

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

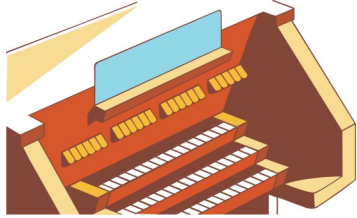
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

From the **ORGANIST**



The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won: Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The Latin hymn "Finita iam sunt praelia" appeared in a book of music for Jesuit schools, *Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum* (Cologne, 1695). Assertions have been made that the text dates from as early as the twelfth century, but no evidence for it exists from before 1695. The text may in fact be older, but it is difficult to know for sure, as books from the seventeenth century are

not yet well represented in searchable digital collections. The only English translation in common use today is by Francis Pott (1832-1909), who published it in his *Hymns Fitted to the Order of Common Prayer* (London, 1861). Today, on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, let us proclaim "The strife is o'er!"

Music in the Service:

464: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

633: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

644: The Church's One Foundation

722: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Prelude: Partita on "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" - Kenneth T. Kosche

Postlude: The Strife Is O'er - setting by Wilbur Held



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lenna Lopez to Lynn Billing for all the work you do for St. Stephanus and flowers also from Lee & Lois Bruss.

Senior Blessing! Join us on Sunday, June 11th to pray over our High School seniors as we celebrate their graduation.



Fan the Flame! Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday. A day when the church celebrates the Holy Spirit moving through the world. We reflect on the story of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples through tongues of flame (Acts 2). Traditionally red is the liturgical color of Pentecost. This year we thought it could be fun to fill the sanctuary with our own moving flames of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to wear red, orange, or yellow on this day so that as we move together in worship we are reminded of the Holy Spirit that resides in us all.

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://www.facebook.com/SaintStephanusLCMS> .

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.

St. Stephanus Church Spring Cleaning. On Saturday, May 20, the Parish Life Committee is asking volunteers to come to church for a traditional spring cleaning activity. We will begin at 9 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon when we have completed our tasks. The sign-up sheet is on the Parish Life table in the lobby or tell one of the committee members.

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

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Ben Goodrich
Karen Trudeau
Joan Brown
Joyce Adams
Joann Johansen

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
LINC

Shut-ins

Clarence & Yoshiko Benson
Lisa Bisping
Ruth Bittner

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 7

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

MONDAY, May 8

TUESDAY, May 9

WEDNESDAY, May 10

6:30 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY, May 11

FRIDAY, May 12

SATURDAY, May 13

SUNDAY, May 14

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
www.saintstephanus.org
under the "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
www.saintstephanus.org

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

April Contributions (5 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$36,726 = \$7,345/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$38,813 = \$7,763/wk.

Contributions for 2023 (18 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$96,896 = \$5,383/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$106,835 = \$5,935/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$14,067

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$52,320

Note: Current expenses are \$25,958 higher than income

Payroll is usually \$8,000+ (next payroll is May 15th)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 7: C. F. W. Walther, Theologian

May 8: Admasu Mekonen

May 9: Job

May 10: Matt Caquelin

May 11: Jill Brown, Larry Clemmensen,
Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs

May 12: Amy Fleischhacker

May 13:

May 14: Brody Dahlke



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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