

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY MANNA, the hymn tune for our opening hymn today, "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings", is one of the more popular hymn tunes from the genre of American folk tunes. First published in *The Columbian Harmony* in 1825, the true composer of the tune is unknown, although it is generally attributed to William Moore (19th century) of whom little is known, but he claimed credit for this tune, along with eighteen others, and also was influential in the publication of the hymnbook *Southern Harmony* in 1835..

The original words published with the tune, "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship", included the final line "Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around", which led to the tune's name. Currently it is paired with at least 49 different hymn texts, including the hymn we sing this morning. A setting with several variations on the tune will serve as our prelude today.

Music in the Service

782: Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

557: Seek Where You May to Find a Way

578: Thy Strong Word

Prelude: Variations on "Holy Manna" - Charles Callahan

* Moderato * Andante * Musette * Pedal Solo * Meditation * Finale *

Postlude "Thy Strong Word" - setting by Kevin Uppercue

~The Organ Bench~



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given in memory of Gretchen Trapp. Gretchen's earthly life ended 15 years ago. Gretchen's eternal life began 15 years ago. Gretchen's life is honored by Dale, Erica, Jennifer, Becky and Doree today!

Hymn of the Month

The hymn for this month is “Thy Strong Word.” Written by Rev. Dr. Martin Franzmann. October has for us at St. Stephanus the celebration of Confirmation and of the Reformation of Dr. Martin Luther and the emphasis on the power and efficacy of the Word of God for us – in Jesus and in the book we call the Bible. This hymn in its entirety takes us through the work of God from creation to fall, incarnation and redemption, and ultimately to the eternal praise of God. We also know that October is a month in which we begin to really notice the effects of shrinking daylight and the deeper darkness that starts to surround our days. The theme of light that runs through “Thy Strong Word” comes from Concordia Seminary’s motto of “Light from above” – blending our senses of hearing and sight together to see and experience the light that never goes dim in Jesus for us.

Concordia St. Paul is honored to host Dr. Jeffrey Kloha, Chief Curatorial Officer for the Museum of the Bible, as the featured speaker for the Vern Gundermann Reformation Lecture Series. The event will take place on Monday, October 11, in CSP's Buetow Music Auditorium and is free and open to the public. 6-6:45pm: Dessert Reception and Viewing of Luther Artifacts from the Museum of the Bible; 7-8:30pm: Lecture and Q&A.

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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.



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 10

9:30 AM

Worship

MONDAY, October 11

TUESDAY, October 12

3:00 PM

Food distribution

WEDNESDAY, October 13

THURSDAY, October 14

FRIDAY, October 15

SATURDAY, October 16

SUNDAY, October 17

9:30 AM †

Worship

† Communion Service



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Sept. 26-Oct. 3 Contributions for 2 Sundays

General - \$8,465.07

Hoelscher memorial - \$ 100.00

Total - \$8565.07 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

October 10:

October 11: *Philip the Deacon*

October 12:

October 13: Genna Curtis

October 14: Lynn Thompson, Oliver Bauch

October 15:

October 16:

October 17: *Ignatius of Antioch*



OCTOBER 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.