

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Christ the King Sunday

Today's Focus:

OUR LORD IS COMING TO TAKE US HOME!

OPENING HYMN 798 (*Tan Worship Supplement*)

God, We Praise You

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 22*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Daniel 7:13-14 (*on back*) *The Old Testament Lesson presents Daniel's vision of the Son of man receiving the Kingdom from God in glory and majesty.*

PSALMODY – “I Will Lift Up My Eyes”

Excerpts from Psalm 121, Tan Worship Supplement Page 42

John 18:33-37 (*on back*) *In the Gospel, Jesus on trial before Pilate speaks of the nature of His kingdom, based on truth. This was Jesus in His humility Who had no need for earthly glory, for He knew the glory and value of the eternal kingdom He had come to prepare for all who love Him.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 23* – *Apostles' Creed*

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 742 (*Tan Worship Supplement*)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

SERMON -Guest Preaching Today: Pastor Michael Gurath

NIV Luke 17:20-27 Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, 21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." 22 Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. 23 Men will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. 24 For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

Theme: **“Living for a World to Come”**

Adult Choir – *“He Watching Over Israel”*

(Based off Psalm 121)

NIV Luke 9:57-62 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." 59 He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." 62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."



NIV Luke 14:15-24 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." 16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' 19 "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' 20 "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' 21 "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 22 "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' 23 "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

Theme: **“Later is Too Late”**

HYMN 660 (*Red Hymnal*)

I'm But a Stranger Here

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD (*To the tune of TLH 243*)

Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Thy goodness forth with every breath
And greet each morning with thanksgiving, Until my heart is still in death;
Yea, when at last my lips grow cold, Thy praise shall in my sighs be told.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER -
BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN 605 (*Red Hymnal*)

The World is Very Evil

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have questions about our church and school please ask us!

-**Today:** Refreshments in classroom/General Voters meeting – all voters please attend or excuse yourself.

-**Tuesday: 10am Bible Study** this week continues our study of the Gospel of John 8 and 9.

-**THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be THIS COMING Thursday, Lord willing, Nov. 26 at 10am!

