

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

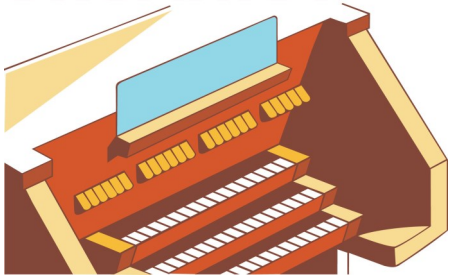
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

June 4, 2023  
The Holy Trinity

## From the **ORGANIST**



**The canon of nineteenth-century English hymnody** was never more ennobled than by the contribution of "Holy, Holy, Holy" from the fertile pen of Reginald Heber (1783-1826). While serving as rector of a rural parish at Hodnet, Shropshire, this man of exceptional literary credentials sought to make what he called the "powerful engine" of hymnody harmoniously serve the liturgy, lectionary, preaching, and calendar of the Church. To this end, "Holy, Holy, Holy" was written specifically for Trinity Sunday. Based on the festival pericope of Revelation 4:8-11, the hymn uses a judicious economy of language to profess the highest divine mystery. It is an objective and regal hymn without the pretentious ornamentation often associated with the pre-Victorian era in which the hymn was written.

A devout and beloved pastor, Heber was conscious of the holiness of God. He desired his parish members to voice the same. Whether mindful of homeland vices or pained by the specter of idol worship during the last three missionary years of his life serving in far-flung India, Heber would frequently write "Only Thou art holy." It is said that the English poet laureate Alfred Tennyson regarded "Holy, Holy, Holy" as an archetype of sacred poetry. Its greatness both in majestic trinitarian doctrine and in clarity of form has been recognized by nearly two centuries of uninterrupted usage, innumerable translations, and inclusion in nearly every English-language hymnal. ~Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns

### **Music in the Service:**

504: Father Most Holy

601: All Who Believe and Are Baptized

940: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

507: Holy, Holy, Holy

**Prelude:** Prelude on NICAEA - P. C. Lutkin

**Postlude:** All Glory Be to God on High - Friedrich Wilhelm Markull



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Doug Zimmerman



**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.

### 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> .

### Help us Celebrate!

St. Stephanus is 133 years old, can you believe it!? We would love to fill our bulletin board in the fireside room with photos of our members - and the things you love, or your favorite memories of St. Stephanus. You're invited to print off a photo of you and your family and add it to the board (or email it to [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org) to be printed) and visit the board to add your favorite things and memories!

### Summer Storytime in Simon's Garden!

Children are invited to join us on Sundays in Simon's Garden for Sunday School Storytime. All ages are welcome - content is geared towards 3-8 year olds. Have a story you love? A special interest you'd like to share with the kids? We'd love to have you join us! Sign-up to be a storytime guest reader by emailing Megan at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org)

### June Food Distribution - Volunteers Needed (6/15)

Some of our regular volunteers are on vacation for our June Food Distribution and we are in need of a few more hands. Would you join us? Shifts available from 3-6:30 pm. Contact Megan at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org) with questions or to sign-up! (Teens 12 - 18 and up are welcome to come without a parent but will need a signed permission form).

### Next Blood Drive: July 28th 12-6pm.

Sign-up here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ststephanus>

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

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau

### Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega

### Shut-ins

Clarence & Yoshiko Benson

Lisa Bisping

Ruth Bittner

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, June 4

9:30 AM ✚

Worship

10:45 AM

Bible Study

10:45 AM

Sunday School story time in the garden

### MONDAY, June 5

### TUESDAY, June 6

### WEDNESDAY, June 7

### THURSDAY, June 8

### FRIDAY, June 9

### SATURDAY, June 10

### SUNDAY, June 11

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✚ Communion Service



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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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>

### May Contributions (4 weeks) incomplete

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$20,693=\$5,173/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$2,959 = \$740/week
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$23,652=\$5,913

### Contributions for 2023 (22 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$117,590=\$5,345/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$12,897 = \$586/week
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$130,487=\$5,931/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$6,750

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$50,061

**Note:** Current Expenses: \$166,029

Current Expenses are \$35,542 higher than total income for 2023

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

June 4: Grace Connolly

June 5: *Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans*

June 6: Matt Hanan, Meaza Ogbazghi

June 7: Andrew Zimmerman, Arnie Johnson,  
Emily Stanzyk

June 8: Sarah Dahlke

June 9:

June 10: Bruce Karger

June 11: *Barnabas, Apostle*



### 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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