

INTROIT - our entrance Psalm of worship

Psalm 31; Revelation 7

P 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.

G In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.**P** For you are my rock and my fortress;* and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**G Into your hand I commit my spirit;* you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.***Continued with the 'Gloria Patri', p. 186***COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day****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.**G** *Continued with sung 'Amen', p. 189***OLD TESTAMENT 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!"**GRADUAL the ancient seasonal response to hearing God's Word**

Psalm 34

P Fear the Lord, you his saints,* for those who fear him lack nothing!**G Many are the afflictions of the righteous.* but the Lord delivers you out of them all.****EPISTLE 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. . . .⁵¹You 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.**ALLELUIA VERSE Psalm 116****P** Alleluia. Alleluia. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Alleluia.**HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 23:34-39**³⁴[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, 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 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.'"*Please turn to follow the Processional Cross. You may sign the cross ✠ and bow as it passes you in reverence unto Christ.***✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors– it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle & pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is now located off the Library. The Library is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

We welcome today our newest members:

Mary Benzel; Mary Cardwell

Prayer List - members:

Jim Stinson (knee replacement), Erika Colacicco (cancer), Brandy Melloy (blindness, brain tumor), Chelsea Shaw (military family with us, health issues),

– family & friends:

Darlene Johnson (sister of Kay Minda, health issues)
Richard Younger (friend of Brenda Bullock, cancer)
Rhonda Drewes (knee replacement surgery)
Elijah Holland (child, friend of Chelsea Shaw, leukemia)
TJ Prinsloo (friend of Dan Beach, serious accident, disability)
Isaac Ruble (friends of Scharnhorst's, work-related brain injury)
Pricilla Kruse (relative of Tim, Janise Selbe, cancer)
Terri Tomb (mother of Steve Crowell, health issues)
Brandi Buff (friend of Amanda Ford, cancer)
Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health)
Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia)
Diane Beckett (sister of Paula Knollman, Alzheimer's)
Marlin Dunlap (brother of Sandra Smith, Linda Fulkerson, ALS)

Risen Savior Classical Academy, 2nd Semester begins January 10. There are opportunities to be paid to teach, be on a sub. list, volunteer. Please see Pastor Cockran.

New Years' Eve at the Church. Come for it all or just a part, or just Divine Service. Come as early as 8:00 pm. Divine Service is 10:00 pm. Games, activities for all ages, as we ring in the New Year. Some beverages, food and snacks provided. You may bring some but not necessary.

New Member class, Adult catechism begins Jan. 30, 5 pm. Encourage, invite family and friends.

Life Conference and March to the Capitol, Tuesday, Jan. 25, Topeka. See January newsletter. Carpool from church at 8:00 am.

Men's Basketball begins Sundays, 8 pm, starting January 2.

We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of cards and gifts to us and our family this Christmastide and sincerely thank you.
Pastor & Jodi Weinkauff
Pastor & Emily Cockran

CALENDAR

Today	Feast of St. Stephen
8:00 a	Divine Service
9:15 a	Sunday School/Bible Class for all
10:30 a	Divine Service
Friday	Eve of Circumcision, Name of Jesus
8:00 p	Activities begin
10:00 p	Divine Service
12:15 a	Activities ends
Sunday	8:00 a Divine Service
9:15 a	Sunday School/Bible Class for all
10:30 a	Divine Service
4:30 p	LWML party
6:00 p	Youth Group
8:00 p	Men's Basketball

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5	Midweek, Confirmation, Choirs resume
Jan. 6	Feast of Epiphany, Thursday 7:00 Divine Service
Jan. 25	Life Conference and March to the Capitol
Jan. 30	Next Adult Catechism class or by arrangement
Feb. 6	Souper Bowl party
Feb. 12	Sunday School gamenight
Feb. 20	Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly
Feb. 21	Next Blood Drive
Feb. 27	Feast of the Transfiguration
March 1	PfannKuchen Tag
March 2	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

STEWARDSHIP \$7532/WKLY. BUDGET

Date	Attendance	Offering +	Special Funds
12/19	280	\$7887	\$711
12/12	278	\$8723	\$3472

Altar Flowers: in thanksgiving upon the birth, baptism of Krista Wright from Tim & Janise Selbe.

See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase.

Financial Reports are posted in Church Office.

On-Line Giving. Our Vendor is: Vanco. Download the App. There is also a link on our website. Over 40 families have utilized this tool.

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Risen Savior Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Basehor, Kansas

1st Sunday in Christmas Dec. 26, 2021
Feast of Saint Stephen, Martyr

Welcome to the Lord's House. The Christ is born in the land of Judah, but His own people will not receive Him. As it was in the days of Joash, so it is also in the days of Herod and Pilate. The Lord "sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD ... but they would not pay attention" (2 Chron. 24:19). As Zechariah was being stoned, he cried out, "May the LORD see and avenge!" (2 Chron. 24:22). But the infant Jesus has come to save and to forgive. Today, the Church remembers St. Stephen, the first martyr after Christ's ascension. His confession recalled the stiff-necked, uncircumcised hearts and ears of Judah that would not receive the Righteous One (Acts 7:51–52). But as his body was being stoned and his spirit received by the Lord Jesus, Stephen cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:59–60), bearing witness to the One who also said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). On the second day of Christmas, our thoughts are already directed to Christ's atoning death to save rebels like us, and to the vision Stephen saw: Heaven is open to us; Christ is reigning at God's right hand; and no sin, death or foe can stop Him. **May the Lord bless this Divine Service.**



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. **Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with a pastor first.**