

Acts 6:8-14; 7:54-60

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, 'We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.' They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, 'This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.'

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Matthew 25:31-40

'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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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." 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 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.

St. Stephens Day

December 26, 2022

11:00 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we may also pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt us, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Order of Service

Gathering Song: Good King Wencelas
Prayer of the Day (on front of bulletin)

The Lessons:

Acts 6:8-14; 7:54-60
Matthew 25:31-40

Homily

Hymn of the Day: Your Little Ones, Dear Lord – ELW #286

Order for Holy Baptism – ELW pg. 227

Order for Holy Communion – ELW pg. 172 (spoken)

Sending Song: Away in a Manger – ELW #278

We welcome Ellis Raymond into the body of Christ by Holy Baptism today! Ellis is the son of Ashley and Eric Bestvater, and Shay's little brother!

OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Good King Wencelas

Good King Wenceslas looked out,
on the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
tho' the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
gath'ring winter fuel.



“Hither, page, and stand by me,
if thou know’st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?”
“Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
by Saint Agnes’ fountain.”

“Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
when we bear them thither.”
Page and monarch, forth they went,
forth they went together;
Through the rude wind’s wild lament
and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now,
and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer.”

“Mark my footsteps, good my page.
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage
freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master’s steps he trod,
where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
shall yourselves find blessing.

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Cecelia Jurgens, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Thor Kliev, Ivar Moen, Don Peterson, Louise Dahlen, Mary Kamineski, Linda and Steven, Jennifer Finstad, Bereket and family, Alice Olson, Paul Nostbakken, Gloria Hamp, Kaye Senum, Maxine Olson, Lone TysseLand, Patti Pfeifer, Keri Schaffel, Neil Shantz, Ron & Doreen Boldt, Dick Hall, Paul Hansen, Clara Davidson, Connie Friggstad, Allan Grundhal