

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

From the
ORGANIST



In its earliest publication in 1851, Matthew Bridges (1800-94) preceded the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" with the heading "In capite ejus, diademata multa" ("On his head were many crowns"). This was three years after his conversion from the Church of England to Roman Catholicism, a religion he had strongly critiqued as a younger man. In the 1870s, some objections were raised to the text, probably due to imagery included in the hymn, however specifically what those objections are has been lost to time. In response, Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) wrote a modified version, which was published in 1874 under the title "Crown Him with crowns of gold." This

version included the footnote "The greater part of this hymn was originally written at the request of the Rev. H. W. Hutton, to supply the place of some of the stanzas in Matthew Bridge's well-known hymn, of which he and others did not approve; it was afterwards thought better to rewrite the whole, so that the two hymns might be kept entirely distinct." LSB, like most hymnals, uses a composite of these two versions with stanzas 1 through 3 by Bridges and stanzas 4 and 5 by Thring.

Another version was written by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), who added a social dimension, His first stanza began "Crown Him upon the throne of justice and of right." Our previous hymnal, Lutheran Worship, used the same text as LSB, but also included an additional stanza by Bridges beginning "Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time," which is actually a combination of parts of two original stanzas.

The tune, DIADEMATA, which is derived from Latin for "crowns", was penned by George J. Elvey (1816-1893) for this hymn.

Music in the Service:

525: Crown Him with Many Crowns

539: Christ Is the World's Redeemer

623: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

664: Fight the Good Fight

Prelude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" - Richard deCosta

Postlude: Toccata on "Crown Him with Many Crowns" - Robert Bailey



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by: Doug Zimmerman



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.

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

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.

Happy
Birthday
St. Stephanus !





Today is the Voter's meeting. General church business will be discussed.

Visitor Training

Interested in becoming a friendly visitor to one or more of our shut-ins? Wondering what to do? How to do it? Join Pastor Thompson on Saturday, **June 3rd from 10-11:30 AM** for a conversation about visitation and some practical wisdom for interactions with various people. Please **RSVP** to Pastor at 612-750-3727 or pastor@saintstephanus.org to let me know you're coming.

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>

National Neighborhood Night Out

At our congregational brunch, some people expressed a wish to host a National Neighborhood Night out gathering for the community. Designated funds are available for this event, but we need a group of volunteers and someone to lead this group in the planning. If you are interested, please contact sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com



Congregation Survey Replies Needed

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church wants to hear the voice of every person that participates or supports the ministry of our congregation. Because our current structure has many holes, we are looking at changing our governing structure. How we view ourselves as a congregation will influence what will best meet our needs moving forward. Each person is highly recommended to submit their own form. A person may submit a paper form (copies and collection box

are available in the church lobby) or complete an electronic version: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD-7ZB6e0UKzzT0-FEjHoYcGG8HAdvlDeg4s01dKHLRzUyDg/viewform?usp=sf_link Forms may be submitted through **May 28**. The governance committee will assume that a survey not completed is a vote for decline with grace.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Ben Goodrich
Karen Trudeau

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Missions of Christ Network

Shut-ins

Marian Harmening
Bob & Lois Holtz
Bev. Piepkorn

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 21

9:30 AM ✙ Worship
After worship Voter's meeting

MONDAY, May 22

TUESDAY, May 23

WEDNESDAY, May 24

6:30 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY, May 25

FRIDAY, May 26

SATURDAY, May 27

SUNDAY, May 28

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



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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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May Contributions (2 week)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$11,473=\$5,737/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$13,524=\$6,762

Contributions for 2023 (20 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$108,370=\$5,419/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$120,359=\$6,018/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$13,827

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$51,675

Note: Current expenses are \$26,724 higher than income for 2023

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 21: Connie Petersen,
Emperor Constantine, Christian Ruler, &
Helena, Mother of Constantine

May 22:

May 23: Davis Omosowon

May 24: *Esther*

May 25: *Bede the Venerable, Theologian*

May 26: St. Stephanus, Yoshiko Benson

May 27: Andrew Temme, Tim Mohrland,
Zach Langemo

May 28:



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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