

children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!
³⁸See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For 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

HYMN The Son of God Goes Forth to War **LSB 661**

SERMON "St. Stephen, First Martyr" *Matthew 23:34-39*

APOSTLES' CREED **LSB 159**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each Petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy

-OR-

P Let us pray to the Lord

C Hear our prayer

C Lord, have mercy

After the final Petition:

P...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **LSB 159-160**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **LSB 160 and following**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name **LSB 940 (st.1-4)**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **LSB 621**

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared **LSB 622**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE-Thank the Lord **LSB 164**

CLOSING HYMN Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go **LSB 920**

POSTLUDE

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Divine Service Setting I - First Sunday after Christmas St. Stephen, First Martyr

Sunday, December 26, 2010
9:00 am

† The Sacrament of the Altar: is celebrated today in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As we trust His words and repent of all sin, we proclaim His death until He returns. Since this act is a confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or holds a differing confession is asked first to speak with the Pastor.

† Reminders for Those Coming To the Lord's Table....

1. Children (those not yet receiving the Sacrament) are encouraged to approach the Lord's Table with their parent(s), in order to receive a blessing.
2. Women with lipstick are kindly asked to remove it prior to partaking from the common cup.
3. The cups in the center of the individual tray (containing the clear liquid) are prepared for those who have a concern for alcohol consumption.

PRELUDE

HYMN The Church's One Foundation **LSB 644 (st. 1,2,4)**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION **LSB 151**

INTROIT

A 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.

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

A For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

C Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

ALL: 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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KYRIE **LSB 152**

HYMN OF PRAISE- Gloria in Excelsis **LSB 154**

COLLECT

P 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Chronicles 24:17–22

¹⁷Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention. ²⁰Then 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.’” ²¹But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. ²²Thus 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!”

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

P Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

SECOND READING

Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51–60

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then 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. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. ¹¹Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” ¹²And 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, ¹³and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” ¹⁵And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel. ¹And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” ²And 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. ⁵²Which 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, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 23:34–39

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴Therefore 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, ³⁵so 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. ³⁶Truly, 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