

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." (Psalm 150:6)

Joachim Meander (1650-1680) wrote the hymn of praise "Wondrous King, all glorious, Sovereign Lord victorious, O, receive our praise with favor!" based on this Psalm, under the original title "Inciting oneself to the Praise of God." It was first published in 1680, the year of Meander's death, in a collection with other hymns he had written including "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." This tune is used in today's opening hymn, "God Himself Is Present," as written by Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769). Tersteegen desired an inner sense of God's presence, leading him to several years of intense prayer and self-deprivation during which he lived on bread and water. At the age of twenty-six he dedicated himself to God in writing, signing the document with his own blood. Today's hymn represents Tersteegen's confidence and joy in feeling God speaking directly to his soul. The original German hymn continues for four more stanzas beyond the English version which delve into Tersteegen's desire for a mystical union with God.

Two settings of Meander's tune, WUNDERBARER KÖNIG will be played as the prelude today. The first is by Max Reger (1873-1916), a German composer of organ, choral and orchestral works. The second is by Gaël Liardon (1973-2018), a Swiss organist and composer.

Music in the service:

907: God Himself Is Present

683: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

918: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Prelude: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG - settings by Max Reger, Gaël Liardon

Postlude: CWM RHONDDA - setting by Paul Manz

~The Organ Bench~

This weeks Altar flowers are provided by Marie Benson



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 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. If paying by check make it out to St. Stephanus Lutheran Church and in the memo write Flowers.



FARE FOR ALL at St. Stephanus

Fare For All provides easy access to low-cost, nutritious foods, including fresh fruits and veggies and frozen meat packages purchased through wholesale bulk and local food partnerships that allow for a discounted rate. This is a community-supported, nonprofit program, open to ALL! There are no income or residential restrictions and no pre-registration.

Fare for All will be held at St. Stephanus on Wednesday, July 28th from 2-4 pm.

Three volunteers are needed from 1:30 P.M. to 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 cklei@yahoo.com

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Miriam Carter
 Roger Binning
 Joanne Borocki
 Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

LINK
 Concordia University

Shut-ins

Sharon Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, July 25

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

MONDAY, July 26

TUESDAY, July 27

WEDNESDAY, July 28

2:00 PM FARE FOR ALL food distribution

THURSDAY, July 29

FRIDAY, July 30

SATURDAY, July 31

SUNDAY, August 1

9:30 AM † Worship w/Communion

† Communion Service



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 "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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 Online Giving:



July 11-July 18 Contributions for two weeks

General - \$9,413.11 20x5 - \$5.00
 Concordia Academy - \$35.00 Endowment Fund - \$25.00
 Mission Fund - \$10.00
Total - \$9,488.11 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 25: Steve Sohn, *St. James the Elder, Apostle*

July 26:

July 27:

July 28: Becky Wehrmann, Clarence Benson,
Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor

July 29: Katie Miller,

Mary, Martha, & Lazarus of Bethany

July 30: Robert Barnes, *Confessor & Martyr*

July 31: *Joseph of Arimathea*

August 1: Lee Bruss



July monthly group contact persons: Gayle & John Schonebaum

Terianne Bender, B.J & Jill Brown, Joan Brown,
 Amy Fleischhacker, Jill Katzenmaier, Philip &
 Jackie Preuss, Gayle & John Schonebaum,
 Andrew Wussler, Jeff & Jodi Wussler

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.