

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

September 26, 2021  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**In many times and places**, daybreak has been a time of prayer. Jews prayed in their synagogues at sunrise as well as other times each day. This Jewish pattern of prayer formed the basis of the Christian monastic "Daily Office," with its prayers or "hours" at seven times each day. Anglican and Lutheran revisions of the Daily Office reduced the number of services to two - one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or vespers). Eventually the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer.

Many elements of Morning Prayer come from the monastic hours of **Matins** (e.g. the *Venite*, or Psalm 95, and the *Te Deum*, a Latin hymn written in 387 A.D. attributed to St. Ambrose), **Lauds** (e.g. the *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*, or Daniel 3:56-88, the *Benedictus Dominus Deus*, or Luke 1:68-79, and the collect of the day), and **Prime** (e.g. a second "chapter" of scripture and the Apostles' Creed). Psalms were recited at every one of the offices, with the whole Psalter recited once a week.

Morning Prayer once was the chief Sunday service in many Anglican and Lutheran churches on three out of four Sundays, the First Sunday usually being a celebration of Holy Communion. For most, this practice has not continued because a service of both Word *and* Sacrament has been recognized as the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day. However, Morning Prayer is clearly designated as a daily service for the worship of the church, reflecting the ancient tradition of the Daily Office.

This morning our service will use the Liturgy of Morning Prayer.

#### **Music in the service:**

804: O Worship the King

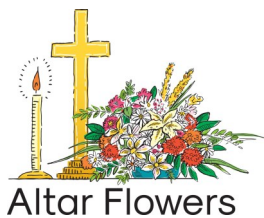
644: The Church's One Foundation

973: Thy Word Is a Lamp

Prelude: Open Our Eyes / Be Thou My Vision / Thy Word - setting by Mark Hayes

Postlude: Festive Prelude - Paul Fey

~The Organ Bench~



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Douglas and Jane Sell in honor of their grandson Andrew Sell's 15th birthday on September 25.

## Altar Flowers

### 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.

**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](mailto:sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com).

### Soul Talk Starting October 3rd

Has your heart ached for a friend going through a difficult time and you were not certain what to say? Have you longed for someone to be found in Christ but struggle with how to do that? Do you wish to encourage or give hope to those in the family of God but feel inadequate? Larry Crabb in his book, Soul Talk: the language God Longs for Us to Speak, does not tell you the magic words to say, but teaches us how to have the kind of meaningful conversations for which we were created.

Soul Talk is a language we speak when we deeply embrace a Spirit-led way of thinking about conversations. Soul Talk is a spiritual connection with another that:

- 1) uncovers the real battle going on in every human soul,
- 2) discerns the movement of the Spirit toward spiritual formation, and
- 3) pours the life of Christ from one person into another in order to facilitate that movement.

Suggested donation for the book is \$4. Meetings to discuss Soul Talk will start October 3rd after worship service and will continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. You are welcome to get a copy of the book even if you cannot attend the meetings. Please contact Sheila Schlechte if you are interested at [sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com) or 651-746-4966.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Roger Binning  
Joanne Borocki  
Corine Goodrich

### Blessings/Guidance

Jonathan House  
Concordia University

### Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

## Week Ahead

**SUNDAY, September 26**

9:30 AM

Worship

**MONDAY, September 27**

**TUESDAY, September 28**

3:00 PM

Parking lot food distribution

**WEDNESDAY, September 29**

2:00 PM

Fare For All food distribution

**THURSDAY, September 30**

**FRIDAY, October 1**

**SATURDAY, October 2**

**SUNDAY, October 3**

9:30 AM †

Worship

† Communion Service



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### Sept. 12-19 Contributions for three weeks

General - \$11,577.62

20x5 - \$5.00

Concordia Academy - \$10.00

Missions - \$10.00

Hoelscher memorial - \$50.00

**Total - \$11,652.62 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)**

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

September 26: Christopher Schonebaum

September 27: Savannah Caquelin

September 28:

September 29: *St. Michael and All Angels*

September 30: *Jerome, Translator of Holy Scripture*

October 1: Jonathan Culbert

October 2: Stephanie Sagstetter

October 3:



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October monthly group contact persons:

**Tarrie Culbert & Carol James**

Alganesh Beyen, Lee & Lois Bruss, Lam & Kate Cao, Rich & Tarrie Culbert, Matt Culbert, Doug & Carol James, Bob & Lois Holtz, Annie Overfors, Keith Rennerfeldt, Andrew Zimmerman, Doug & Pam Zimmerman

**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.