

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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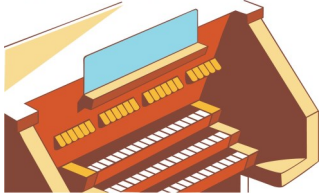


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the  
**ORGANIST**



**Sir George Elvey** (1816-1893) is best known for his hymn tunes, including seven found in our hymnal today for which he is credited (did you know that in the back of the hymnal is an index by composer/author?) Elvey was born into a musical family in Canterbury England, where as a boy he served as chorister in Canterbury Cathedral and soon began taking on more prominent singing parts in the church services there. In 1835, after studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London, Elvey was appointed to the coveted post of organist and chorus master at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Elvey held this post for forty-seven years, where he wrote many compositions, mostly for church service, but also including some for royal occasions.

Two of Elvey's most popular hymns are **DIADEMATA** ("Crown Him with Many Crowns") and **ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR** (Come, Ye Thankful People, Come). Among Elvey's organ works is a piece, "Rejoice in His Holy Name," which will be heard as our postlude today.

## **Music in the Service:**

869: With the Lord Begin Your Task

531: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

427: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

842: Son of God, Eternal Savior

**Prelude:** Sonata in C Minor (Grave & Adagio) - Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

**Postlude:** Rejoice in His Holy Name - Sir George Elvey



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Lennea Lopez to Tarrie Culbert & Marie Benson for all their devoted work to 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](mailto: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!



Have you found us on Facebook yet? 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.

**Thank you for your contributions to the Giving Tree School Supply Drive.** We had close to 900 items donated! The supplies will go to Union Gospel Mission, Trinity First in Minneapolis, and our neighborhood. The Parish Life Committee.



**Voters meeting on Sunday September 24th after service.** General church business will be discussed.

### **Concordia Academy BEAMS Middle School Basketball**

Registration is open for Concordia Academy's BEAMS Basketball program for girls and boys in Grades 5-8. This modified traveling program is designed to give students opportunities for athletic growth and competition that will complement... not replace...the sports offerings at their current schools. Practices start in October. Get details and register at [www.concordiaacademy.com/beams](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/beams).

### **Beacon Buddies 1st-4th Grade Soccer**

Concordia Academy's Beacon Buddies soccer program is a six-week Saturday morning soccer camp starting in September. Girls and boys in grades 1-4 will learn basic soccer skills and techniques in a fun, supportive environment! To get more information or register, go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/beaconbuddies](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/beaconbuddies).

**Prayer Requests**  
**Healing and Comfort**

Clarence Benson  
Jan Uden  
Ed Potter  
Sarah Culbert

**Blessings/Guidance**

Mission of Christ Network  
Concordia Academy  
Wedding of Erin Betts to  
Derek Lilja

**Shut-ins**

Clarence & Yoshiko Benson  
Lisa Bisping  
Ruth Bittner

**Week Ahead**  
**SUNDAY, Sept. 3**

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

**MONDAY, Sept. 4**

**Labor Day Holiday**

**TUESDAY, Sept. 5**

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 6**

**THURSDAY, Sept. 7**

**FRIDAY, Sept. 8**

**SATURDAY, Sept. 9**

**SUNDAY, Sept. 10**

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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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>

**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 (4 weeks)**

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$31,695=\$7,924/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$9,010=\$2,253/wk.
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$40,705=\$10,176/wk.

**Contributions for 2023 (35 weeks)**

- General fund (for church expenses): \$19,012=\$5,572/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$26,556=\$759/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$221,568=\$6,331/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$5,890

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$51,218

**Note:** Current Expenses: \$253,665 Current expenses are \$32,097 higher than total income for 2023

**Upcoming Birthdays,  
Feasts & Commemoration**

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

Sept. 4: *Moses*

Sept 5: *Zacharias & Elizabeth*

Sept. 6:

Sept. 7: Marc Karger

Sept. 8:

Sept. 9: Richard Johnson

Sept. 10: Phillip Radtke



**Serving in today's worship**

**Lector:** Jay Schlechte

**Communion Assistants:** Jim Radtke & Jane Sell

**Greeter:** Tarrie Culbert,

**Cantor:** Jim Radtke