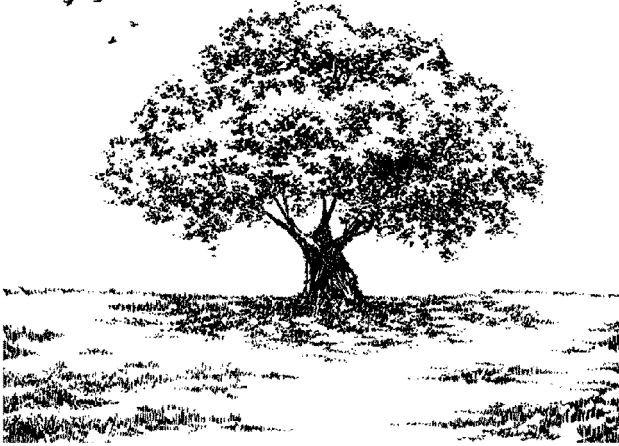


Wait for the
Lord;
be strong and
take heart and
wait for the Lord.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. Sins are evident in our lives day after day. We confess our sins before You, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for the pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Guided by Your Holy Spirit lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 246; 243; 744; 45

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 7:54-59

Stephen is counted as the first of the Christian martyrs. Placed before the Sanhedrin, the council that had condemned Jesus, Stephen remained faithful. He presented an accounting of the history of God's people, and the hardness of their hearts revealed in Jesus' crucifixion. In a rage the members of the council dragged Stephen out of the city and stoned him. His last words were a prayer for grace for those who killed him. In the face of persecution the grace of God continues to live in the hearts of those who believe.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 23:34-39

Jesus promised to send out messengers of His saving gospel, even though Jesus was well aware of the poor reception they would receive. This drew from the Lord's heart a great lament for those whom He loved, for souls He sincerely and earnestly desired to save. The result of such rejection of Christ and His gospel is ultimately the withdrawal of the Lord's presence from a people.

THE SERMON: Deuteronomy 32:1-9

Theme: The Song of Moses Directs Us to Abide in God's Grace.

- I. Moses Recounts God's Faithfulness
- II. Reminds Us of our Continuous Need for God's Forgiving Grace
- III. Directs Us to the Hope of the Grace to Come

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Matthew 16:13-20.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 24 Worship – 28

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 868.00	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$25.00
Needed for Year:	\$34,650.00	Mission Devlp. Fund	\$60.00
Received for Year:	\$26,960.98		

Property Improvement Fund There is a need to repay the Memorial Fund and replenish the balance of the Property Improvement Fund following the replacement of the parsonage furnace and air conditioning.

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Matthew Ude, Eau Claire WI, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL. The congregation called the Rev. Terrel Kesterson, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA.

Hymn 248:1-3 Father of Glory, to Thy Name

Father of glory, to Thy name
Immortal praise we give
Who dost an act of grace proclaim
And bid us rebels live.

Immortal honor to the Son,
Who makes Thine anger cease;
Our lives He ransomed with His own
And died to make our peace

To Thine almighty Spirit be
Immortal glory giv'n,
Whose teachings bring us near to Thee
And train us up for heav'n.