



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

For Your Prayers – November 20-27, 2022

Lectionary readings for this week:

Monday: Psalm 24; Jeremiah 46:18-28; Revelation 21:5-27

Tuesday: Psalm 24; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:8-21

Wednesday: Psalm 24; Isaiah 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4

Thursday: Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10

Friday: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7

Saturday: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22

First Sunday in Advent Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Marj Gottschalk-Trone, Edith Haecker, Sharon Jacobs, Evelyn Kernan, Henry Mallue, Carole Meyer, Jeane Moore, Jim Mayfield, and Linda Reuben**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Jack Harris, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, Jerry Trone, and Kay Wasaff**

Pray God's peace for University of Virginia victims and their families in the wake of the on-campus shooting.

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Anastasia, Chris and Solveigh, Brian Allebach, Bob Alt, Stephanie Altland, Benny Anton, Philip A. Arnold, Jane Ayers, Gary Baumgarten, Rose Baumgarten, Susan Behrens, The Besser family, Toni Birch, Pamela Bosserman, Harrison Bryant, Bob Burdette, John Butler, Lane Clark, Bob Cummings, Josephine Curcio, Emmeline Daniels, Graham Darnell, Jeris and Tony DeKievit, Jen Dieter, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggin, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Samuel Fisher, Gloria Flamm, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Linda Friend, Linda Gamble, Andrea Gonzalez, Rex Harder, Michael Harris, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Bradley Heintzelman, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Hilde Janke, Kirsten Johnston, Sandy Kellogg, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Mary Lott, Isabelle Lutzle, Jonathan Manning, Keith Margrey, Barry Marten, Doug Mayes, Patrick and Kristin McGraw, Harriett Meeks, Lisa Berg Melciouri, Detra Michaels, Judy Murphy, Jeremy Nelson, Lori Ott, Danielle Parrish, Louise Peardon, Phil Peters, Vincent Petty, Pastor Jennifer Phelps, Sue Plevelich, Michelle Raphael-Britt, Pearl Retchin, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Richard Schmaldinst, Inge Seiter, Cindy Sherwood, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Ken Steinberg, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, Owen Werthmann, Carolyn Williams, Heath Wilson, Travis Wilson, and the people of Ukraine

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I. Gathering: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Welcome

Centering Music

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Donald Busarow

Confession and Forgiveness (*written by James E. Janeczek, in The Shepherd Reigns*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock,
even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love.

**Forgive us for driving others away from the land
of justice and safety.**

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock,
even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love.

Forgive us for not attending to the needs of others.

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock,
even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love.

**Forgive us for not bringing back to the fold
those who are fearful, and have gone missing from community.**

Silence for individual confession.

Like the bandits who were crucified next to Jesus,
we too are forgiven—

no matter how much we may have scoffed at the Shepherd's love,
no matter that sometimes we may not have known what we were doing.
For in the Shepherd all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through the Shepherd God was pleased to reconcile to God all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of the cross.

The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, has remembered us and forgiven us---
 the gates of Paradise have been unlocked;
 we are free to enter where the Shepherd reigns forever and ever!
Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns*


Hymn 855
 Bulletin page 13

Greeting


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

Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast*


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

II. Word: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah..

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: "The Word of the Lord." Response: "Thanks be to God."

Psalmody

Psalm 46



¹God is our ref-^luge and strength,
a very present^l help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**

³though its waters^l rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble^l with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^ly of God,
the holy habitation of^l the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall^l not be shaken;
God shall help it at the^l break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the ¹kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth ¹melts away. *Refrain*

⁷The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works ¹of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ¹on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that ¹I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name ^l of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- ^l cestor David. *Alleluia.* (Mark 11:9)

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Response after announcement of the Gospel: “Glory to you, O Lord.”

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one’s life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God’s hands..

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Response at the conclusion of the Gospel: “Praise to you, O Christ.”

Sermon

Our King

Pastor Jon Nelson

The Hymn of the Day will be announced in a few moments. First, please take time during the silence: What are your prayers in response to the sermon?

Hymn of the Day

Before The Ancient One, Christ Stands

Hymn ACS 953
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Prayers

Each petition concludes, “Lord in your mercy.” Response: “Hear our prayer.”

III. Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church: preaching and teaching the good news of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, and caring for the poor. During the offering, the table is set for the Lord's Supper.

Offering of Music

What Feast of Love

Arranged by Brian Wentzel

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

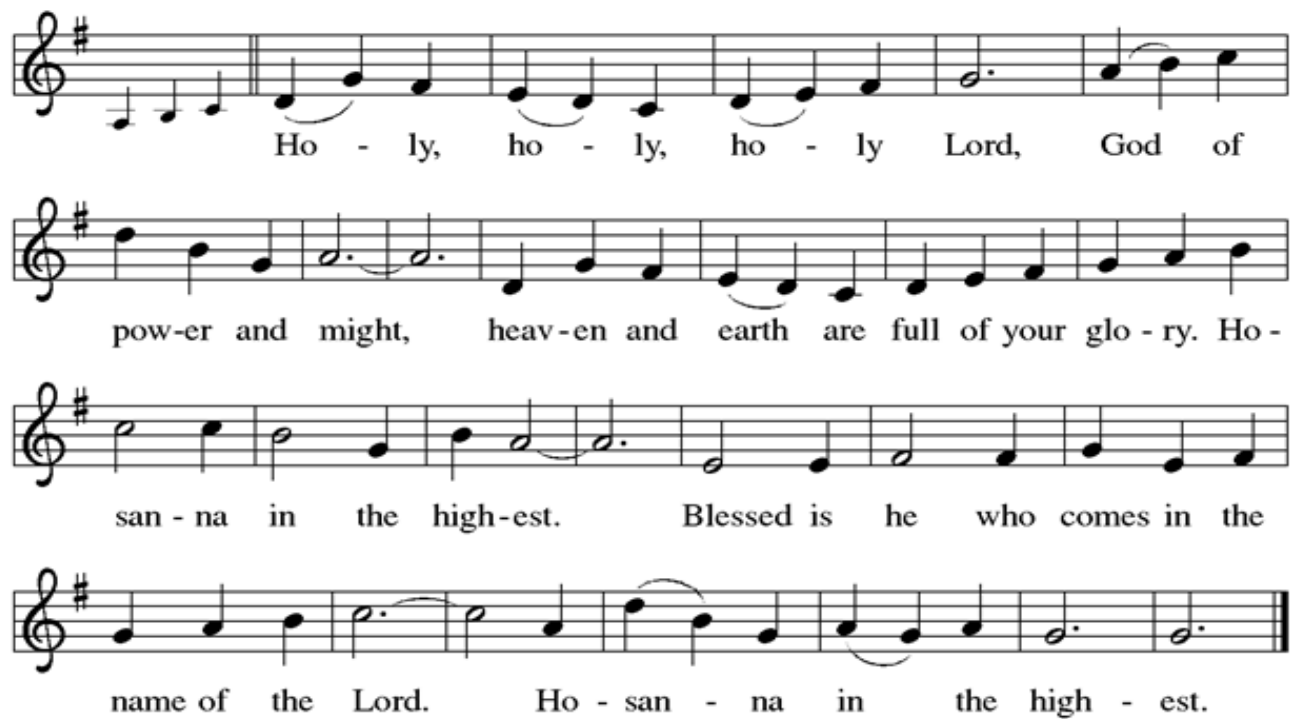
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

When receiving Communion, either stand or kneel at the Rail.

Pastor will distribute the bread and a Communion Assistant will come with a tray of pre-filled cups of wine and grape juice. The juice will be in the middle of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available as an alternative to bread.

St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so all are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music *Beautiful Savior*

Setting, Anne Marie David

Communion Hymn *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

Hymn ACS 954
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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

IV. Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Sending Hymn *Soon and Very Soon*

Hymn 439
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Blessing

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. Thanks be to God.

Postlude notes: Andrae Edward Crouch (d.2015), who wrote both words and music for *Soon and Very Soon* was an American gospel singer and songwriter, record producer and pastor. The keyboard arranger, Jack Schrader (b.1942), is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, where he majored in Voice and Organ (1964) He also received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Nebraska (1966) and became an ordained minister in 1975 through the Evangelical Free Church of America.





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Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: CHRIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



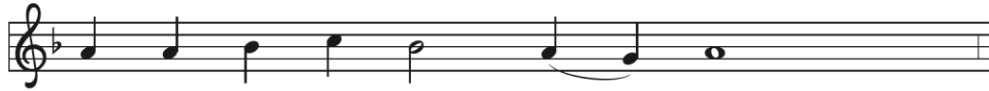
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



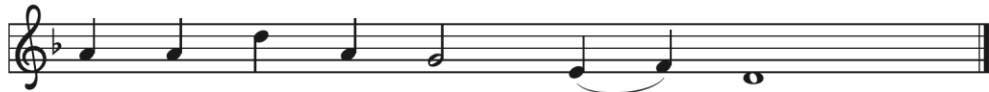
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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 Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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As We Gather

Parents! Thanks for bringing your children to worship.

- Did you know that intergenerational worship is the single most important activity encouraging children's faith formation? (See vibrantfaith.com)
- In order to pursue the faith value of inclusivity, you will find a dedicated space (aka "pray ground") in the east wing of the Worship Space. A pray ground is a developmentally appropriate space within the Worship Space for children and their parents to be present and active within worship.
- Age-appropriate activity bags are also available in the Gathering Space if you prefer to be in the pews – ask an usher for assistance.

Assistance is Available for You:

- **An induction loop** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."
- **Large print** worship materials are available - ask an usher.
- **Rest rooms** are accessible through the door in the wing to the left of the altar.
- **If someone should need emergency medical assistance**, CPR supplies, and a first aid kit are located in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

- Community transmission of COVID-19 in **James City, Williamsburg and York County** are **low**. Following CDC guidelines, masks are optional in public, indoor settings.
- Masks, if needed, are available in the Gathering Space.

What's Happening Today

Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by **Harvey Nelson** in memory of Jane and Irene Potter.

Sunday Morning Faith Formation for children and youth:

- Parents and young children gather in the Undercroft/Preschool

Thanksgiving Devotionals for families and children are available in the Gathering Space. Pick up yours today!

LSA sweatshirt orders. LSA will be placing an order for half zip sweat shirts with the Luther rose/LSA and year embroidered on them. If you would like one they are \$60 each. Please mark the white sheet with how many and size. Orders will be placed next week. Sizes range from XS-4XL.

Upcoming

Weekly Bible Study. Come join us as we study the upcoming Sunday's texts! **Tuesday's at 10:00 AM** in the **Library/Conference Room**. It will be led by the **Rev. Jim Larsen** and the **Rev. Harvey Nelson**

Historic Area Religions Together Monday November 21st at 7:00PM, Walsingham Academy will host their annual Multi-faith Thanksgiving Service. All are welcome and encouraged to spread the word!

Christmas is coming! Children are invited to participate in our Christmas program! Music Director **Karen Ives** will be teaching the children songs and drumming that will tell the Christmas story! Practice will begin next **Sunday, November 27 at 10:00 AM**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Poinsettias and Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund. Please let the Office know if you want to order poinsettias for Christmas Eve (\$15.00 each) and/or contribute to the Jean Kuhn Memorial Fund for Christmas. This fund helps with those ministries needing assistance during the year for which we have not budgeted. *Deadline for poinsettias is Monday, November 28.*

Advent Midweek Services. Please join us the Wednesday evenings of Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14 in the Worship Space and on our YouTube channel at 7:00 PM for "**Behold Our Light,**" our Advent Midweek liturgy. In lieu of a fourth Wednesday evening service, this year we will have a "Longest Night Eve" service on Dec 20 at 7:00 PM.

Game Night! Join our Lutheran Student Association students on **Saturday , December 10th at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a board game night! Learn a new game or bring an old favorite. Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served

Christmas Caroling. We will go Christmas Caroling on **Sunday, December 11 starting at 4:00 PM**. Groups of carolers will visit several families of our congregation, singing to them outside their homes. Returning to Church, we will enjoy chili and cornbread. Come join us as we bring some Christmas cheer to our sick and home-bound members. Bring your favorite chili and/or cornbread to share afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

Items of Note

Church office and Preschool will be closed this **Wednesday, November 23rd** through **Friday, November 25th**. Both will reopen **Monday, November 28th** .

Preschool Spirit Night! **Thank you** for coming out to Sal's by Victor on Tuesday in support of our Preschool! The food was great and the conversation lively.

Prophets & Promises is the Augsburg Fortress devotional booklet for Advent and Christmas this year. Copies are available in the Gathering Space; contact Hollie in the Church Office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Worship and Fellowship for Advent and Christmas –

Behold our Light Allow the Spirit to nourish you with some moments of contemplation, as we gather at **7:00 PM** on these **Wednesdays in Advent**:

- November 30, **7:00PM**
- December 7, **7:00PM**
- December 14, **7:00PM**

Children's Christmas Program

- **Sunday, December 18** at our **11:00 AM** Worship Service

Christmas Caroling outside to some of our ill and homebound folks

Sunday, December 11

- **4:00 PM** – We meet in the Fellowship Hall to organize.
- **6:00 PM** – We will return to the Fellowship Hall to share a meal together. Bring chili and/or cornbread to share! (If you are not able to make the caroling, feel free to join the meal gathering – and vice versa!)

Blue Christmas Eve (also called the Longest Night Eve) This worship service honors people that have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief.

- **Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 PM**

Christmas Eve (all services with candle light):

- **7:30 PM** – Worship featuring sermon, choir and Holy Communion
- **10:00 PM** – Worship featuring sermon, choir and Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas, December 25:

- **10:00 AM** – Worship and Holy Communion

Health Ministry

What is RSV?

Respiratory Syncytial Virus or RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people will recover in a week or two. But, it can be serious for infants and older adults causing bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia in children younger than 1 year old. Symptoms include runny nose, decrease in appetite, coughing, sneezing, fever and wheezing. They usually appear in stages rather than all at once. Sometimes the only symptoms may be irritability, fatigue and breathing difficulties. You should manage fever and pain as directed by your doctor. Be sure to get enough fluids to prevent dehydration. Consider going to the ER when breathing is difficult or there are signs of dehydration.

RSV is spread by droplets of the virus from an infected person. It can be direct contact with that person or indirect by touching surfaces where the virus has been transferred.

As we are in cold and flu season, the best advice is to wash your hands frequently and don't touch your hands to your face or mouth. Hand sanitizer is good but washing with soap and water when available is best. We still have COVID risk around us, so wearing a mask is a reasonable thing to do as well. Use caution when traveling and maintain as much distance from others as possible.

If you feel you have symptoms, start preventative measures at home. If you are in doubt or feel you are getting worse, call your doctor. If it is an infant or child, be more aggressive in seeking help.

Diana Tiller-Dichtel
Parish Nurse

St. Stephen Calendar – November 20-27, 2022

*Our worship service is available on our website www.saintstephenlutheran.net,
click on “Worship with Us” and “Services.”*

SUNDAY, November 20 ~ *Christ the King Sunday*

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed on our YouTube channel*)
9:45 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
10:00 AM Faith Formation (Undercroft/Preschool Room)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

MONDAY, November 21

- 10:00 AM Staff meeting

TUESDAY, November 22

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library/Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, November 23

Church Offices and Preschool Closed

- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, November 24 ~ *Thanksgiving*

Church Offices and Preschool Closed

- 8AM-8PM AA Meeting Alcothons (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, November 25

Church Offices and Preschool Closed

SATURDAY, November 26

- 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, November 27 ~ *First Sunday in Advent*

- 8:00 AM Matins Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
8:30 AM Worship – Holy Communion
9:30 AM Matins Choir Rehearsal (Worship Space)
10:00 AM Children’s Rehearsal for Christmas Program (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM Faith Formation for parents of preschool aged children (Undercroft)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm-up (Worship Space)
11:00 AM Worship – Holy Communion

Leading our Worship and Hospitality Today

Acolyte/Crucifer.....(8:30) Bethany Brisson
.....(11:00) Liam Janke
Altar Guild (8:30) Rita Kristiansen & Donna VanDuyse
..... (11:00)
Audio-Visual Team..... (8:30) Nancy Carter (11:00)
Bread Baker..... Paula Agor
Cantors(8:30) Ellen Bushman (11:00) Jane deSolms
Communion Assistants(8:30) Donna VanDuyse & Bethany Brisson
..... (11:00) Terri & Jim Larsen
Flower Delivery Karen Nester
Greeters/Hosts (8:30) JR & Diana Lyons (11:00) George & Linda Vonderheide
Lectors.....(8:30) Paula Agor (11:00) George Bass
Tellers..... Jeanne Garrison, Nelia Lamoureux, Joe Beene
Ushers..... (8:30) Bob Harman & Brian Agor (11:00)

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**We gather to worship and study God's Word to deepen our faith and live our
Christian witness and service in the community.**

(St. Stephen Lutheran Church Vision Statement)

All of Us, Called Through Our Baptisms

Pastor Jon Nelson (320-295-8861)

Karen Ives – Director of Music (229-6688)

Hollie Jones – Parish Administrator (229-6688)

Diana Tiller-Dichtel – Parish Nurse (232-5924)

Kristie Kelley – Preschool Director (229-6688)

Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (873-2273; counselors are in Williamsburg on Thursdays)

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Welcome to St. Stephen Lutheran Church!
Please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate
or give it to an usher.

November 20, 2022

Name: _____

For guests and members with changes:

Address (Home) _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guests Only:

I belong to _____

Church Address _____

Please check as many as pertain:

____ Member

____ First time guest

____ Regular guest

____ Guest (out of town)

____ Student at William & Mary

____ Looking for a church home

____ Desire to speak with pastor

____ Would like more information about Stephen Ministry

____ Would like a Parish Nurse to contact me

Any comments? Please be sure your name is above, so we may respond, if necessary.

Prayer Requests

Please **add** to the prayer list in this month's bulletin and next month's *Quill*:

Name: _____

Please **remove** from prayer concerns:

Name: _____

_____ I need a name tag

_____ I would like an LSA sweatshirt please order # _____

size _____