

[We rise]
The Prayer of the Church
The Our Father (inside back cover of Service Book)
“God Bless Our Native Land” #965

The Service of the Sacrament p. 194
*[Please review our Communion Policy on
Page 1 of this Service Guide]*

[We are seated]
Hymn **“We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth”** #382
[Rise] **“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”** 805

The Nunc Dimittis p. 199
Thanksgiving, p. 200
Salutation, *Benedicamus,* p. 201
Benediction p. 202
[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Final Hymn]
Final Hymn **“A Great and Mighty Wonder”** #383

A NOTE OF THANKS!

From Pr. Schaibley and Pr. Hein
Your Pastors wish to thank the members of our congregation for their generosity in this Christmastide. It is a rare and profound privilege for us to exercise the Office of the Holy Ministry in Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church. God grant His continual blessings to all of us through His precious Means of Grace.

**The Feast of the Eve of
The Circumcision & Name of Jesus
New Year’s Eve
Friday, 31 December, 7:00 P.M.**

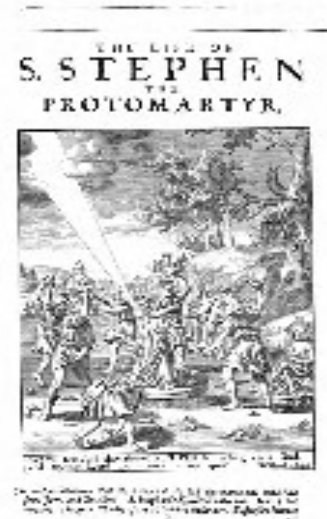
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A Guide to The Divine Service

9:00 A.M.

26 December 2010



“Feast of Martyrdom of St. Stephen”

[1st Sunday after Christmas]

Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church
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THE CONSERVATIVE REFORMATION AND ITS THEOLOGY, p. 159
Rev. Dr. Charles P. Krauth, 1871

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 185

Entr. Hymn "Now, Sing We, Now Rejoice" #386

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon : Princes also did / sit and / speak: * And didst / speak a- / gainst _ / me. || The wicked have / waited for / me: * In- / order to / destroy / me.

Help Thou me., / Lord, my / God: * For I have / kept Thy / testimonies. || Blessed are the undefiled / in the / way: * Who / walk in the / way of the / Lord.

Blessed are they that / keep His / testimonies: * And that / seek Him / with the whole / heart. || They also do / no in- / iquity: * They / walk _ / in His / ways.

Princes also did / sit and / speak: * And didst / speak a- / gainst _ / me. || The wicked have / waited for / me: * In- / order to / destroy / me.

- The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186**
- The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187**
- Salutation, Collect p. 189**

Collect for the Feast of Martyrdom of St. Stephen: Grant, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of Thy truth we may steadfastly look up to heaven and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled with the Holy Ghost, we may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of Thy first martyr, St. Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to Thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succor all those that suffer for Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

Collect for the 1st Sunday after Christmas: Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.. **Amen!**

Collect for the Season of Christmas: Lord God, gracious Father, who in the fullness of time didst send Thy Son to assume our flesh and become our Brother, we thank Thee for Thy truth and fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior, by whose birth we are delivered from sin, death, Satan, and hell; and we beseech Thee, keep us until the end in true knowledge of our Redeemer, that, with all the holy angels, we may rejoice at His nativity and behold Him together with Thee and the Holy Ghost, in glory and majesty, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day 2 Chronicles 24.17-22

[Keep your voice from weeping]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsory: Hymn 351

Epistle of the Day Acts 6.8-7.2a, 57-60

[The Martyrdom of St. Stephan]

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Responsory: Hymn 517: st 1, 5, rise 3

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**

The Gradual and Nine-fold Alleluia

The Lord hath made known / His sal- / vation: *

His righteousness He hath revealed in the / sight of / all the nations. ||

He hath re- / membered His / mercy: *

And His faithfulness unto the / house of / Isra- / el.

All the ends of the earth: – Alleluia! / Alle- / uia!

Have seen the salvation of our God! / Alle- / lu_ - / ia!

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth: Alleluia! / Alle - / uia!

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises:

/ Alle - / lu_ / ia!

The Triple Alleluia p. 190

The Holy Gospel

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Matthew 23.34-39

[Jesus describes the way of martyrdom]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

The Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Chief Hymn:

"Lift High the Cross" #837

Sermon

[We rise]

The Offertory "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #393

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!