

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Johann Ludwig Conrad Allendorf (1693-1773), a prolific eighteenth-century hymnist, authored "Jesus ist kommen, Grund ewiger Freude" (literally, "Jesus has come, the foundation of eternal joy"), which was first published in 1735. It became popular due to the 1736 publication of *Some Brand-New Hymns for the Praise of the Triune God and Toward the Wished-For Rich Edification of Many People*. That collection includes forty-five of Allendorf's hymns. He added eighty-seven more hymns in subsequent editions, few of which have been translated to English. Allendorf wrote his hymns as "hymns of love to Christ, the Lamb of God, and the Bridegroom of the believing Soul."

Allendorf's hymns, as with much poetry of the period, tends toward expansiveness: "Jesus ist kommen" originally contained twenty-three stanzas. Six were translated into English in the mid-1800s as "Jesus is come, O joy heaven-lighted", which appeared in the *Hymns of the Church Militant* (1858) of Anna Bartlett Warner, who is best known as the author of "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know."

Allendorf includes more than thirty titles for Jesus - in alphabetical order - in his twenty-three stanzas. "Alpha and Omega" (A und O in German) is the first of those designations, followed by others including Guarantor, Crown, Redeemer and King of Glory.

The composer of the tune JESUS IST KOMMEN, sometimes called COTHEN is unknown, although the alternate name suggests it was named for the city where Allendorf first became a minister. Settings of this hymn tune will be played as the prelude and postlude today.

Music in the Service:

644: The Church's One Foundation

849: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

533: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

Prelude: Partita on "Jesus Has Come" - John A. Behnke

Theme * Pastorale * Fantasia

Postlude: Toccata on "Jesus Has Come" - John A. Behnke

~The Organ Bench~

Hymn of the Month

In September we are starting a Hymn of the Month – one familiar to some, but also one that we hope many will learn every month. This first month we are starting with “The Church’s One Foundation” which was written in 1866 by Rev. Samuel Stone who was an Anglican priest. Stone’s Hymn was written as part of a series by him to celebrate the Creeds of the Church; this hymn in particular looking at the part of the creed that confesses the Church to be a creation of God and a place of His grace, longing for the return of Christ and the comfort that day brings.



Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers given by Bev Piepkorn

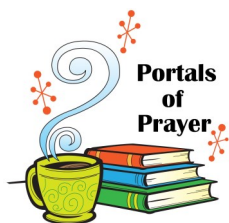


There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, **September 19**, after the 9:30 worship service. This will be IN PERSON and on ZOOM for those who can not come. The ZOOM link will be given at a later date.

The Jonathan house (738 Blair) will be starting construction work to upgrade the porch foundation. We are looking for a volunteer to supervise some of the construction work. Familiarity with tools and construction projects is required. The work will be happening mid September - mid October. Please contact Dan Baker ddbaker55114@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Subscribe to our “YouTube” channel!

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.



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

~Clarice~



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.

Are you feeling disconnected from others at church? Would you like to know and be known by more than your name, face and a few facts? Would you like to be part of a small group that intentionally meets to build friendships by talking about life, reading and reflecting on a scripture passage, and sharing prayer requests and thanksgivings? Meeting times, places and format will be shaped by those who express interest. Men, women, young and old are welcome! Please contact Sheila Schlechte at 651-746-4966 or at sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com.

Concordia ACADEMY

Concordia Academy Elementary & Middle School Athletics

Registration is still open for Concordia Academy's 7th-8th grade football team and 5th-8th grade Dance Team. These programs are open to students from any Twin Cities-area school and are designed to offer opportunities that will complement...not replace...the sports offerings at these students' current schools. In addition, our new Beacon Buddies program offers flag football, volleyball, soccer, and basketball camp options on Saturday mornings for students in 1st-4th grade. Information and registration can be found at www.concordiaacademy.com/beams.

Concordia Academy Craft Fair

The Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on November 13, and registration is now open for crafters and vendors. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair for details!

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Friends and family of Dan
Piepkorn

Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

All going back to school
Missions for Christ

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, September 12

9:30 AM

Worship

MONDAY, September 13

TUESDAY, September 14

WEDNESDAY, September 15

THURSDAY, September 16

FRIDAY, September 17

SATURDAY, September 18

SUNDAY, September 19

9:30 AM ✚

Worship

Voter's Meeting

✚ Communion Service



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Worship Service Stream at

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Online Giving:



August 22-Sept. 5 Contributions for three weeks

General - \$12,964.17

20x5 - \$5.00

Concordia Academy - \$10.00

Missions - \$245.00

Total - \$13,224.17 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

September 12: Jennifer Caquelin

September 13: Tarrie Culbert

September 14: *Holy Cross Day*

September 15:

September 16: Dan Baker,

Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr

September 17:

September 18: Christian Wussler, Jan Brubak

September 19:



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September monthly group contact persons:

Marie Benson

David & Diana Betts, Lynne Billing, Kathy
Fleischhacker, John & Colleen Heck, Megan &
Ryan Hoffman, Erica Moore, Walt & Reba
Peterson, Wayne & Dianne Warnest

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.