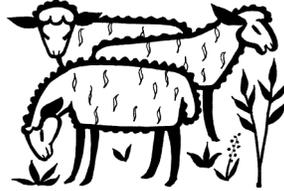


The
KING

of
GLORY

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, November 22, 2020 ■ 9:30 a.m.

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Temple Talk

Kim Richter

Singing Bowl

Silence is kept for reflection.

WE GIVE OUR PRAISE

* Hymn

“Rejoice, for Christ is King!”

ELW #430 vs. 1, 2, 4

Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

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* Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.
And also with you.

* Hymn of Praise

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW #434 vs. 1, 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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* **Prayer of the Day**

O God of power and might,
your Son shows us the way of service,
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.
Give us the wisdom to know what is right
and the strength to serve the world you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to
know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to
which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what
is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great
power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at
his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put
all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his
body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a

1 O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

* **Gospel Acclamation**

"Ubi caritas et amor"

ELW #642

"Where True Charity and Love Abide"

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

**Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
Glory to you, O Lord

* **Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said ... 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor John

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon"

ELW #439

**Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King**

Chorus

**Hallelujah hallelujah
we're goin' to see the King!**

**No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King *(Chorus)***

**No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King *(Chorus)***

**Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King**

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

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* **Prayers of Intercession**

Petition response Leader: ... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

* **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
*We invite you to share the peace with those with you
and with us with "thumbs up" or comments on our Facebook page.
Text someone you care about.*

Offering [Invitation to support ongoing ministries of St. Stephen's]

* **Offertory Response**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

ELW #855 vs. 1, 5

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

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* **Words of Institution**

* **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

* **Invitation to Communion**

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Communion is Received

*The body of Christ, given for you
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.*

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Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

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The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Strengthens you and keeps you in his grace
Today, tomorrow and forever. Amen.

*** Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

*** Blessing**

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

Hymn

“The King Shall Come”

#260 vs. 1, 3, 5

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn
when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death,
despite the rage of foes.

**The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.**

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*** Dismissal**

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*** Postlude**



Leaders in Today's Service

Pastor..... The Rev. Dr. John Snider
Lay Liturgist Debbie Pirkl
Guest Musician Jim Hild
Song Leader Deborah Ellis
Temple Talk Kim Richter
Lectors Mary Jo Martinek, Jessica Donahue
Audio Visual Ministry Norm Goetzke, Keith Gregory, Jan Perkins
Prayer Chain Rachel Circle, Mary Circle, Kathy Ericson, Abby Vavra

Jesus said ...

"My Father's House shall be a house of prayer."

Please include the following people in your prayers this week: **Dorrie, Helen, Steve, Jerry.**

Each week different families will be included in special prayers. Please hold in your prayers: **Barbara, Bruce and Diane, Delores, Janel, Lynda.**

Each week we offer prayers for different missions that St. Stephen's supports through our offerings this week we offer prayers for our brothers and sisters working throughout our community helping those in need and the hungry through **The Walk to End Hunger** a family-friendly fun walk that takes place every Thanksgiving at the Mall of America—however this year due to COVID-19 will be a virtual experience. One of the beneficiaries is our Neighbors Inc. food shelf. A great way to start your holiday off right—giving back before you give thanks.

We also offer prayers for our **brothers and sisters in Christ in the villages of Iwonde and Ihimbo, Tanzania.**

We pray for **residents and staff of group homes and care facilities, and all healthcare workers.**

We pray also for those away from home serving in the military: **Ben, Nick, Jeremy, Matthew, Zachary, Sam, Troy, Tricia, Adam, Nick, Peter D. J., Christopher, Gene, Sam, Andrew.** (Please help us keep our military member listing up to date. Thank you.)

St. Stephen's invites you to add your prayer requests to our daily prayers. We hope that this list is placed inside everyone's Bible or devotional material. All prayer requests will be listed for three weeks. Please contact the church office if additional time is needed.



Today's Altar Flowers

*In Loving Memory of Nancy Villars
a Mom, Wife and Grandma.*

Given by: Cathy and Brent Harms
and Connie Villars



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