

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ludwig Helmbold (1532-98) was born three years after the publications of Luther's Catechisms, in the town of Mühlhausen, which at that time was already committed to the Wittenberg reform. Therefore, it is quite certain that his Christian education was conducted through his learning the text of the Small Catechism and hearing sermons on it on Sunday afternoons in the catechetical services that were part of Lutheran church life at the time. Helmbold's faith was therefore nourished on the content and rhythm of the Catechism. After completing his theological education at Erfurt under the tutelage of strict students of Luther, Helmbold became a schoolteacher and rector, and so his early years in service focused in a significant way on teaching Luther's Catechism to his pupils in his hometown.

In 1576, a decade after Emperor Maximilian had named him an imperial poet laureate, the talented poet published his own version of the Small Catechism in verse. This brief hymn supplemented that complete paraphrase of the text with a short summary of the Six Chief Parts of Christian teaching that constitute the first of the three sections of Luther's own formulation of his handbook for Christian living. Oddly enough, considering his background as a schoolteacher, Helmbold's versified catechism omitted Luther's instructions for daily meditation and prayer and the Table of Christian Callings, the two sections that completed Luther's plan for instructing the youth. This hymn, "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain", will serve as our Hymn of the Day today,

Music in the service

822: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

865: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

920: Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

Prelude: "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" - Robert Lind / Kevin Hildebrand

Postlude: Toccata on "Hymn to Joy" - Grimoaldo Macchia

~The Organ Bench~



Last weeks Altar flowers were provided by: Steve Sohn given by Martha and Stephen Sohn to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for their parents Rev. Walter and Joan Sohn.

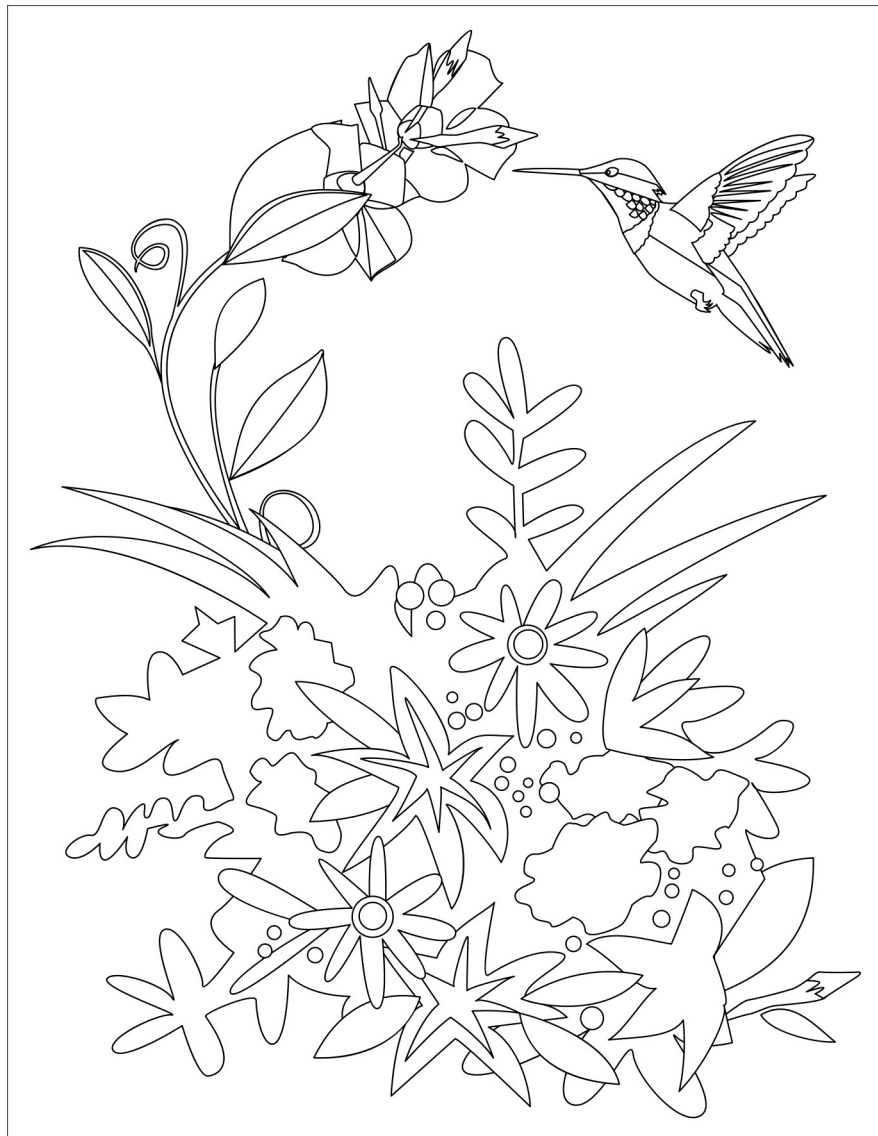
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Altar Flowers



Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, **September 19**, after the 9:30 worship service. This will be **IN PERSON** and on **ZOOM** for those who can not come.



Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Sharen Kappes
Miriam Carter
Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 22

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

MONDAY, August 23

TUESDAY, August 24

3:00 PM Parking lot food distribution

WEDNESDAY, August 25

6:30 PM In-Person Confirmation

THURSDAY, August 26

FRIDAY, August 27

SATURDAY, August 28

SUNDAY, August 29

9:30 AM † Worship

† Communion Service



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August 8-15 Contributions for two weeks

General - \$9,501.12 Blank - \$45.00
Total - \$9,546.12 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

August 22: Janine Langemo, Lorraine Byland

August 23:

August 24: *St. Bartholomen, Apostle*

August 25:

August 26:

August 27: Kathy Fox, Nancy Binning,

Monica, Mother of Augustine

August 28: Doug James,

Augustine of Hippo, Pastor & Theologian

August 29: Alganesh Beyen,

The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist



August monthly group contact persons:
Doug & Jane Sell

Loraine Byland, James & Sarah Dahlke,
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.