## St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 135 Years



# July 27, 2025 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



**Early in the Reformation,** Martin Luther (1483-1546) was intent on providing hymns for congregations to sing, especially songs that would carry the biblical teachings and present the basics of faith. By 1525, Luther himself had created a paraphrase of the Creed, had supplied new stanzas for a Holy Communion hymn, written a paraphrase of the Ten Commandments and had revised other hymns. It wasn't until over a decade later that he got to the Lord's Prayer and Baptism. In his Lord's Prayer hymn "Our Father, Who From Heaven Above" *LSB 766*, Luther began each stanza with a rather literal version of the prayer, with the final stanza being on the Amen, giving the singer not only the chance to offer prayer, but to also review its

### meaning.

Today's offering voluntary is a chorale setting of this hymn tune by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 -1750). During Bach's time, this hymn was used as a Communion hymn, but also was used on Rogate Sunday, the fifth Sunday after Easter, which is also the Sunday before Ascension Day. On this day people would process through the fields, giving thanks and praise to God for the bountiful blessings of the field. This chorale was chosen not only because it fits our Gospel reading, but also in commemoration of the 275th anniversary of Bach's death (July 28, 1750).

#### **Music in the Service:**

905: Come, Thou Almighty King 773: Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

917: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Prelude: The Lord's Prayer - setting by Lorie Line

Offering: Our Father, Who From Heaven Above - BWV 737 - J.S. Bach

Postlude: Alleluja! - George Jacob

## **Prayer Requests**

#### Healing/Peace

Scott Goodrich Bob Benke Mary Lou Thur

## Blessings/Guidance

Missions of Christ Network

## Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

### Week Ahead

#### SUNDAY, July 27

9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

> MONDAY, July 28 TUESDAY, July 29 WEDNESDAY, July 30 THURSDAY, July 31 FRIDAY, August 1 SATURDAY, August 2

#### SUNDAY, August 3

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.



**Today's Altar flowers are given by**: Lennea Lopez to Eden Yonus and Päivö Overfors for all your help during the service.

# Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration



July 27:
July 28: Becky Wehrmann
July 29:
July 30:
July 31:
August 1: Lee Bruss
August 2:
August 3: Emmy Treichel

Joanna, Mary, & Salome, Myrrhbearers

#### Serving in today's worship

Lector: Dale Trapp
Communion Assistant:

Greeter: Richard Johnson & Walt Peterson