

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

November 14, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

From the
ORGANIST



The tune for this month's Hymn of the Month, "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending", is HELMSLEY. The tune is attributed to Thomas Olivers (1725-99), who was born in Wales. Olivers was orphaned at age four, and eventually began working as an apprentice to a shoemaker - a career he kept his entire life. When he was eighteen, Olivers heard the preacher George Whitefield and was moved to join the Methodist Society, eventually becoming a traveling preacher working under John Wesley. Originally called "Olivers" and later renamed "HELMSLEY" after a small village in Yorkshire, England, the tune is rumored to be based on a local folk tune, and came into popularity when reharmonized by the Ralph Vaughan Williams for his publication of *English Hymnal* in 1906. Olivers is also credited with writing the words to another hymn found in our hymnal, "The God of Abraham Praise".

Music in the service:

509: Christ Is Surely Coming

508: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

336: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Prelude: "Nearer, My God, to Thee" - setting by Marianne Kim

Postlude: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" - setting by Stephen Burtonwood

~The Organ Bench~

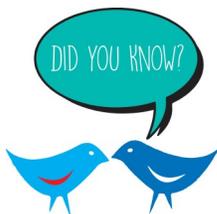
Hymn of the Month

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



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by: **Jane & Doug Sell** in recognition of daughter-in-law, Lisa Sell's birthday today



BEFORE THE SERVICE:

There is 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. The link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97793734958?pwd=MIFBVIRYYnFQYzBnU0I5WVNESHVqZz09> .



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.

Subscribe to our “YouTube” channel!

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.

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 ckflel@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
Dean Bruss
Sarah Culbert
Erin Betts
Amy Haase
Brett Raben

Blessings/Guidance

Mission for Christ
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 14

9:30 AM Worship

MONDAY, November 15

1:00 PM LWML Bible study at Taste of Scandinavia

TUESDAY, November 16

WEDNESDAY, November 17

2:00 PM Fare For All Food distribution in Lobby

THURSDAY, November 18

FRIDAY, November 19

SATURDAY, November 20

SUNDAY, November 21

9:30 AM ✚ Worship
Voter's meeting on ZOOM after church

✚ Communion Service



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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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Worship Service Stream at
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Oct. 25-31 Contributions

General - \$12,443.07

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

November 14: *Emperor Justinian, Christian Ruler & Confessor of Christ*

November 15: Kate Cao, Kaye Nuechterlein, Owen Schonebaum

November 16:

November 17: Jackie Spiess

November 18:

November 19: Anthony Nissen, *Elizabeth of Hungary*

November 20:

November 21:



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.