

January 26, 2025

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

O God Our Help in Ages Past

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip- he who watches over you will not slumber.

Indeed, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you- the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm- he will watch over your life.

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

***Hymn of Praise**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 291

Hymn of the Month

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:12

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

O our God, we are ashamed and blush to lift up our faces before you for our iniquities are higher than our heads, and our guilt has reached unto the heavens. We were sinful at birth, even from the time our mothers conceived us. We are by nature children of wrath. We have corrupted our way and turned aside from your holy laws. You are not in all our thoughts. We have often forgotten you, the God who formed us, and have lived for ourselves, indulging the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. But now we repent. We grieve over ourselves and turn from our sins, calling on you to forgive us and renew a clean heart and mind within us. As we approach your table, may we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace, through the merit and mediation of your sinless Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Romans 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

The Lord Is My Shepherd

No. 23C

Scripture Reading

1 Sam. 16:1-13

(Pew pg. 238/LP pg. 300)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

pg. 969

Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

***Doxology**

No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation**

He Will Hold Me Fast

(Insert)

Sermon

Acts 7:54- 8:1

(Pew pg. 916/LP pg. 1143)

1. Contrast (vv. 54 & 55)

2. Comfort (v. 55)

3. Christ (vv. 56-58)

4. Calm (v. 59)

5. Cries for Mercy (v. 60)

Questions:

1. What are some of your greatest fears? What are some of the world's greatest fears? How can the fear of death be an opening to sharing the Gospel with someone? Explain
2. Oftentimes when we talk about separation from the world, Christians have very different ideas of what that means and what that looks like. How does the contrast between the mob in v. 54 and Stephen in v. 55 help us to understand better what separation from the world really means and looks like? Explain your answer.
3. What's the connection between Acts 7:56 and Daniel 7? How does the title "Son of Man" point to Jesus humanity?
4. What does it mean to die well? How does the glory of God overtake us at death? And what does it mean that Stephen "fell asleep"?

*Hymn of Response

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

No. 431

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri

No. 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* **Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Musician

Intercessory Prayer

Cathy Reed

Yon Lindborg

EVENING WORSHIP

5:00 p.m.

Prelude.....“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven ”

Call to Worship

+Hymn 239..... “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

+Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 13

+Hymn 256..... “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Prayer of Intercession.....Elder led

Reading of God’s Word.....1 Peter 5:6-11

Preaching of God’s Word.....Rev. Andrew Gretzinger

+Hymn 409.....“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

+Benediction

Postlude“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

+The congregation will stand at these times