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St. Stephen, Martyr
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Sundays at 9:00a

WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors this morning! It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. We look forward to seeing you again!

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

Those serving this week in December

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“By All Your Saints in Warfare”..... LSB 517, Sts 1, 7, 3

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (p. 203)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (p. 204) 

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 205)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 *Chronicles* 24:17-22

Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.

Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God, ‘Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.’” But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, “May the LORD see and avenge!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Acts* 6:8-7:2a, 51-60

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words 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 delivered to us.” And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have

now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (p. 205) 

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 23:34-39*

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Sit

SERMON HYMN

“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”LSB 661

SERMON by Pastor Provost

“Christian Persecution”...Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60

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CLOSING HYMN

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What a Blessing.....

This year St. Nicks adopted 166 families and 407 children. Of those, the members of Our Savior adopted 20 families and 55 children. That is pretty amazing! This would not have been possible if

it was not for the financial support from you (\$4300) or from the help of the elves Gail, Raylene, Mary Anne, Julie, and Peggy. This just continues to prove God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. God's Blessing to you all this Holiday season. Mary



This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	26	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Sunday School and Bible Study
Monday	27		
Tuesday	28		
Wednesday	29		No 'Sunday Readings' Bible Study today
Thursday	30		
Friday	31		
Saturday	1		Happy New Year!
Sunday	2	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Sunday School and Bible Study

SUNDAY READINGS BIBLE STUDY

Prep for 1/2 Christmas II

Readings: Genesis 46:1-7, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Matthew 2:13-23
Psalm 77:11-20

Hymn Nos.: 517, 661, 644, 433, 372, 843



Our Poinsettias (ordered from **Fine Things Reclaimed**) were beautiful this year! Michaela recommends placing 2 ice cubes in the pot, 2 times per week. Poinsettias do not like to be over-watered or cold -- so keep away from cold and drafty windows.

Remember in your prayers.....

- † Those afflicted by the novel Coronavirus, as well as those who are fearful in this challenging time.
- † Family of Annette Sanders, sister-in-law of Carmen and Dorothy Sanders, who passed away December 16
- † Diane Breckenridge, recovering at home
- † Roger Breckenridge, residing at Park Centre with medical concerns
- † Virgil Hartz, residing at Newton Village
- † The Family of Deanna Ihde, for her 3 yr. old great-nephew, Myron, recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
- † Ruth Rutter, recovering at home and making good progress
- † Pastor Jerry Doellinger, recently advised in need of a kidney transplant
- † Frank Howell, son-in-law of Sandy Koch (David), receiving treatment for brain cancer
- † Lana Corso, continuing treatment for breast cancer
- † Felicia Krizman, receiving treatment for brain cancer
- † Gary & Dee Petersen, medical concerns
- † Charlene Vesely, residing at Nelson Manor in Newton
- † The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- † The Malaria Initiative and the end of Malaria deaths in the world

† **Our Missionaries**

Rev. Dr. Thomas and Mary Aadland, Kenya.
James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay.
Carl & Chen Hsi Li Hanson, Korea.
Phillip Magness, West & Central Africa



26 Doug DeLong
29 Madison Parmenter
30 Christina Roby
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2 Jim Krizman
2 JoAnn Bringolf