

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EBENEZER, the profound rolling tune to which we sing October's Hymn of the month, "Thy Strong Word", was composed by Thomas John Williams (1869-1944), from Wales. Although Williams worked in insurance, he also served as organist and choirmaster at local churches from 1903 until his death. Williams adapted the second movement of an anthem he had composed, "Goleu yn y Glyn" (Light in the Valley), however it was W. Gwenlyn Evans who heard the tune, copied it down and copyrighted it - even though the composer was still alive. The tune became popular in Wales then turned into a hymn tune, first published in 1890 in the "Handbook of Praise". The tune is also known as 'TON' Y BOTEL (Tune in a Bottle) because of a tale that appeared in a newspaper in 1902 which stated it had been found on the coast of North Wales in a sealed bottle that washed ashore, however it was Evans who gave this name to the tune. Settings of this tune will serve as our prelude and postlude today.

Music in the service:

578: Thy Strong Word

863: Our Father, by Whose Name

660: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

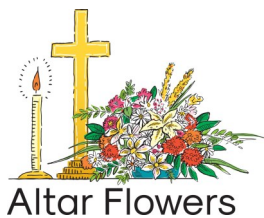
Prelude: Partita on "Thy Strong Word" - Benjamin M. Culli

* Tune * Meditation * Alla Marcia *

Communion: "It Is Well With My Soul" - setting by Jane La Rowe

Postlude: Toccata on "Thy Strong Word" - Benjamin M. Culli

~The Organ Bench~



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Jan Uden and Lynne Billing
Lynne Billing: in memory of her parents
Jan Uden: Thanksgiving for all who serve so that we can worship in the sanctuary

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**.

SoulTalk Discussion Today Online at 11 a.m.

What happens when Christ within you connects with another person in a way that moves both of you closer to God? This is SoulTalk. Today we will discuss the difference between Self-Talk and SoulTalk, as well as begin to address the need to look and see what is going on within our own soul. Link to join Zoom meeting is posted on the adult learning page on our website. Books are still available. Please consider reading the book even if you are unable to attend the class. Contact Sheila Schlechte with any questions, sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com

Stay Connected!

Have you found us on Facebook yet? During this season of being apart we're trying to engage members and congregational friends in prayer and conversation together through various Facebook posts. We invite you to join us: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintStephanusLCMS>



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 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

Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

LINC
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, October 3

9:30 AM ✚

Worship

MONDAY, October 4

1:00 PM LWML Bible Study at Taste of Scandinavia

TUESDAY, October 5

WEDNESDAY, October 6

THURSDAY, October 7

FRIDAY, October 8

SATURDAY, October 9

SUNDAY, October 10

9:30 AM

Worship

✚ Communion Service



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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Bible readings are located at

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under the "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at

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Online Giving:



Sept. 12-19 Contributions

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

October 3:

October 4: Emma Pagel

October 5: Richard Culbert, Senait Berhe

October 6:

October 7: Peggy Karger,

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor

October 8: Amy Gundermann,

Marlene Potter

October 9: Gayle Schonebaum,

Lavonne Karger, *Abraham*



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
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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.