

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

C • O • N • N • E • C • T • I • N • G



with Jesus Christ and Each Other

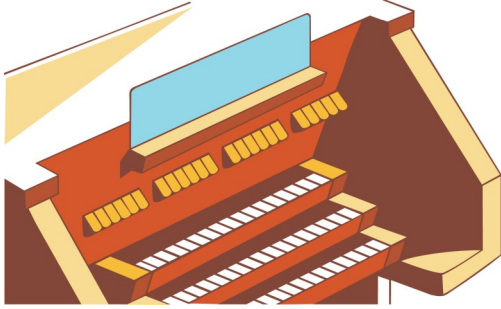
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

ALLELUIA!

From the **ORGANIST**



"Christ Is Arisen" (LSB #459) is a medieval *Leise*, or folk hymn. Some early sources ended the *Leise* with the "*Kyrielis*", ("Lord, have mercy"), others with "alleluia." An early manuscript containing the *Leise*, from about 1190, describes how the song was used. At the end of the Good Friday liturgy, an image of the Crucified One was placed into the "holy grave" and covered with a linen cloth while the choir sang the responsory "*Ecce quomodo moritur justus*" ("Behold, thus dies the righteous one"). During the Easter Vigil, the presider of the cathedral cloister went "secretly" with the *seniores* to the grave and raised the statue or painting of the Crucified One. Then they gave each other the Easter kiss with the words "The Lord is risen indeed." Then the clerics and the people were called to Matins, at the end of which occurred the *visitatio sepulchri*, the visit to the

empty grave by the three women together with the apostles Peter and John, which was acted out as a play. When the actors playing the apostles pointed to the linen cloths lying in the grave, the choir sang in Latin, "He has risen, as he said." The congregation responded, "Christ ist erstanden von der Marter alle." The service then concluded with the *Te Deum laudamus*. Later sources indicate that the hymn was sung in alternation with the full Easter sequence during the procession to the baptismal font during the Easter Vigil. During the Middle Ages and the Reformation era, the hymn was commonly sung in alternation with the sequence for Easter, "*Victimae paschali laudes*," as found in our hymnal in conjunction with #460.

Music in the Service:

Maundy Thursday:

435: Go to Dark Gethsemane

435: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

617: O Lord, We Praise Thee

431: Not All the Blood of Beasts

Prelude: Herzlich tut mich verlangen - J.G. Walther

Easter Sunday:

465: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

457: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

459: Christ Is Arisen

461: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

478: The Day of Resurrection

Prelude: Christ lag in todesbanden - Georg Böhm

Offering: Jesus Christ is Risen Today - Phil Lehenbauer

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ - Charles-Marie Widor



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by David & Diana Betts in celebration of daughter Nicole's 38th birthday today. Also , Happy Easter to everyone.



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

~Clarice~

It's spring! Let your creativity bloom - Do you knit, crochet, do embroidery, needle point or other hand work? Do you yearn for a block of time to practice your craft in the company of other women? If so, you are invited to join us on Saturday, April 13th from 8:30-noon for a morning of fellowship and creativity. Bring your own handiwork or participate in one of several learning sessions. Learn to Zentangle, create fabric art, or pick up another new craft. A light brunch will be provided. There is no charge and supplies will be provided for the learning sessions/classes. Contact Lynne Heuton for details.

Prison and Correctional Ministry guest speaker on April 14

MN releases 8,000 people from prisons each year. How is one rehabilitated? What does it take to reintegrate into society and not re-offend? On Sunday, April 14, Dr. Jim Seeman, MN South Missionary for prison and correction ministries, will speak to us about local organizations that are making a difference in peoples lives and how is being used to serve. He will have a display in the lobby and be our guest speaker during Bible Listening hour.

Bake Sale on Sunday, April 28

Bakers and buyers needed! Proceeds will go to Damascus Way, an organization that serves substance use recovery and prison reentry populations with peer services and community integration support.

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.



It's caroling time

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.

Go First! Ministry Conference

April 19 - 20, 2024

Concordia Academy
2400 Dale Street
Roseville, MN

Go First!

Life Together
Soul Care
Collaboration
Outreach





Registration for the **Go First! Ministry Conference** will remain open until **April 10, 2024**. At this special event, we will gather with other disciples from across our district and beyond to learn and be encouraged, and to offer learning and encouragement to others.

Do you have the gift of organization or hospitality? We will need volunteers with these gifts, among others, before, during, and after the conference. [Click here](#) to read descriptions of the volunteer areas available, prayerfully consider how you can help, and then check the box (es) in which you would like to serve.

For more information and to see a preview of the current speakers, please go to the [MN South district website](#).

Prayer Requests

Healing/Peace

Bev Piepkorn
Karen Trudeau

Blessings/Guidance

Mission of Christ Network
Concordia Academy

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 31

Easter Sunday

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

MONDAY, April 1

TUESDAY, April 3

WEDNESDAY, April 3

THURSDAY, April 4

12:00 PM Blood Drive

FRIDAY, April 5

SATURDAY, April 6

SUNDAY, April 7

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

✙ Communion Service



St. Stephanus
Lutheran Church, LCMS
739 Lafond Ave
St Paul, MN 55104

PHONE: (651) 228-1486

WEB : www.saintstephanus.org

EMAIL: saintstephanus@comcast.net

PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Thompson
pastor@saintstephanus.org
Phone: (612) 208-7388

PASTOR: Yohannes Ghebru
yohannes0@yahoo.com
(651) 373-6796

DCE (Youth & Families): Megan Hoffman
youth@saintstephanus.org

WORSHIP LEADER: Bruce Anderson
banderson@saintstephanus.org

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Clarice Anderson
saintstephanus@comcast.net

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday 8 AM to 1 PM
Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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 (4 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$19,789= \$4,947/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$2,073

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$21,862=\$5,466/week

Contributions for 2024 (12 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$72,526= \$6,044/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$7,382

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$79,908=\$6,659/week

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$2,382

Restricted Funds: \$53,230

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$426

Note: Current Expenses: \$114,255

Current Expenses are \$34,347 higher than current income

Income does not include \$194,487 from sale of one of the Blair properties

Some of this income will be used to pay off the \$40,000 loan from LCEF

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 31:

April 1: Katie Admasu,
Joseph, Patriarch

April 2: Andrew Thompson

April 3:

April 4:

April 5: Eden Yonus

April 6:

April 7:



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Sharon Savard

Communion Assistants: Megan Huff & Akbar Muhammad

Greeter: Tarrie Culbert & Emmy Treichel