

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 23, 2023  
Third Sunday of Easter

**Our Hymn of the Day today**, as we continue the Season of Easter, is "With High Delight Let Us Unite." This hymn by Georg Vetter (1536-99) was first published in 1566, a year before the author's ordination to the priesthood of the *Unitas Fratrum*, in a collection of six hymns dedicated to the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II. The hymn also appears in a collection of Wittenberg hymns from 1573. Aside from these hymns, Vetter's other known writings are in Czech. The original hymn was thirteen stanzas long and featured an acrostic, with each of the thirteen letters in the phrase "Mediator Jesus" (a reflection, perhaps of Hebrews 9:15, "He is the mediator of a new covenant") used in turn as the first letter of a stanza. After centuries of disuse, four stanzas of the hymn were brought back in a 1932 collection. Condensed to three stanzas in the *Evangelisches Kirchengesangbuch* (1950), it was appointed Hymn of the Day for Jubilate Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter, in the German evangelical churches.

Our translation by Martin Franzmann (1907-76) first appeared in the Missouri Synod's *Worship Supplement* of 1969. It is notable for Franzmann's gifted and meticulous preservation of Vetter's original rhyme scheme, in which lines 1 and 2 rhyme, also 4 and 5, 7 and 8, and 9 and 10, while lines 3, 6, and 11 also rhyme with one another, forming the rhyme scheme AA B CC B DD EE B.

Settings of the tune MIT FREUDEN ZART, which is named after the first line of the original text in German, will be played for prelude and postlude today.

## Music in the Service:

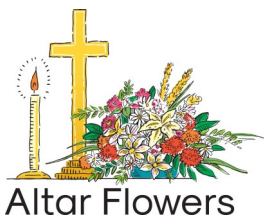
474: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

483: With High Delight Let Us Unite

477: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

**Prelude:** Canonic Variations on "With High Delight" - Raymond D. Haan

**Postlude:** Fanfare on "With High Delight" - Brenda Portman



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Doug Zimmerman

Altar Flowers

**Thanks  
for Your  
Help!**

**Thank you** to Concordia Academy for helping lead our service this morning. This includes Mrs. Fritz and His People choir providing music, and Rev. Andrew Asp for the sermon.

**REMINDER: April 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

### **Joint worship service and lunch will be April 30**

St. Stephanus and the Eritrean congregations will have a joint worship service and lunch next Sunday. Worship will begin at 11 AM and lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost for the lunch, but reservations are requested no later than Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. The caterer requires the order on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Parish Life committee is catering the main dish, but would appreciate if some of our members will bring a side dish; ex: salad, vegetables and desserts. The Eritrean congregation will bring some of their ethnic dishes.

### **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....

**The PPC met** and has decided to have the next Voter Meeting on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> after Service. General Church Business will be discussed.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> of the month to get it in the following month.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Ben Goodrich  
Karen Trudeau  
Joan Brown  
Joyce Adams  
Joann Johansen

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy  
International Association for  
Refugees

### Shut-ins

Marlene & Ed Potter  
Sharen Kappes  
MaryAnn Weckwerth

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, April 23

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

### MONDAY, April 24

### TUESDAY, April 25

### WEDNESDAY, April 26

### THURSDAY, April 27

### FRIDAY, April 28

### SATURDAY, April 29

### SUNDAY, April 30

11 AM Joint Worship  
After worship Lunch  
✝ Communion Service



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Bible readings are located at  
[www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org)  
under the "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at  
[www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org)

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

### April Contributions (3 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$11,455 = \$3,818/wk (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$13,001 = \$4,334/wk.

Counting for the third week of April incomplete

### Contributions for 2023 (16 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$71,625 = \$4,477/wk (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$81,022  
= \$5,064/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$8,311

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$52,104

Note: Current expenses are \$31,629 higher than income

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

## Upcoming Birthdays,

### Feasts & Commemoration

April 23: Ethan Cao, Jaz Muhammad

April 24:

April 25: *St. Mark, Evangelist*

April 26: Michael Bauch

April 27:

April 28:

April 29:

April 30: Lynne Heuton



### 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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