

Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.

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Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

Acts: The Early Church Story
"Stephen: The First Christian Martyr"
June 26, 2022 11:15 a.m.

Stephen was the first person killed for placing faith in Jesus Christ. He was one of the first seven deacons of the Church, and although his call was to proclaim the good news of Jesus boldly by tending to those in need, he also proclaimed Jesus boldly with his words. This story teaches us that we shouldn't be afraid to speak the truth, even if doing so can be costly.

P: Pastor C: Congregation A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC *"Greater"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *"10,000 Reasons"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

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(Please be seated.)

MEMORY VERSE *John 16:13a* David Lochner

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

FIRST READING *Acts 6:8-15*

A: The first reading is from the book of Acts, the sixth chapter.

8 Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. **9** Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. **10** But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. **11** Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." **12** They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. **13** They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things 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 handed on to us." **15** And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Acts 7:51 – 8:1a*

A: The second reading is from the book of Acts, the seventh and eighth chapters.

51 [Stephen said] "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. **52** Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. **53** You are the ones who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it." **54** When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. **55** But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. **56** "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" **57** But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. **58** Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. **59** While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." **60** Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. **1** And Saul approved of their killing him.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL *Mark 6:17-29*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account
of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. **18** For John had been telling
Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." **19** And Herodias had a grudge against
him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, **20** for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a
righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and
yet he liked to listen to him. **21** But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet
for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. **22** When his daughter Herodias came in
and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever
you wish, and I will give it." **23** And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even
half of my kingdom." **24** She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied,
"The head of John the baptizer." **25** Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want
you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." **26** The king was deeply grieved,
yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. **27** Immediately the
king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the
prison, **28** brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.
29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor
"Stephen: The First Christian Martyr"

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY *"Son of God"*

THE CREED

P: God has made us God's own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we sing our faith:
"This I Believe"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by natural disasters. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. In your mercy,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: God of every time and place, in Jesus's name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

What is the Sharing of the Peace?
The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

How Do We Share the Peace?
At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING *Matthew 26:7-8*

…A woman came to (Jesus) with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table.

OFFERING *"Revelation Song"*

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:
C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please be stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG *"Lord, Reign in Me"*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C: We will! Thanks be to God!
P: And next time …
C: … we'll invite a friend!

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we will offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word will be spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We will pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others in need.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers	
June 5	Annette George
June 12	Brian Rusher
June 19	Patti Tieman
June 26	David Lochner

PowerPoint	
June 5	Ted George
June 12	Jeanine Rusher
June 19	Emery Schillack
June 26	Jeanine Rusher

Ushers	
June 5	Brian Rusher/Jim Kershner
June 12	Tom Ingram/Christian Arnold
June 19	Brian & Max Tognetti
June 26	Brian Rusher/Jim Kershner

Communion Assistants	
June 5	Brian Rusher
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June 26	Brian Rusher

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