

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

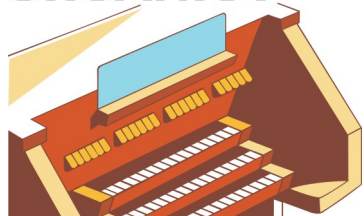
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 27, 2023
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the
ORGANIST



Today's closing hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," was penned by Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), a pastor in Glasgow, Scotland. An avid poet, Smith published several hymns in the 1867 book *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*. "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" was originally published as six stanzas of four lines, headed "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God," from 1 Timothy 1:17. A later publication, in 1906, paired the words with the tune we sing today, ST DENIO, also known as JOANNA. The name ST DENIO likely is either after St. Deiniol, a sixth century Bishop of Bangor in Wales, or possibly after the church parish of St. Denio Cilrbedyn in Carmarthenshire, Wales. This tune is commonly thought to be derived from a Welsh folk song, "A hundred years from now."

Music in the Service:

909: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

645: Built on the Rock

802: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prelude: Built on the Rock - settings by Robert G. Farrell & Gilbert M. Margin

Postlude: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - Setting by Dan Forrest, arr. by Douglas E. Wagner



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez Walt & Reba Peterson and Cheryl Sura for all the work you do for St. Stephanus.



Make your marriage joyful! Communication is the key to a strong marriage. Give you and your spouse the gift of a joyful relationship by experiencing Lutheran Marriage Encounter together in the comfort of your own home! The next VIRTUAL (online) experience is scheduled Nov. 3-5. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Randy & Jill Sigler at randjsigler@alloponone.com or (402) 560-3475 for more information. Pre-registration is required to receive the materials you'll need for your experience via snail mail - don't miss out!



Scripture cake

2 cups	Jeremiah 6:20	Sugar
1 1/2 cups	Judges 5:25	Butter
6	Jeremiah 17:11	Eggs
4 1/2 cups	1Kings 4:28	Flour
2 teaspoons	Amos 4:5	Baking Powder
6 pinches of	Leviticus 2:13	Salt
2 cups	Nahum 3:12	Figs
1 cup	Numbers 17:8	Almonds
2 cups	1 Samuel 30:12	Raisins
As needed	2 Chronicles 9:9	Spices

Beat to a cream the first and second ingredients, and add the third, one at a time, and beat thoroughly. Combine remaining ingredients and add to first mixture. Season to taste with the last ingredient. Bake in oven, 1 1/2 hours.

(Found in the Centennial Cookbook (1890-1990))

Prayer Requests
Healing and Comfort

Marian Harmening
Clarence Benson
Jan Uden
Ed Potter
Karen Trudeau
Jack Rieth
Deb Holtz

Blessings/Guidance

LINC
Concordia Academy
Marriage of Rachel Bittner to
Daniel Diedrich

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Aug. 27

9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Sunday School story time in the garden

MONDAY, Aug. 28

TUESDAY, Aug. 29

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 30

THURSDAY, Aug. 31

FRIDAY, Sept. 1

SATURDAY, Sept. 2

SUNDAY, Sept. 3

9:30 AM ✝ Worship
10:45 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Sunday School story time in the garden

✝ Communion Service



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

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.

August Contributions (3 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$28,533=\$9,511/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$8,955=\$2,985/wk.
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$37,488=\$12,496/wk.

Contributions for 2023 (34 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$191,851=\$5,643/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$26,500=\$779/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$218,351=\$6,422/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$5,392

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$51,694

Note: Current Expenses: \$250,695 Current expenses are \$32,343 higher than total income for 2023

August 31st payroll had been deducted from the checking account balance

Upcoming Birthdays,

Feasts & Commemoration

Aug. 27: Kathy Fox, Nancy Binning, *Monica, Mother of Augustine*

Aug. 28: Doug James,
Augustine of Hippo, Pastor & Theologian

Aug. 29: Alganesh Beyen,
The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Aug. 30: Clarice Anderson, Joshua Langemo

Aug. 31: Nora Brown

Sept. 1: Logan Curtis, *Joshua*

Sept. 2: *Hannah*

Sept. 3: Jan Uden, Jingyan Schlechte,
Gregory the Great, Pastor



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Sharon Savard

Greeter: Rich Carter, Richard Johnson