

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 135 Years

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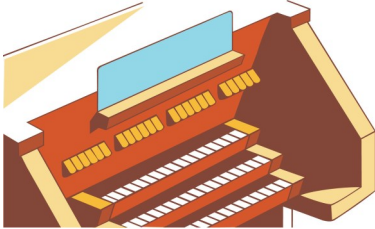


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

From the  
**ORGANIST**



**From country chapel to the largest urban cathedral**, "Praise my Soul the King of heaven" remains one of the most popular of hymns. It was chosen by Queen Elizabeth to be the processional hymn for her wedding to Prince Philip in 1947. Its popularity is in part due to the familiar passage on which the hymn is based, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (Psalm 103:1), and to the highly successful wedding of this text to the tune LAUDA ANIMA, which John Goss (1800-80) composed specifically for this hymn.

This is the second of three paraphrases of Psalm 103 that Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) wrote for his parish in Devon, England. They were first published in 1834 in *The Spirit of the Psalms*, an ambitious collection of 280 texts that established Lyte as a poet and hymn writer of note. Another of Lyte's works found in our hymnal is "Abide with me, fast falls the even-tide."

## **Music in the Service:**

793: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
533: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure  
704: Renew Me, O Eternal Light  
565: Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ  
830: Spread the Reign of God the Lord

**Prelude:** Suite on "Praise My Soul" - Wayne L. Wold

**Offering:** Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure - setting by Kevin Hildebrand

**Postlude:** Jubilate - Jef Tinel



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** The Byland family in loving memory of Eugene who was born on July 4th.



**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.

**Dear friends,** here is the obituary for Marlene Potter in case you have not seen it. Peace, be well.

**<https://cremationsocietyofmn.com/tribute/details/81566/Marlene-Neudahl-Potter/obituary.html#tribute-start>**



**Save the date:**

July 16: Picnic & Popsicles at Lake Josephine Park. Bring your own dinner, blanket or chairs!

## Prayer Requests

### Healing/Peace

Scott Goodrich

### Blessings/Guidance

LINC

### Shut-ins

Yoshiko Benson  
Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, July 6

9:30 AM ✝

Worship

11:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Study

### MONDAY, July 7

### TUESDAY, July 8

### WEDNESDAY, July 9

### THURSDAY, July 10

### FRIDAY, July 11

### SATURDAY, July 12

### SUNDAY, July 13

9:30 AM

Worship

11:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Study

✝ Communion Service



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## June Contributions (5 weeks):

**General Fund (for church expenses): \$20,452=\$4,090/week (need \$8,496/week)**

Restricted Funds: \$1,600=\$320/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$22,052 =\$4,410/week

### 2025 Contributions (26 weeks)

**General Fund (for church expenses): \$147,074 = \$5,657/week (need \$8,496/week)**

Restricted Funds: \$21,671 = \$833/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$168,745 = \$6,490/week

**Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$1,039**

Restricted Funds: \$31,190

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$851

**Note:** 2025 expenses: \$257,812

2025 expenses were \$89,067 higher than total income

Balance of funds from sale of Blair houses - \$226,500 (used \$106,774)

Loan-\$7,959 has been repaid

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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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.

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 6: *Isaiah*

July 7: Pam Zimmerman

July 8: Bill Baker, Elizabeth Thompson

July 9:

July 10:

July 11: David Sagstetter, Micah Thompson

July 12:

July 13:



## Serving in today's worship

Lector:

Communion Assistant:

Greeter: