binning  
Chris Tvrdik  
Joann Borocki  
Corine Goodrich

### Blessings/Guidance

Naomi Temme and the Temme  
Family  
Mission for Christ  
Concordia University

### Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, June 27

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday School ZOOM

### MONDAY, June 28

### TUESDAY, June 29

3:00 PM Feeding the Dream distribution

### WEDNESDAY, June 30

6:30 PM In person/building Confirmation

### THURSDAY, July 1

### FRIDAY, July 2

Office closed

### SATURDAY, July 3

### SUNDAY, July 4

9:30 AM ✝ Worship w/Communion

✝ Communion Service



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[www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org)

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## June 14-20 Contributions

General - \$11,334.11 Missions - \$35.00  
20x5 - \$5.00 Concordia Academy \$10.00

**Total - \$11,384.11 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)**

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration



June 27: Sophia Wehrmann,

*Cyril of Alexandria, Pastor & Confessor*

June 28: Larissa Doran, *Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor*

June 29: *St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles*

June 30: Carol Donahoe

July 1:

July 2: *The Visitation*

July 3:

July 4:

June monthly group contact persons:

**Joyce Boterman & Corine Goodrich**  
Fred & Joyce Boterman, Scott & Corine  
Goodrich, Tom & Amy Gundermann, Eva  
Gundermann, Kayla Gundermann, Noah  
Gundermann, Jeff Johnson, Rich Johnson,  
Bruce & Peggy Karger, LaVonne Karger, Lennea  
Lopez, Akbar & Shirori Muhammad, Meaza  
Ogbazghi, Dan & Sharon Savard, Lois Thur

### **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.