

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 135 Years

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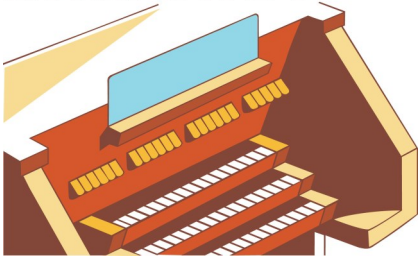


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

From the **ORGANIST**



The Latin hymn "Ubi caritas et amor" can be traced to the eighth or ninth century. During the High Middle Ages, it established itself as the final hymn for Maundy Thursday, commemorating Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, and it may have been used in weekly monastic observances of foot washing even earlier. More generally, the Latin text is inspired by Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them." (NIV) It emphasizes especially the love that is shared among Christians because of Christ's love for them. The English paraphrase of this hymn, "Where Charity and Love Prevail," was written by Omer Westendorf (1916-97) under the pseudonym J. Clifford Evers and was published in *The People's Hymnal* (1961). This will be our Hymn of the Day this morning, and a setting of the tune, *Twenty-Fourth*, will be played during the offering.

Music in the Service:

869: With the Lord Begin Your Task

845: Where Charity and Love Prevail

803: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Prelude: Absoute - Renaud de Vilbac

Offering: "Where Charity and Love Prevail" - setting by Charlers Callahan

Postlude: Postlude on "Hymn to Joy" - Jason Payne



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Kathy Fleischhacker and family in memory of Andrew Fleischhacker, Sr., who went to his heavenly home 12 years ago on July 16th.

Flowers are also given by Marie Benson in memory of husband and father Clarence Benson.



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.



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

Prayer Requests

Healing/Peace

Scott Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

International Association
for Refugees

Shut-ins

Ruth Bittner
Kathy Fleischhacker

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, July 13

9:30 AM

Worship

11:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY, July 14

TUESDAY, July 15

WEDNESDAY, July 16

THURSDAY, July 17

4:00 PM

Food distribution

FRIDAY, July 18

SATURDAY, July 19

SUNDAY, July 20

9:30 AM ✝

Worship

11:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Study

✝ Communion Service



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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.

July Contributions (1 week):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$5,936=\$5,936/week (need \$8,496/week)

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

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$7,536 = \$7,536/week

2025 Contributions (27 weeks)

General Fund (for church expenses): \$153,211 = \$5,674/week (need \$8,496/week)

Restricted Funds: \$23,271 = \$882/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$176,482 = \$6,536/week

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$3,909

Restricted Funds: \$31,081

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$851

Note: 2025 expenses: \$261,381

2025 expenses were \$84,899 higher than total income

Balance of funds from sale of Blair houses - \$227,700 (used \$105,574)

Loan-\$8,620 has been repaid

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 13:

July 14:

July 15:

July 16: Sue Kressin, *Ruth*

July 17: Judy Brinkman

July 18: Cheryl Smith, Robert Thurber

July 19:

July 20: *Elijah*



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Lois Thur

Communion Assistant:

Greeter: Rich Carter & Keith Rennerfeldt