

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

An Affiliate of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Advent 2

Today's Focus:

WHAT A WONDERFUL KING IS COMING!

OPENING HYMN 701 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Prepare the Royal Highway

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 1

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Malachi 3:1-4 (on back) The Old Testament Lesson tells of God sending His messenger to prepare the way for His coming. This is the necessary for His people who are totally unworthy because of sin. He will refine and purify them and then they will offer Him right worship.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 126

The Psalmist refers to the joy of the returned Israelites, equating them with all God's people who though they now serve Him with tears, will live with Him in joy.

L: We were like those who dream.

C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing.

L: Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

C: The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad.

L: Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As the streams in the South.

C: Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

L: He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing,

C: Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him. AMEN.



Luke 3:1-6 (on back) The Gospel presents John the Baptist, the Lord's messenger, at work preparing people by calling them to repentance and forgiveness.

CONFESSION OF FAITH, Tan Worship Supplement Page 5 - Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was written to defend the Bible's teaching that the MAN Jesus Christ is TRUE God.

HYMN 63 (Red Hymnal)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



HYMN 718 (Worship Supplement)

O Jesus, King of Glory

SERMON – NAS Philippians 1:9-11

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,
10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;
11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Theme: ...until the Day Comes.

OFFERTORY, Page 6 - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT - Tan Worship Supplement, Page 7

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer – In the front of Red Hymnal pg. 118

The Lord's Supper is a gracious way in which our Savior comes to us to strengthen our faith in Him. By taking the Lord's Supper together, the members of this church proclaim that we are "of one mind" together in Christ. As the scripture says: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). Out of love for God's Word it is for this reason we ask that communicant members of St. Stephen or a sister church of the "Church of the Lutheran Confession" come forward at this point at the direction of the ushers. (Our pastor would be happy to speak with you after the service if you have any questions.)



Page 10 - THANKSGIVING / BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 50 -First Tune (Red Hymnal)

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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/Bible class will be starting a more in depth study on Headship.

-Tuesday: 10am Bible Study this week continues our study of the Gospel of John in chapters 10 and 11.

-Special Offering Envelopes for the CLC "Jubilee Thank Offering" are on the entryway table and are being used for the ILC Student Aid Fund and for anniversary materials. Please help yourself.

-Upcoming dates/events: 12/9 -this Wednesday we have our Advent Service/Cookie Exchange @ 7pm!

-Call News: The Rev. Bruce Naumann, Sleepy Eye MN, has accepted the call to become the second pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. Because of the duties of his new call to Messiah, Pastor Naumann has announced his resignation from the Mission Board effective December 31. We thank him for his faithful service for many years as chairman of the Missions. His office will be up for election at the 2010 Convention.

Scripture Lessons for next week: (Series C) Isaiah 12:2-6, Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Philippians 4:4-7(8-9), Luke 3:7-18