

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Feb. 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent Sunday



Johann Sebastian Bach set out to create a compilation of chorales fitting for each Sunday of the church year, which could be used as a teaching tool for organ students. The result was a set of forty-six Lutheran hymn tunes called the *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book). The chorale prelude on "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß", (tr: "O man, bewail thy sins so great") is one of the longest of these settings. This is based on a hymn by Sebald Heyden describing the Passion in twenty-three stanzas. Chorale preludes of the time were often used as the hymn introduction, with the goal of putting the congregation in the right mood for singing the hymn with even greater devotion. In this setting, Bach creates a highly ornamented melody line adding a complex harmony with many twists and turns, interpreting the sacrifice of Christ. The final phrase reaches a remarkable harmony leading into the final adagissimo, representing Bach's interpretation of the final words of the text: "Long suspended from the cross."

Music in the Service:

454: Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

657: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

438: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

655: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

424: O Christ, You Walked the Road

Prelude: O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß - BWV 622 - J.S. Bach

Offering: Variation on "Ein Feste Burg" - Mark Rippe

Postlude: Erhalt uns, Herr - BWV 1103 - J.S. Bach



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Loraine Byland for Karen's birthday.

Looking for a Lent service to attend?

Emmaus Lutheran 1074 Idaho Ave. W will have a 11:30 AM Lenten worship and a 6:30 PM worship. Starting Wed. the 21st the meal will follow the 11:30 AM worship.

Jehovah Lutheran Church 1566 Thomas Ave. will be having Lenten soup suppers begin Feb. 21 at 5:30 PM with Lenten service beginning at 6:30 PM

King of Kings Lutheran Church 2330 Dale Street, Roseville. Starting Wed. Feb. 21 will have a lent dinner at 5:30 PM and worship at 7:00 PM.

Dear Family of God at St. Stephanus,

Our Vicar Yohannes Ghebru officially accepted the call to serve as Missionary Pastor at St. Stephanus! You are cordially invited to attend the service of Ordination and Installation for Yohannes on Sunday, March 10th at 11AM. This will be our only service that day as a joint service between the Eritrean and St. Stephanus worshipping communities with guests from the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod as well. After the service, you are welcome to join us in the Fireside Room as we share in a meal and fellowship. Praise God who sends workers to answer His call!

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.



There will be a game time on Saturday, February 24th, from 1-3 PM in the Fireside- Room. Bring your favorite game to share. Come for fun and fellowship.

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>



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

Sharen Kappes
Family of Gerald Benson
Karen Trudeau
Jeremy

Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Marian Harmening
Bob Holtz
Bev. Piepkorn

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Feb. 18

9:30 AM ✝ Traditional Worship
10:45 AM Bible Study & Sunday School

MONDAY, Feb. 19

TUESDAY, Feb. 20

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21

THURSDAY, Feb. 22

FRIDAY, Feb. 23

SATURDAY, Feb. 24

1:00 PM Game Day gathering

SUNDAY, Feb. 25

9:30 AM Traditional Worship
10:30 AM Bake Sale
10:45 AM Bible Study & Sunday School
✝ Communion Service



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February Contributions (2 week):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$8,516 = \$4,258/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$2,161 = \$1,081/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$10,677 = \$5,339

Contributions for 2024 (6 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$40,868 = \$6,811/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$3,590 = \$598/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$44,458 = \$7,410/week

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$15,618

Restricted Funds: \$58,824

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$316

Note: Current Expenses: \$72,598

Current Expenses are \$28,139 higher than current income

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Feb. 18: Akbar Muhammad,
Martin Luther, Doctor & Confessor

Feb. 19:

Feb. 20:

Feb. 21:

Feb. 22:

Feb. 23: Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor & Martyr

Feb. 24: Jackie Preuss,
St. Matthias, Apostle

Feb. 25: Lydia Bekele



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Sharon Savard

Communion Assistants: Lennea Lopez & Akbar Muhammad

Greeter: Tarrie Culbert & Colleen Heck

DCE (Youth & Families): Megan Hoffman
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WORSHIP LEADER: Bruce Anderson
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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday 8 AM to 1 PM
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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Submit prayer requests at
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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.



FIRST SUNDAY *in Lent*