

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

Jean Tisserand (d. ca. 1497), a Franciscan friar, was a popular Parisian preacher who founded a home for wayward girls around 1492. Several of his writings appeared in print during the decades following his death, one of which, published sometime between 1518 and 1536, contained the hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King." Originally in nine stanzas, this "Alleluia for the day of Easter" was subsequently expanded by an anonymous author to twelve, with the story of Thomas and his doubts about the resurrected Jesus receiving additional attention. The hymn as found in our hymnal contains stanzas from both authors. The hymn's popularity continued to increase, and it is still sung today in Latin in Catholic churches that retain that language. Tisserand utilized the resurrection narratives from all four Gospels in his hymn, with the emphasis on the Gospel according to St. John. Two settings of this hymn are found in our hymnal, the tune we will sing today, "O FILII ET FILLAE" comes from the first line of text in the original Latin, and is in the style of a folk hymn called a *cantinelles*, which was popular during the late Middle Ages in southeastern France.

He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Music in the Service:

482: This Joyful Eastertide

471: O Sons and Daughters of the King

640: Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

473: Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

Prelude: Offertory upon "O Filii" - Alexandre Guilmant

Postlude: Prelude on "O Filii Et Fillae" - Healey Willan



Thank you to the Festival Choir for the outstanding singing, for Jim & Michael for the instrumentals, Rich Carter for being a fantastic drummer, and for Jim leading the Festival Choir.



Today's Altar flowers are given by Lennea Lopez to Jan & Ron Brubak & Wayne Warnest in thanks for their many years of hard work at St. Stephanus.

Altar Flowers

A service of remembrance will be held for Sylvia Berg on Friday, April 14th, at 4pm. A visitation with the family will follow until 8. The congregation is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Worship Notes:

April 23rd, The Concordia Academy choir will be joining us for worship. Rev. Dr. Tim Berner will share a message and lead the Bible Study.

April 30th, We have ONE service at 11AM with the Eritrean congregation and a lunch to follow. We look forward to sharing in this joint worship opportunity. There will be NO service at 9:30AM on this day.

The St. Stephanus Lutheran and the Eritrean Congregations will have their joint worship and lunch on **Sunday, April 30**. We hope that many of the parishioners from both congregations will attend. There is no charge for the lunch, but **reservation are required**. You may register at church on April 16 with any member of the Parish Life Committee or you may call Emmy at (651)645-3044, or e-mail emmytreichel@gmail.com.

Our Committee would welcome any volunteers to help us set up on Saturday, April 29, or serve on the 30th. We will have the main meal catered, but we are hoping to provide some very typical American Lutheran and Eritrean dishes so will appreciate any food you would like to bring.

We believe this is an opportunity for some very meaningful Christian fellowship. Our Parish Life Committee will very much appreciate your participation.

Many thanks to all who worked to make our Easter morning worship and fellowship happen this last week. The many blessings of the community working together are always a wonder to behold. Blessings on your continued celebrations in the season of Easter!

-Pastor Thompson

Update from the Church Governance Committee

The goal of this committee is to identify structures that will foster our shared ministry at St. Stephanus. The committee has met a few times to discuss many things about this task. In order for St. Stephanus to move forward wisely, starting in May we will require your input. Stay tuned....

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.



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.

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

Ben Goodrich
Karen Trudeau
Joan Brown
Jon Marschke
Joyce Adams
Joann Johansen

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Camp Omega

Shut-ins

Marian Harmening
Bob & Lois Holtz
Bev. Piepkorn

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 16

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

MONDAY, April 17

TUESDAY, April 18

WEDNESDAY, April 19

6:30 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY, April 20

4 PM Food Distribution

FRIDAY, April 21

SATURDAY, April 22

SUNDAY, April 23

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

✙ Communion Service



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OFFICE HOURS:
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
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Submit prayer requests at
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April Contributions (2 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$9,893 = \$4,947/wk (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$11,331 = \$5,666/wk.

Contributions for 2023 (15 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$70,063 = \$4,671/wk (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$79,352 = \$5,290/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$8,069

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$52,847

Note: Current expenses are \$31,127 higher than income

Payroll is usually \$8,000+ (next payroll is April 29)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 16:

April 17: Keith Rennerfeldt

April 18: Diribe Desissa

April 19:

April 20: Karen Siegel,

Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor

April 21: David Zinter,

Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian

April 22:

April 23: Ethan Cao, Jaz Muhammad



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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