

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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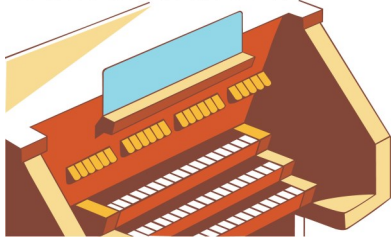


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Feb. 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

From the
ORGANIST



"Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him" was penned by Johann Daniel Herrnschmidt (1675-1723) in eight German stanzas for a 1714 hymnal. The tune was revised for this hymn from that of an earlier hymn based on Psalm 150, "Lobet den Herren aller Herren." Herrnschmidt's hymn is certainly one of the grandest anthems of praise we have, and it is a worthy paraphrase of Psalm 146 in eighteenth-century language. Our translation is based upon that of Alfred Brauer for the *Australian Lutheran Hymn Book* of 1922 but with revisions and new phrases added through our previous hymnals, TLH and LW.

Today's prelude is a Tiento, a musical form which originated in Spain in the mid-15th century, similar in form to the ricercar found in Italian music and the Baroque fugue common in German music. Juan Cabanilles (1644-1712), the composer of today's prelude, is one of Spain's most prominent baroque composers, sometimes called the Spanish Bach who served for 45 years as the Maestro di Cappella (Choir-Master) and organist at the Cathedral of Valencia.

Music in the Service:

797: Praise the Almighty

398: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

620: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

632: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

849: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Prelude: Tiento de 5° tono - Juan Cabanilles

Offering: Offertory (Dialogue) - Daniel E. Gawthorp

Postlude: Festive Postlude - Paul Fey



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Jerry & Jackie Spiess in thanksgiving of GOD'S love poured out in and thru our St Stephanus family. And in celebration of the birthdays of: Jackie's sister, Diane Routh (BD 2/6) and our daughter in law, Sara Yernberg (2/26).

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? 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> .



Concordia Academy Open House

Concordia Academy's open house on February 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, gives prospective students and families a great chance to see how CA prepares high school students for life through Christ-centered academics, formative character development, and robust extracurriculars. Meet teachers and students, take a tour, learn about programs, and see if CA is the right fit.

Please RSVP at www.concordiaacademy.com/openhouse.

Summer Camps at Concordia Academy

This summer, Concordia Academy offers dozens of camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Dance, Playmakers (with two full-day theater camps options), and Youth Worship Team. But there are also exciting new camps, including Adventures In Prose (a creative writing camp), Beacon Archery, and Young Scientists (for Grades 2-4). Get **details and register** at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

Documentary: Food Chains

February 11

Plan to watch this award-winning documentary following worship. Snacks will be provided, and a discussion will follow. Suggested age is 13 years and older.

In America, farm labor has always been one of the most difficult, poorly paid jobs and has relied on some of the nation's most vulnerable people. While the legal restrictions that keep people bound to farms have been abolished, exploitation still exists. Ranging from wage theft to modern-day slavery, this exploitation is perpetuated by the corporations at the top of the food chain.

“Food Chains” reveals the human cost in our food supply and the complicity of large buyers of produce like fast food and supermarkets. Supermarkets earn \$4 trillion globally and have tremendous power over the agricultural system. Over the past 3 decades they have drained revenue from their supply chain leaving farm workers in poverty and forced to work under subhuman conditions.

The narrative of the film focuses on an intrepid and highly lauded group of tomato pickers from Southern Florida—the Coalition of Immokalee Workers or CIW — who are revolutionizing farm labor. Their story is one of hope and promise for the triumph of morality over corporate greed — to ensure a dignified life for farm workers and a more humane, transparent food chain.



Bake Sale on February 25

Bakers and buyers are needed! All proceeds will go to **International Justice Mission**. IJM is a global organization that raises awareness about the truths of human trafficking and helps rescue survivors. They work with local communities to strengthen justice systems and bring criminals to justice. Children, women and men face the reality of modern slavery, exploitation and abuse every day because people in power prey on the vulnerabilities that poverty creates. For more information visit: <https://www.ijm.org/>

Prayer Requests

Healing/Peace

Karen Trudeau

Jeremy

Blessings/Guidance

Mission of Christ Network

Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Clarence & Yoshiko Benson

Lisa Bisping

Ruth Bittner

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Feb. 4

9:30 AM ✝

Traditional Worship

10:45 AM

Bible Study & Sunday School

MONDAY, Feb. 5

TUESDAY, Feb. 6

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7

THURSDAY, Feb. 8

FRIDAY, Feb. 9

SATURDAY, Feb. 10

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✝ Communion Service



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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>

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.

January Contributions (4 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$32,054 = \$8,014 (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$1,429 = \$357/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$33,483 = \$8,371

Contributions for 2024 (4 weeks):

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Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$28,583

Restricted Funds: \$57,586

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$316

Note: Current Expenses: \$46,018

Current Expenses are \$12,535 higher than current income

Upcoming Birthdays,

Feasts & Commemoration

Feb. 4: Matthew Culbert

Feb. 5: Deanna Westphall, *Jacob (Israel) Patriarch*

Feb. 6: David Betts, Hanna Temme

Feb. 7:

Feb. 8:

Feb. 9 Lennea Lopez

Feb. 10: *Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter & St. Paul*

Feb. 11:



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Lois Thur

Communion Assistants: Lennea Lopez

Greeter: Reba & Walt Peterson

Cantor: Lois Thur