

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 135 Years

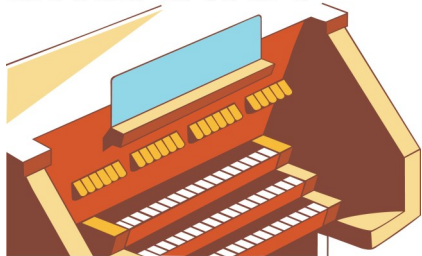
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

**August 3, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

From the  
**ORGANIST**



**The Hymn Tune *HOLY MANNA*** was first published in *The Columbian Harmony* (1825), which was subtitled "A Choice Collection of Psalm Tunes, Hymns and Anthems in Three Parts." Most often paired with the lyrics "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," the tune has since been paired with multiple lyrics, three settings of which are found in our hymnal including today's Hymn of the Day, "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings, which was written specifically for Lutheran Service Book. The tune comes from the pentatonic shape-note tradition, along with other early American hymn tunes such as *BEACH SPRING*, *WONDROUS LOVE*, and *NEW*

*BRITAIN* (Amazing Grace). The term "Shape Note" is named after how the music was written, using shapes to indicate pitches to be sung. In shape note singing, the leader stands in the center of the singers who are grouped by voice part and directs the pulse of the music by moving an arm up and down. Generally the tenor part sings the melody with harmony above and below, instead of the standard hymn singing as we do it where the melody is in the soprano line.

## **Music in the Service:**

797: Praise the Almighty

782; Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

611: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

636: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

861: Christ Be My Leader

**Prelude:** *Holy Manna* - setting by Joseph M. Martin

**Offering:** Prelude on *Slane* - Paul Fey

**Postlude:** Toccata in C - Domenico Zipoli



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Lennea Lopez to Emmy Treichel. Happy Birthday!

With Pastor Thompson gone today there will be **No Bible Study** today!!

## **Celebrations for the month of August**

### **Birthdays**

1 Lee Bruss  
3 Emmy Treichel  
4 Clifford Brooks  
9 Dan Savard  
12 Atiyah Muhammad  
13 Colleen Heck  
22 Janine Langemo, Lorraine Byland  
27 Kathy Fox  
28 Douglas James  
30 Clarice Anderson, Joshua Langemo  
31 Nora Brown

### **Baptism Anniversaries**

2 Judy Brinkman  
6 Yoshiko Benson  
10 Meaza Ogbazghi  
14 Carol Donahoe  
19 Becky Wehrmann, Lynne Heuton,  
Susan Kressin  
21 Dan Savard  
25 Lois Bruss  
26 Lee Bruss  
28 Erin Betts  
30 Jim Siegel

### **Confirmation Anniversaries**

5 Redazghi Habtezgi  
6 Yoshiko Benson  
24 Kathy Fleischhacker

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

1 Jerry & Jackie Spiess  
12 Redazgi Habtezgi & Mana Goytom  
17 David & Mickey Zinter  
20 Dan & Sharon Savard  
29 Mike & Carol Donahoe

## Prayer Requests

### Healing/Peace

Joan Baker  
Karen Trudeau  
Elyse Krejce  
Scott Goodrich  
Bob Benke  
Mary Lou Thur

### Shut-ins

Yoshiko Benson  
Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, August 3

9:30 AM ✙ Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday School

### MONDAY, August 4

### TUESDAY, August 5

### WEDNESDAY, August 6

### THURSDAY, August 7

### FRIDAY, August 8

### SATURDAY, August 9

### SUNDAY, August 10

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

✙ Communion Service

### July Contributions (4 week):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$19,507=\$4,877/week (need \$8,496/week)

Restricted Funds: \$1,680=\$420/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$21,187 =\$5,297/week

#### 2025 Contributions (30 weeks)

General Fund (for church expenses): \$166,782 = \$5,559/week (need \$8,496/week)

Restricted Funds: \$23,351 = \$778/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$190,133 = \$6,338/week

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$910

Restricted Funds: \$30,941

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$851

**Note:** 2025 expenses: \$288,840

2025 expenses were \$98,707 higher than total income

Balance of funds from sale of Blair houses - \$216,523 (used \$116,751)

Loan-\$8,620 has been repaid

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

August 3: Emmy Treichel

*Joanna, Mary, & Salome, Myrrh bearers*

August 4: Clifford Brooks

August 5:

August 6:

August 7:

August 8:

August 9: Dan Savard

August 10: *Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr*



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[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.

### Serving in today's worship

**Lector:** Jerry Spiess

**Communion Assistant:** Jim Radtke, Jane Sell

**Greeter:** Colleen Heck, Jackie Spiess

**Special Acolyte:** Autumn Brown Haken

