

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Thompson is on vacation.

Throughout his life, Oswald Allen (1816-1878) suffered from a diseased spine, and his sufferings made him more aware of the needs of others. A banker by profession, he was well known for his many acts of mercy and charity to the poor. During England's harsh winter of 1859-60, he wrote a number of hymns, which were then published in his *Hymns of the Christian Life* (London, 1862). "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" is the most widely used of Allen's hymns. The original text, simply titled "To-day," was written entirely in the first person: "To-day Thy mercy calls me." Plural pronouns were substituted to make it more suitable for corporate worship. This hymn, which reminds us that God is merciful and His promises are trustworthy and true, will be sung as our opening hymn this morning.

Music in the service:

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

642 O Living Bread from Heaven

816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Prelude: Trio and Chant on *LASST UNS ERFREUEN* - Matthew Machemer

Communion: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - setting by Mark Hayes

Postlude: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" - setting by Kevin Hildebrand

~The Organ Bench~

This weeks Altar flowers are provided by Jerry & Jackie Spiess



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.



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. 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.

Concordia ACADEMY

Concordia Academy Golf Tournament!

Concordia Academy's 18th Annual Beacon Cup is scheduled for Friday, August 20th at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater. This year, there are two golfing options: the 18-hole championship course, and a 9-hole executive course. Early pricing is available through August 1. Go to <http://www.concordiaacademy.com/golf> to get details and register to support CA athletic programs!

Concordia Academy Craft Fair!

The Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on November 13, and registration is now open to crafters and vendors, with an early registration discount through the end of August. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair for details.

