

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 24, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

From the  
**ORGANIST**



**On this date**, October 24, 1971, the Casavant organ was dedicated. This is the third organ in the history of St. Stephanus. The first organ was installed in 1900, a two-manual (keyboard) built by Vogelpohl & Spaeth Organ Builders out of New Ulm, MN which was purchased by the ladies of the congregation after five years of fundraising.. On May 4, 1925 during a remodeling of the sanctuary, a fire destroyed that organ. Later in that same year a three-manual organ built by the Reuter Organ Company, Lawrence Kansas, was dedicated on December 13. This instrument, showing the effects of age, was replaced with our current instrument built by the Casavant Frères Ltée, Saint-

Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada.

Here's some facts about the organ. There are two manuals (keyboards), each with 56 keys, and a pedalboard consisting of 32 notes. This organ is a "tracker", or mechanical-action instrument, which means that when a key is pressed there is a mechanical linkage that moves to allow the air to flow into the pipe of the appropriate note (some organs utilize an electrical signal between the key and the air valve), and was the first of its type to be installed in the Twin Cities. Buried inside the organ are an air pump to create air pressure, and a wind chest, or wood box, to hold a reserve of air to keep a constant pressure and therefore a steady tone.

There are 28 ranks (sets) of pipes, making up 21 stops (groupings) of pipes. Most stops, such as the *Flute* or *Trumpet* have one pipe for each note on the keyboard, while other stops such as the *Mixture* use 4 pipes for each note on the keyboard (in this case the pipes are tuned to different notes, essentially making a chord out of each note). Two of the stops omit the pipes for the lower part of the keyboard. Overall there are 1,176 pipes. Some of the larger pipes can be seen on the facade of the organ, while some of the smallest ones are the size of a Tootsie-Pop stick. The organ gets tuned twice a year, where each of the pipes are adjusted to bring it back into tune, so as you can imagine this takes a while.

Over the past fifty years this organ has served the congregation well, and was built to last. I thank you, the congregation, for allowing me the opportunity to play this wonderful instrument.

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

812: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

713: From God Can Nothing Move Me

578: Thy Strong Word

Prelude: Fantasia in G Minor - BWV 571 - Johann Sebastian Bach

Postlude: Air Majestueux from *Zoroastre* - Jean-Philippe Rameau, arranged for organ by Alexandre Guilmant (this piece was played as the prelude from the organ's dedication service).

~The Organ Bench~

## 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.



Altar Flowers

**Today’s Altar flowers are given by: Bruce and Clarice Anderson.** Thanksgiving for another blessed year of married life together. We also give thanks for the 50 year dedication of the Organ at St. Stephanus.

## Coming soon



Budget Meeting

The **IMPORTANT** next Voter Meeting will be on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> after the service. This will be on ZOOM and the link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

## Confirmation Class



**We lift high** in our prayers these 8 confirmation students who will be confirmed on Sunday, Oct. 31:

Sophie Baker

Oliver Bauch

Savannah Caquelin

Grace Connolly

Genna Curtis

Joshua Langemo

Zhenghong Schlechte

Micah Thompson

