

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Thompson is still on vacation.

In the decades after 1520, the Ottoman Turks expanded their empire into western Europe through military conquest. In 1541, they captured the predominantly German city of Buda (now part of Budapest) and appeared poised to roll into other German lands. Martin Luther (1483-1546) and his compatriots recognized the danger of being invaded and occupied by a foreign power, of being ruled by Muslim authorities who opposed the Gospel. After the loss of Buda, Elector Johann Friedrich instructed Luther and Johann Bugenhagen, a pastor in Wittenberg, to admonish the pastors to pray for protection against the Turks. As a result, Luther's *Admonition to Pray against the Turks* was published on October 11, 1541. The hymn "Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word" was originally called "a children's hymn to sing against the two archenemies of Christ and His holy Church: the pope and the Turks." Luther did not mince words in his writing as the original first stanza read "Preserve us, Lord in Your Word, and restrain the murder of the pope and Turks, who would cast down Jesus Christ, Your Son, from Your throne." Understandably controversial, in 1548 the singing of the hymn was forbidden in Strassburg under the threat of corporal punishment.

By the seventeenth century the threats referenced by the hymn had waned, and the text was changed to a more general statement against all those who would threaten God's Word. (The LCMS maintained the original text until *TLH* was printed in 1941). The trinitarian form of the hymn, with each stanza addressed to a successive person of the Trinity resonates with the two ways in which the Church is attacked: spiritually and physically.

The tune *ERHALT UNS, HERR* is named after the first line of the German text, and was adapted from a Gregorian chant. A chorale based on the hymn tune by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) will be played for our postlude today.

Music in the service:

789: Praise and Thanksgiving

809: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

655: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Prelude: BUNESSAN ("Morning Has Broken") - setting by Richard Wakeman

Postlude: *Erhalt Uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort* - Dieterich Buxtehude

~The Organ Bench~

This weeks Altar flowers are provided by:



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.

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Did you know when you subscribe to our “YouTube” channel you can get a notification each time we post a video? Subscribing is easy - all you need is a **Gmail account** to log-in! Once you're logged in you're also able to join us in the comments on Sunday morning, sharing the peace with others, requesting prayers, and being in fellowship. Need help? Contact Megan Hoffman or Dan Savard.

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. 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.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Miriam Carter
Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 8

9:30 AM

Worship

MONDAY, August 9

TUESDAY, August 10

3:00 PM

Parking lot food distribution

WEDNESDAY, August 11

THURSDAY, August 12

FRIDAY, August 13

SATURDAY, August 14

SUNDAY, August 15

9:30 AM ✝

Worship w/Communion

✝ Communion Service



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Worship Service Stream at

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Online Giving:



July 25-August 1 Contributions for two weeks

General - \$10,641.07

Total - \$9,488.11 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

August 8:

August 9: Dan Savard

August 10: Sylvia Berg, *Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr*

August 11:

August 12: Atiyah Muhammad

August 13: Adam Krieg, Colleen Heck

August 14: Jodi Wussler

August 15: *St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord*



August monthly group contact persons:

Doug & Jane Sell

Loraine Byland, James and Sarah Dahlke,
Carol Hirt, Joann Johansen, Kaye Nuechterlein,
Michael Bauch & Tricia Schmidt, Brian Sell,
Doug & Jane Sell, Amy & David Sura, Karen
Trudeau, Dustin Trudeau

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.