

THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Sunday 26 December A☩D 2021



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☩ Hymns ☩
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Visitors, welcome! We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion. Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Lord's Body and Blood. If you have not had the opportunity to speak with him, we kindly ask that you abstain from seeking the Sacrament until you have spoken with Pastor McCall. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me



☩ THE DIVINE SERVICE ☩

10:30am

THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and face the Procession as it passes.

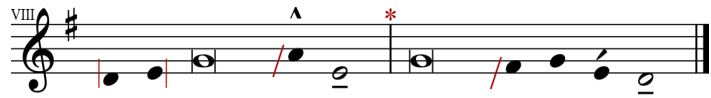
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 184)

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

REVELATION 7:14B; PSALM 31:1, 3, 5



|These are| they which came out of great tribu- / lation,
and have washed their robes,

and made them white in the blood / of the Lamb.—

In thee, O LORD, do I / put my trust;

Let me never be ashamed:

Deliver me / in thy righteousness.

For thou art my rock and my / fortress;

Therefore for thy name's sake lead / me, and guide me.

Into thine hand I commit my / spirit:

Thou hast redeemed me, / O LORD God of truth.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the / Holy Spirit;

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.

|These are| they which came out of great tribu- / lation,
and have washed their robes,

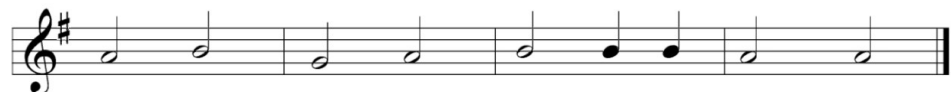
and made them white in the blood / of the Lamb.—

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. JOHN 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



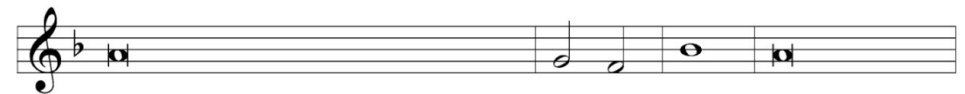
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O ✠ Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in the midst of our sufferings for the sake of Christ grant us grace to follow the example of the first martyr, Stephen, that we also may look to the One who suffered and was crucified on our behalf and pray for those who do us wrong; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

2 CHRONICLES 24:17-22

In those days, ¹⁷ after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. ¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.

²⁰ 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.’” ²¹ 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. ²² 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!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 34:9, 19

O fear the LORD, / ye his saints:

For there is no want to / them that fear him.

Many are the afflictions of the / righteous:

But the LORD delivereth / him out of them all.

THE SECOND READING

ACTS 6:8—7:2A, 51-60

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. ¹¹ Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses

and God.”¹² 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,¹³ and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law,¹⁴ 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.”¹⁵ And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

7 And the high priest said, “Are these things so?”² And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me...

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.
⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,
⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.
⁵⁵ 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.
⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”
⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.
⁵⁸ 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.
⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
⁶⁰ 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.

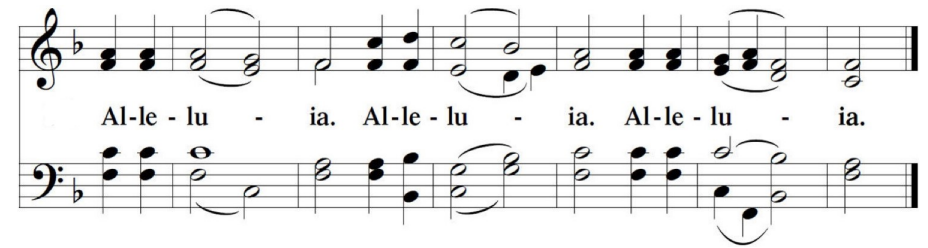
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 116:15

Congregation sings the Alleluia; pastor chants the verse; congregation repeats the Alleluia.



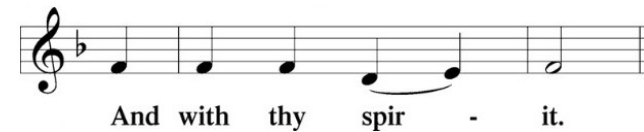
Precious in the sight of the / LÔRD
 Is the death / of his saints.—

Repeat triple alleluia

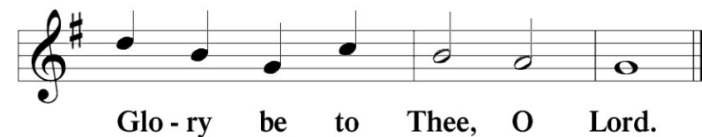
THE SEQUENCE HYMN 382 *We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ST. MATTHEW 23:34-39

The Lord be with you.



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



✠ *At that time, Jesus said,*³⁴ “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,³⁵ so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed

on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶ Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷ “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 were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED (pg. 191)

SIT

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 517:1, 7, 3 *By All Your Saints in Warfare*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



SIT

THE OFFERING

STAND

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- please see your insert for the full lists

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SERVICE OF

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 196; *entirely spoken*)

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT (pg. 197)

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28; ST. MARK 14:22-24
ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

SIT



THE COMMUNION HYMNS

624 *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born*

372 *O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is*

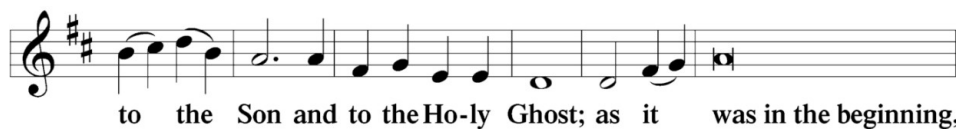
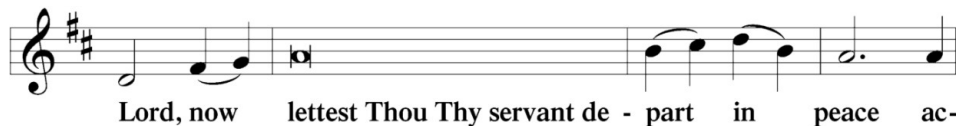
637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

564 *Christ Sits at God's Right Hand*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

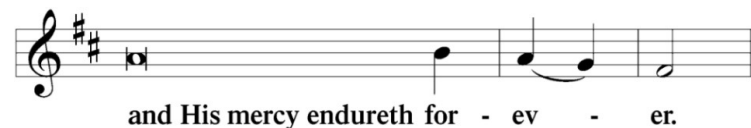
ST. LUKE 2:29-32



THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



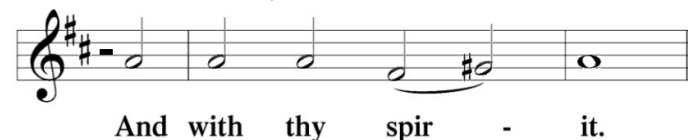
Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes.

Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.



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