

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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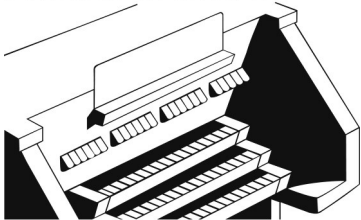


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

From the **ORGANIST**



Today's closing hymn, "Christ Be My Leader", was penned by Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926), who began writing comic verse while a student at Cambridge, and moved on to writing hymns while a priest and later bishop of the Church of England. Dudley-Smith is credited with approximately four hundred hymn texts. The text is based on John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The tune, SLANE, is based on an old Irish folk tune, which was first published in the 1909 book *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs*. The tune is named after Slane Hill, a site in Ireland which was considered a sacred site dating back to Ireland's pre-Christian past. In 433, on the eve of

Bealtine (a Druidic holiday which fell in line with Easter), the pagan king Leoghaire Mac Neill declared that no fires were to be lit until the fire atop of Tara Hill, a Druidic sacred site, was lit. St. Patrick, against the king's wishes, went to Slane Hill and lit a candle to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. King Leoghaire, impressed with St. Patrick's courage, allowed him freedom to perform his missionary work through Ireland.

Music in the service:

690: Hope of the World

578: Thy Strong Word

861: Christ Be My Leader

Prelude: "The Quiet Sabbath" - James Southbridge

Communion: "He Is Lord/O Come Let Us Adore Him" - setting by Mark Hayes

Postlude: "Thy Strong Word" - setting by Kevin Hildebrand

~The Organ Bench~



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez thanking God for her mother (Mildred) who will be 83 years old on Oct. 22 and all the goodness He provides to us.

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.

Coming soon



Budget Meeting

The next Voter Meeting will be on Sunday November 21st after service. This will be on ZOOM so the link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.



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.

Prayers for Worship

As we've been gathering together for Worship we've been collecting prayers through our YouTube comments to use in worship. We recognize that not everyone is logged in or likes to have the comment section up during worship. If there are prayers you'd like us to include that week we invite you to submit them using this form: <https://forms.gle/JLDCstJFWRbu25PT7>

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Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Bev Piepkorn
Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Sharon Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, October 17

9:30 AM †

Worship

MONDAY, October 18

1:00 PM LWML Bible Study at Taste of Scandinavia

TUESDAY, October 19

WEDNESDAY, October 20

THURSDAY, October 21

FRIDAY, October 22

SATURDAY, October 23

SUNDAY, October 24

9:30 AM

Worship

† Communion Service



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Online Giving:



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 17: *Ignatius of Antioch*

October 18:

October 19: Kristen Rivera

October 20:

October 21:

October 22: Mildred Lopez

October 23: *St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr*

October 24: Scott Goodrich,
(50th) Organ dedication



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.