

I was  
hungry  
and you  
gave me  
food

MATTHEW 25:35



**November 26, 2023 - Christ the King  
Traditional Worship Service**



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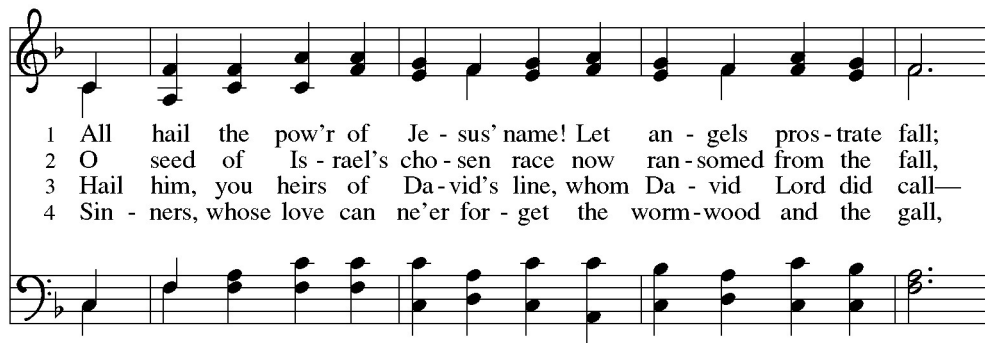
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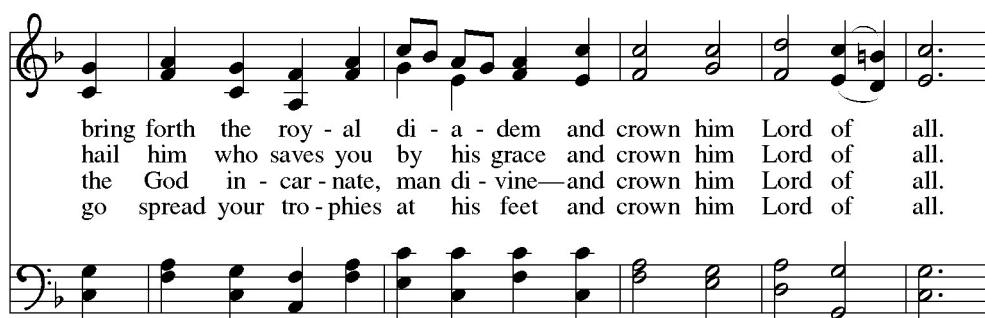
Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

*Please stand as you are able  
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space.  
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

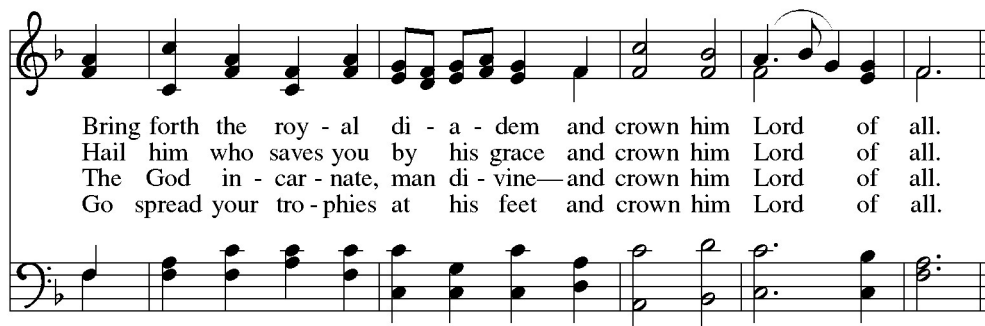
**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6  
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

*Congregation responses are in bold print*

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!**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Recognizing that Christ loved us to death in order that our sin is forgiven, Let us admit our sin in  
the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.  
We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings.  
We have hoarded your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus,  
remember our sin no more.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.  
We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak.  
We have spoken falsely.  
In the name of Jesus,  
remember our sin no more.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

**O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we in-  
herit 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.**

*Please be seated*

A reading from Ezekiel:

(Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Pew Bible, Old Testament,  
page 623)

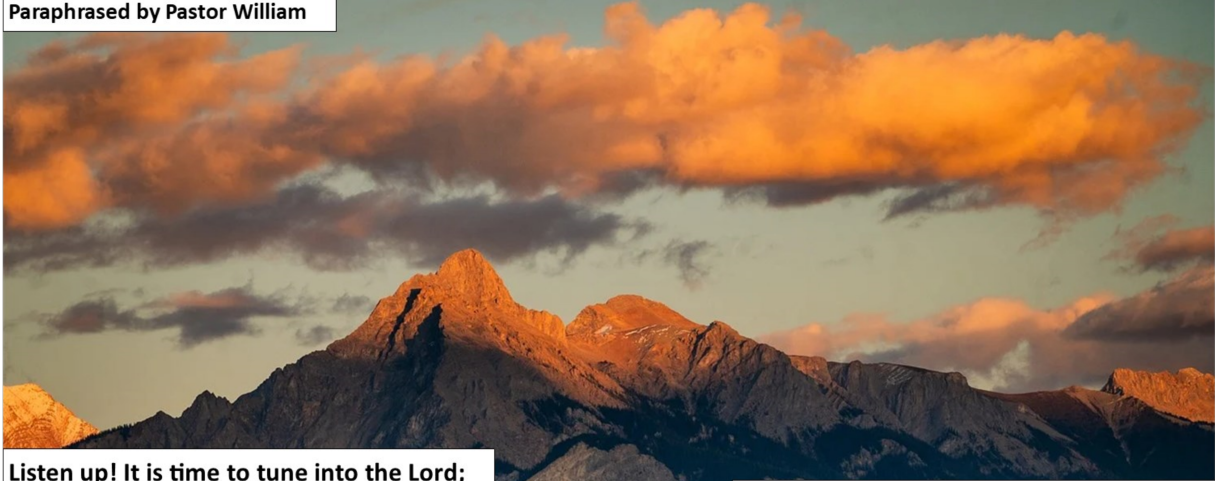
The reading concludes with:  
Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm Paraphrase  
(Read  
responsively  
the indented lines)

Psalm 95:1-7a  
Paraphrased by Pastor William

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Listen up! It is time to tune into the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise!  
Let us double time march as we gather;  
raising the roof with our songs.  
Why? Because the Lord is our King;  
the best King there ever was.  
God's got the whole world in God's hands;  
God made it, owns it, loves it.

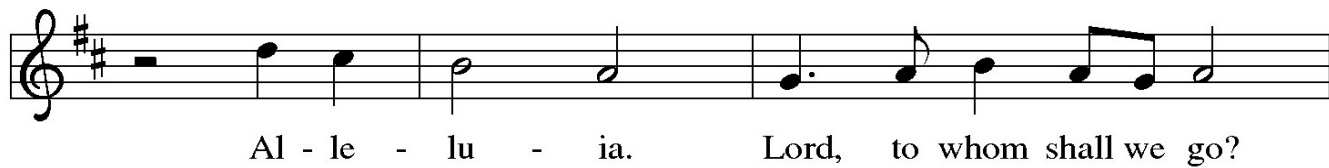
Drop everything, change your plans;  
for it is time to act differently.  
The Lord says to care for others;  
it is time we take the Lord seriously.  
For the Lord is our King;  
we are the King's children;  
the apples of the King's eye.

A reading from Ephesians:

(Ephesians 1:15-23 Pew Bible, New Testament,  
page 148)

The reading concludes with:  
Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able*



The holy gospel according to St. Matthew

(Matthew 25:31-46, Pew Bible, New Testament,  
page 22)

**Glory to you, O Lord**

The reading concludes with:  
The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

*Please stand as you are able*

### Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936  
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789  
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Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence for personal prayer*

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of all congregations. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Thank you for the life of our birthday sibling,

**Mark Denman**

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

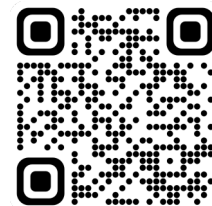
*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,

**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

PM: The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

We praise you, all-holy God,

**our maker and our life-giver,**

for the universe beyond our knowing,

**for lands, and seas, and all animals,**

and for friends and strangers and family,

**for homes, and grocery stores, and schools,**

we praise you for your covenant people of old,

**for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,**

and for centuries of faithful Christians,

**for Jesus' mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Paul,**

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,

**who saves us from evil and corruption,**

Words of Institution

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for your Holy Spirit,

**your breath, your fire, your wisdom,**

nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,

**inspire your people for service,**

and renew the world with your mercy,

**with your healing, your justice, and your peace.**

We praise you, all-holy God,

**the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,**

today, tomorrow, and forever.

**Amen. Amen.**

**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.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome.  
Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you;  
come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten Free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* By: Keith Kolander,  
Franklin D. Ashdown & Charles Callahan

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

AM: Let us pray,

**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.**

Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

PM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,

**Lord, our hope and strength comes from you. Open our eyes and our hearts to become the people you want us to be; people who care for the widows and orphans, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, free the oppressed, and visit the sick and the imprisoned. Give our congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

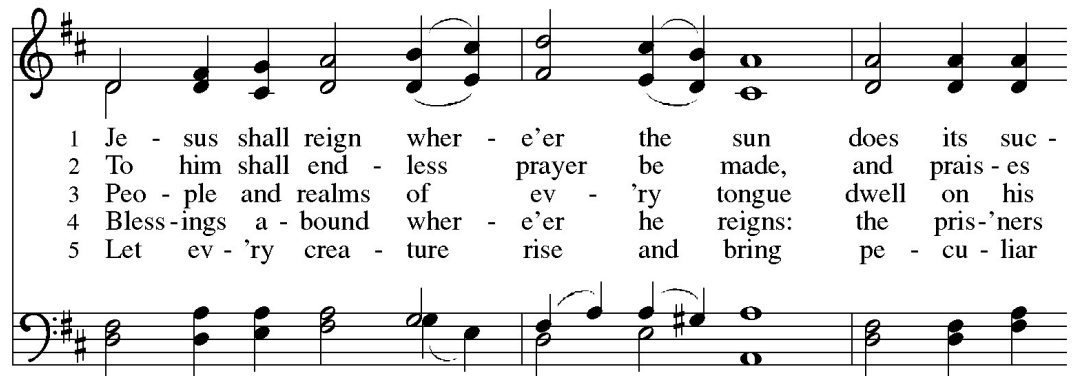
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen**

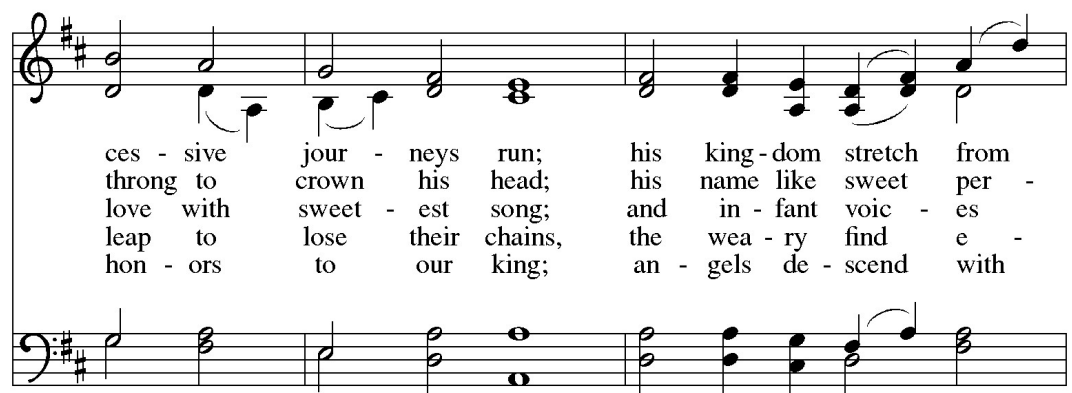
*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.  
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*



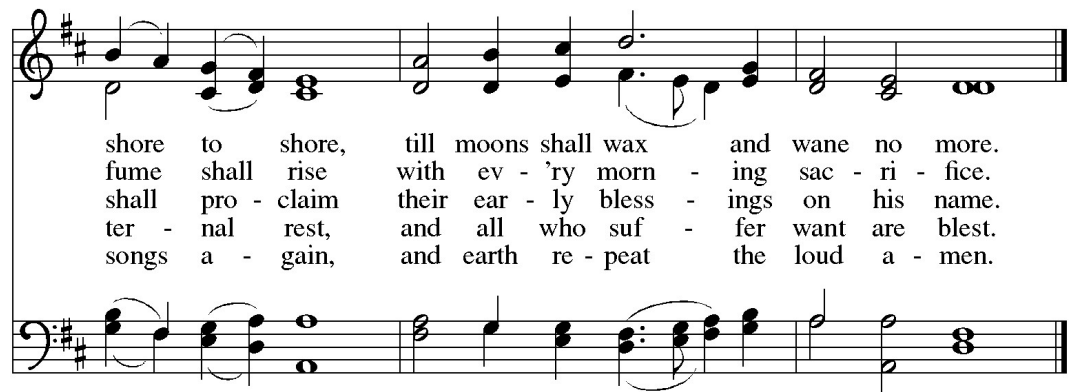
## Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - or to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

**We will, with God's help!**

Please join in fellowship with coffee and donuts immediately following!

Postlude: *Jesus Shall Reign*

By: Flor Peeters & Gerhard Krapf

**Today's Worship Leaders**

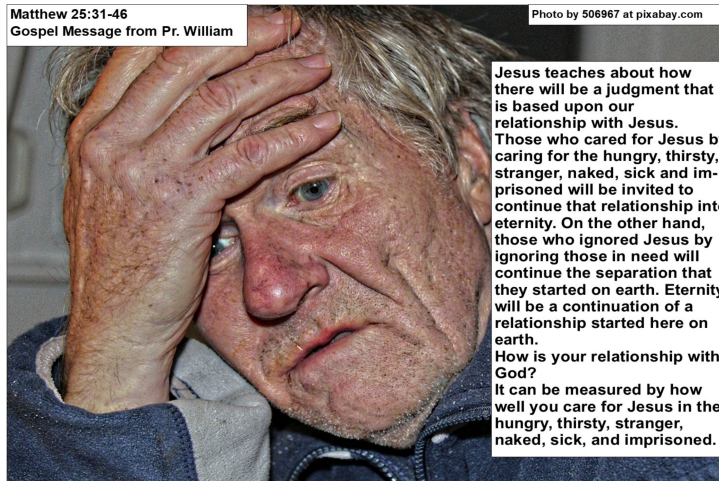
Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl  
 Acolyte: Kenadi Medina  
 Accompanist: Carol McKimm  
 Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach and Chris Thompson  
 Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith  
 Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek  
 Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.  
 Reader: Ruth Reinoehl  
 Trustees: Randy Elsass and Brian Milek  
 Flowers by: Jim Fidler in loving memory of Elaine M. Fidler and Frances Mejstrik

**December 3, 2023 Worship Leaders**

Assisting Minister: George Miller  
 Acolyte: LJ Brown  
 Accompanist: Carol McKimm  
 Audio/Visual Technicians:  
 Chancel Guild: Darlene Milavickas  
 Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek  
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Matthew 25:31-46  
 Gospel Message from Pr. William

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Jesus teaches about how there will be a judgment that is based upon our relationship with Jesus. Those who cared for Jesus by caring for the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned will be invited to continue that relationship into eternity. On the other hand, those who ignored Jesus by ignoring those in need will continue the separation that they started on earth. Eternity will be a continuation of a relationship started here on earth.  
 How is your relationship with God?  
 It can be measured by how well you care for Jesus in the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned.

Matthew 25:31-46  
 Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



**Stewardship in the Gospel**

Jesus teaches that we will be judged on how well we cared for him, in the form of the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Jesus says that when we care for "one of the least of these" we care for him." Jesus is found in those that are in need of care.

**Stewardship in our Community**

Who are the "least of these" in our community? The "hungry" do not always carry a sign. The "naked" are not necessarily without clothes. The "sick" are not always in hospitals. The "imprisoned" are not just those in jail. The easiest one to identify is the "stranger", for everyone we do not see as a friend is a stranger.

**Stewardship in practice**

Perhaps the easiest way to identify in whom Jesus resides is to act like everyone is Jesus. Perhaps by excluding no one from our care and concern we will not exclude caring for Jesus. And, is that not what both groups of people being judged missed? Both groups missed seeing Jesus in the strangers they encountered. Both groups missed caring for Jesus. Don't be like either group. Care for everyone and see Jesus in them.

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Let us pray for you

This week we pray for:  
Those affected by the wars.  
Submit your prayer requests to Jayne Schrader at [Prayer@Zion-NC.com](mailto:Prayer@Zion-NC.com)

**PLEASE** notify the office if you or someone you love is in the hospital or scheduled for surgery.

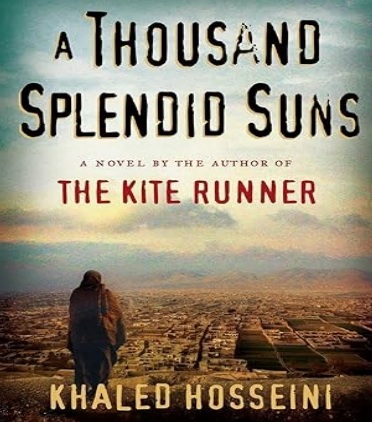
Hospitals are no longer permitted to contact us.

Book Discussion

December 1

10am

Everyone welcome to join in!



*Music AND Worship*

Meeting  
December 5  
7:00 pm

Property Ministry Meeting  
Thursday, November 30, 7:00

**Sewing for comforters**  
Every Monday 10:00 am to noon  
Contact office for more info on how to join!

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