

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday



"All Glory, Laud and Honor to You, Redeemer, King." This well-known Palm Sunday processional hymn, based on Psalm 24, Psalm 8 and the Gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, has been sung in varying forms in the Church since the ninth century.

Unlike many medieval hymns whose attribution is doubtful, the ascription of this hymn to Theodulf (ca. 760-821), bishop of Orléans in present-day France from around 798-817, is fairly secure. The original Latin text comprises thirty-nine couplets outlining the events from Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem through His Passion. It was likely written sometime between 817 and Theodulf's death in 82.

These years saw Theodulf banished to a monastery in Angers for his suspected complicity in a plot to overthrow King Louis the Pious, a charge Theodulf denied. According to some accounts, Theodulf was released in 820, but historians differ on whether this actually happened. In any case, a legend developed that Theodulf sang this hymn from his cell as the king passed by in procession and that hearing it, and being moved, Louis ordered Theodulf's release. The meter of most medieval Latin hymns is determined by patterns of stressed and unstressed syllables, as in English. Theodulf, however, used classical forms, whose meter is determined by patterns of long and short vowels, which would have made the hymn seem elevated and somewhat old-fashioned even in its own day.

Music in the Service:

442: All Glory, Laud and Honor

444: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

334: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

443: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

441: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Offering: Meditation on "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" - Charles Callahan

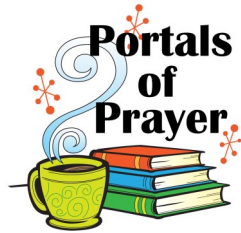
Postlude: Epilogue on "St. Theodulph" - Healey Willan



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez to Reba & Walt Peterson and Jane Sell in thanks for all they do.

Now that Pastor Yohannes is officially a pastor of St. Stephanus, we are interested in forming a committee to explore what joint ministry and mission at St. Stephanus might look like, and what form and structure our shared life here will have. Members of the Eritrean Church and members of St. Stephanus will be joining together to help shape the direction of our life together. We'd like to have some membership of St. Stephanus who are willing to sit and have conversations about what this would be like with members of the Eritrean Church. Please let Pastor Thompson know if you would be interested in participating in the committee for these direct conversations, and be on the lookout for opportunities as members to share in bigger discussions about our direction forward.



Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer books have arrived. They are located at the bottom of the lobby stairs in the revolving bookcase.

~Clarice~

Thank you to all who brought in new toys for donation to the Ronald McDonald House. We were also able to secure a Thrivent Grant to get \$250 worth of supplies for their pantry! This was all delivered this past week.



Easter is almost here and we will be celebrating with an Easter Brunch after the service. Please sign up at the Parish Life table if you are planning to join us for brunch. We need a head count to plan for the amount of food to serve.

There will also be a sign up sheet to volunteer to help **prepare** the meal on Saturday, March 30th at 1:30, and also a sign up sheet to **help serve** and **clean up** on Sunday morning.



We will be going Easter caroling to our homebound on Sunday, April 7th. Please sign up at the Parish Life table. We will leave after the service project/light lunch.

It's caroling time

SPOC News The SPOC continues to host community meals during the season on Lent. Everyone is welcome to come at 5:30 for this time of fellowship! There will be a neighborhood Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 30, at 3pm**. Donations of treats, small prizes, and plastic eggs gladly accepted **Volunteers will be needed to help with the event**. Families of partner churches/groups are also welcome to attend and join the fun! We will need help passing out fliers to get the word out in the coming weeks for all of these events! **The first date for passing out fliers as a group will be Saturday, March 23, beginning at 2pm**. Please continue to pray for those who come to this center and those who serve them. Contact is David Mennicke St. Paul Outreach Coordinator spoc@jehovahlutheran.org or 651-636-3271.



One is the volunteer sign up, and one is the SPOC website



Spring Has Sprung Let Your Creativity Bloom

Join the women of St. Stephanus on **Saturday April 13th from 8:30-12:00** for a morning of fellowship and creativity. You are invited to bring your own handiwork or participate in a learning session.

There will be 3 learning sessions available and space to sit and enjoy the company of others while you work on your projects.



The learning opportunities include:

Zentangle, a meditative art form that introduces drawing as a form of relaxation. Simple and EASY to follow instructions will be taught by Laura Treichel, a certified Zentangle instructor.



Fusible appliqué, an easy, fun way to create using fabric (no-sewing-machine needed). This will be led by Lynne Heuton



DIY knitting, with easy to follow instructions and supplies to start you out while in the company of more experienced knitters.

Schedule:

8:30 – Continental Brunch

9:00-10:00 – Learning Session I

10:30-11:30 – Learning Session II

Feel free to bring a bag lunch to stay and continue working.

Do you have a craft you would like to share? Bring your supplies. There will be space to set up and time for women to join you.

There is no charge for this event thanks to a Thrivent grant; however, to plan for food and supplies we do require advance registration.

Registration

Call (651) 315-4158 or email Lynne Heuton (lmheuton@gmail.com) with your reservation information or if you have questions

I will attend the Spring Creativity Event. I am interested in:

- ☐ Zentangle session I (9-10)
- ☐ Zentangle session II (10:30-11) this will be a different project and you can register for both.
- ☐ Fusible appliqué session I (9-10)
- ☐ Fusible appliqué session II (10:30-11) this will be the same project and will allow more time to practice.
- ☐ DIY Knitting
- ☐ I will bring my own project and look forward to working in the company of others

Feel free to invite a friend.

All supplies for the learning sessions will be provided.

Don't craft, don't worry. Feel free to stop by to observe and visit.

Prayer Requests

Healing/Peace

Don Johnson
Bev Piepkorn
Karen Trudeau

Blessings/Guidance

LINC
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Bev. Piepkorn
Marlene & Ed Potter
Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 24 Palm Sunday

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

MONDAY, March 25

TUESDAY, March 26

WEDNESDAY, March 27

THURSDAY, March 28

7:00 PM ✝ Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY, March 29

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

SATURDAY, March 30

SUNDAY, March 31 Easter Sunday

9:30 AM ✝ Traditional Worship
10:45 AM Easter Brunch

✝ Communion Service



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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.

March Contributions (3 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$15,277= \$5,092/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$2,073=\$691/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$17,350=\$5,783/week

Contributions for 2024 (11 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$68,065= \$6,188/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$7,381=\$671/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$75,446=\$6,859/week

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$9,641

Restricted Funds: \$53,727

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$426

Note: Current Expenses: \$114,938

Current Expenses are \$39,492 higher than current income

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 24:

March 25: *The Annunciation of Our Lord*

March 26: Miriam Carter

March 27: Joshua Yernberg

March 28: Earl Berg, Ryan LeClair-Sura

March 29: Abby Munoz

March 30: B.J. Brown, Noah Habtezig

March 31: Katie Admasu,

Joseph, Patriarch



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Dale Trapp

Communion Assistants:

Greeter: Jon & Tarrie Culbert



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