

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday Prelude: O Sacred Head now Wounded—setting by Paul Fey

Wipo of Burgundy (ca 995-after1048) was a chaplain to the Emperor Konrad II who was known as a poet and composer. One of his writings, the Easter sequence *Victimae paschali laudes*, can be found in part in our hymnal as #460, "Christians, to the Paschal Victim," with portions of the original seven sections alternated with the hymn "Christ Is Arisen." Jane Leeson (1808-81) also translated the sequence, which appears in our hymnal as our hymn of the day today, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) was a German-born composer who spent most of his career in London. In 1741, Handel, deep in debt after several musical failures, composed a work based on the life of Jesus Christ for a benefit performance to help free men from debtor's prison. The first performance of *Messiah* in Dublin on April 13, 1742 was a huge success, but the oratorio wasn't met with the same success in London as it was cancelled after just a handful of performances. Handel performed portions of the music at a concert in London in 1749, and this time it was so well received that the performance of the entire oratorio began an annual Eastertime tradition through the 1770s. Théodore Dubois (1837-1924), a French composer transcribed the *Hallelujah Chorus* from this oratorio for organ - this version will serve as our postlude today.

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Music in the Service:

465: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

463: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

467: Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

490: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Prelude:

Christ Arose - setting by John Ferguson

Christ Is Arisen - setting by Anton Wilhelm Leupold

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - setting by Phil Lehenbauer

Postlude: Hallelujah Chorus - G.F. Handel, transcribed Théodore Dubois



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez in gratefulness for family.
Also given by Cheryl Smith.

A memorial service for Sylvia Berg will be held on Friday, April 14th, at 4pm with a meal to follow. The congregation is welcome to attend.

Offering Envelopes Are In - Finally! Our 2023 Church Offering Envelopes have arrived. The supplier was facing serious labor and supply chain issues. We are exploring several alternatives for next year including a different supplier, alternatives to the current envelopes, or eliminating envelopes entirely. We would welcome any suggestions you might have. Please contact Lynne Heuton or Sue Kressin with your comments or suggestions. Envelopes can be picked up in the Narthex beginning Easter Sunday.

The St. Stephanus Connections Newsletter - The Parish Planning, Evangelism, and Stewardship Committees are jointly publishing a monthly newsletter. Our purpose is to celebrate and communicate what is happening within our church community. If you are not receiving the newsletter please contact Lynne Heuton or Megan Hoffman. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter contact Lynne Heuton by the 28th of the month to get it in the following month.



LWML St. Paul Metro Zone Spring Rally
April 15, 2023

Jehovah Lutheran Church

1566 Thomas Ave, St. Paul. MN 55104

9 AM registration with refreshments, \$5 fee

9:30-11:30 program

"A Broom is a Gift of God"

Stories and insights from the mission field. Sharing the Gospel through your vocation.

Speaker: Dr. Richard Carter, Missionary to Hong Kong

Bible Study, Fellowship, LWML News, offering to District

Planning to attend? Please notify Beth at 651-631-8956 (leave a message on the answering machine) or email her at stpaulmetrozp@mnslwml.org by **April 10**

Gifts from the Heart: which are to be taken to the National Convention

- Used eyeglass (MOST Ministries)
- Items for Phil's Friends- "hope to those affected by cancer"-puzzle books, journals, playing cards, fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet, baseball), Walmart gift cards (any denomination)

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Ben Goodrich
Karen Trudeau
Joan Brown

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Camp Omega

Shut-ins

Lorraine & Karen Byland
Ron & Mary Bisping
Larry Clemmensen

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 9 Easter Sunday

9:30 AM ✝ Worship
10:30 AM Easter Brunch

MONDAY, April 10

TUESDAY, April 11

WEDNESDAY, April 12

THURSDAY, April 13

FRIDAY, April 14

SATURDAY, April 15

SUNDAY, April 16

9:30 AM ✝ Worship
10:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

✝ Communion Service



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Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM
Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Bible readings are located at
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under the "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
www.saintstephanus.org

Submit prayer requests at
<https://forms.gle/JLDCstJFWRbu25PT7>

April Contributions (1 week)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$3,185 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$3,238/wk.

Contributions for 2023 (14 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$63,355=\$4,525/wk (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$71,259=\$5,090/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$10,314

Funds in Restricted Accounts (32 accounts): \$5f,872

Note: Current expenses are \$28,770 higher than Current Income

Upcoming Birthdays,

Feasts & Commemoration

April 9: Eileen Vierow, Simon Heck

April 10: Jonah Volker

April 11:

April 12: Ana Thompson

April 13: Cameron Connolly,

Mickey Zinter

April 14:

April 15:

April 16:



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.

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