

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

November 7, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

From the
ORGANIST



Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was a prolific figure recognized both for his influence in music in the early twentieth century English church as well as many other genres. His compositions include orchestra symphonies, concertos, choral works, chamber music, and music for films. His influence in church music was never greater than when he served as music editor of *The English Hymnal* in 1906, and co-editor for two other hymnals, including the *Oxford Book of Carols*.

Vaughan Williams's work is well represented in our hymnal, being credited with composing or creating the setting for twenty hymns. One commonality among the Vaughan Williams's compositions is the stately theme in the music. A piece created for the publication of *The English Hymnal* was "For All the Saints", which offered a tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams written for a text by William W. How (1823-97). How was known for his work in the London slums in the late 1800s, his poems, and his hymns of which many were written for children, with five of his works found in our hymnal. "For All the Saints" included two harmonizations in that original hymnbook, and those settings are both seen in our hymnal today. The first setting is designed for unison stanzas and the second for choral stanzas. The tune title means "without name" and follows a Renaissance tradition of naming certain compositions "Sine Nomine" if they were not settings for preexisting tunes. The Feast of All Saints has its roots back to the early 5th century church. As we celebrate the Communion of Saints today, commemorating both the saints in the company of heaven as well as those in our midst, let us "sing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Music in the Service:

336: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

677: For All the Saints

678: We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

Prelude: "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations - Edward Elgar

Communion: "For All the Saints" - setting by Mark Hayes

Postlude: Festival on "Sine Nomine" - Stephen L. Aber

A festival setting of "For All the Saints" can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orpLXWxxuTs>

~The Organ Bench~

Thank you to those who participated in the Festival Choir to enhance our worship service this past Sunday: Bill Johnson, Dale Trapp, John Schonebaum, Jackie Spiess, Sue Kressin, Marie Benson, Lois Thur, and especially Jim Radtke for pulling it all together. The choir anthem, heard after the sermon, was a piece written by Phil Radtke for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, "God Is Our Strength." Phil also wrote the tune, ST. STEPHANUS, for our church's 125th anniversary celebration.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Hymn of the Month

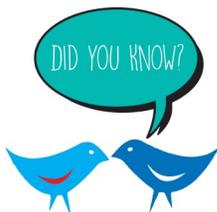
The Hymn for this month is “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” by Charles Wesley. Typically, the readings for November look to the return of Christ in His glory before we pivot to the first coming of Christ in human flesh and we span the ending of the Church Year (and the Season of Pentecost) for the Season of Advent that culminates in our celebration of Christmas. This hymn, which our hymnals place in the Advent section, is an excellent hymn to focus our hearts and minds on both of these appearances of Jesus, one which has been and one which is longed for. This hymn was written by the incredibly prolific Charles Wesley, who wrote over 6,500 hymns – including “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” along with one of my favorites, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.” - Pastor Thompson

A big thank you to those who joined in the Choir this last Sunday. If you're interested in being included for future special choral opportunities, please contact Jim Radtke.



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by: **Lynne Heuton**



BEFORE THE SERVICE:

There will be a basket along with paper and pens, located on the table in the Narthex (where we keep the worship folders, offering plate and Kleenex). You may use the slips of paper in the basket to write your prayer request and place it in the collection box, from where it will be communicated to Pastor.

Coming soon



Budget Meeting

The **IMPORTANT** Voter Meeting will be on Sunday **November 21st** after the service. This will be on ZOOM and 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”. 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.

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://](https://www.facebook.com/SaintStephanusLCMS)

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Essential Items Bag for Children Entering Foster Care

In Minnesota, approximately 185 children each week go into foster care. These children have a story and a past, but did you know that most of these children enter into foster care with only the clothing on their back? The children go to an unfamiliar place, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, and may have to ask these strangers for a tooth-brush, shampoo and clean clothes. Safe Haven Foster Shoppe is dedicated to helping children find comfort while placed in foster care and provides essential items to foster children. Would you like to help fill a backpack or duffel bag to benefit a foster child? Items must be new. Each bag is personalized for child's age, gender, and size. If you would like to contribute any of the items below, contact sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com or call Sheila at 651-746-4966. Bags will be delivered in early December. A Thrivent grant is being used to assist in this project. For more information you can also go to safehavenfostershoppe.org

Teen Bag {Ages 13 & Up – Size S, M, L, XL}

- ✦ Large backpack or duffel bag
- ✦ One (1) Set of Pajamas
- ✦ One (1) Outfit
- ✦ Socks
- ✦ Underwear
- ✦ Blanket
- ✦ Pillow
- ✦ Toothbrush, Toothpaste & Floss
- ✦ Shampoo, Conditioner and Body wash
- ✦ Hair Brush and/or comb
- ✦ Deodorant
- ✦ Books

Do you see a need in the community that tugs at your heart?

What if you could be given \$250 to host a fundraiser, service activity or education event for this need? Would you like to know how? Most Thrivent members are allowed two grants per year. Non-Thrivent members can open a credit union account (with a minimum of \$1) to access one grant a year. St. Stephanus' Live Generously Action Committee is available to support you! Want an idea? Need help with applying for a grant? Want help with implementing the event, service or fundraiser? Please contact Cherie Fleischhacker at 651-348-9051 or ckfleis@yahoo.com or Emmy Treichel at 651-645-3044 or emmytreichel@gmail.com

A month of Thanksgiving!

During November we're spending some intentional time on gratitude. To help with that we'll be sharing a daily verse or passage from scripture to help focus our hearts. You can find these verse on our Facebook page, website, or receive them via text by texting @sslcdaily to 81010.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Bev Piepkorn
Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Corine Goodrich
Dan Bruss
Sarah Culbert
Erin Betts
Amy Haase
Brett Raben

Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 7

9:30 AM ✠ (All Saints) Worship

MONDAY, November 8

TUESDAY, November 9

WEDNESDAY, November 10

THURSDAY, November 11

FRIDAY, November 12

SATURDAY, November 13

SUNDAY, November 14

9:30 AM Worship

✠ Communion Service



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Worship Service Stream at

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Online Giving:



Oct. 25-31 Contributions

General - \$12,443.07

Total - \$12,443.07 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

November 7: Kyle Munoz, Mark Lageson

November 8: Andrew Wussler,

Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's Father Confessor

November 9: John Heck, *Martin Chemnitz (birth),*

Pastor & Confessor

November 10: Lexi Miller

November 11: Diana Betts,

Doug Zimmerman, Karen Mohrland,

Martin of Tours, Pastor

November 12:

November 13:

November 14: *Emperor Justinian, Christian Ruler &*

Confessor of Christ



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November monthly group contact person:

Judy Brinkman

Bill & Joan Baker, Joanne Borocki, Redazgi Habtezgi & Mana Goytom, Marc & Melissa Karger, Leonard & Katie Miller, Candace & Todd Pagel, Bev Piepkorn, Stephanie Sagstetter, Jim & Karen Siegel

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.