



THE COMPANION

GOD AT WORK IN YOU

During the Easter Season, we heard the story of Stephen the first Christian martyr (Acts 6-7). He was the first in a line of saints who have made a bold confession of Christ in the face of a hostile world. Saints who “mocked the cross and flame, met the tyrant's brandished steel, the lion's gory mane”...as it says in the hymn “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”.

But if I'm honest, the martyrdom of Stephen can feel quite removed from my everyday life.

Waking up, making breakfast, brushing my teeth, sending emails.

Compared to the stories of martyrs and the Acts of the Apostles. I feel like I don't really make the cut.

My life is mundane and ordinary. What do I have in common with them? Ever feel that way?

But the truth is, Jesus is still there. He is there in the mundane.

If you take a look earlier in our reading from Acts. Things don't seem all that spectacular for Stephen. No, they look quite mundane and ordinary. The disciples needed people to wait tables. To work in the divine food service industry distributing food to widows in need.

Stephen was not all that far removed from a pizza delivery guy or Amazon driver. “Steve, Take this food and make sure it gets to Mrs Schmidtke.”

Mundane. Ordinary. But you know what? God was there. Stephen, in his serving, was full of faith and the Holy Spirit. Even in the midst of his daily tasks.

It's the same with you and I. God uses you to wait tables. Maybe its your kids or your spouse or your parents or your friends and neighbors or church members. We all have ordinary tasks, mundane vocations that God has given us. But he is present as we serve others. He uses us as his hands and his feet to provide his daily bread to others in this world.

We don't need to be thrown to the lions or tied to a burning stake to give witness to Christ. We do it daily in word and deed where God has placed us. Even as Stephen was waiting tables he was full of faith and the Spirit. Full of grace and power. In his serving...and in his speaking.

Now, we can understand the waiting tables and serving others part. But what about the speaking? What about the bold witness?

Personally, I look at Stephen's bold confession and then and then I look at myself...and I can see a much different story. Often I'm silent when I ought to speak. Afraid. Worried that I'll say the wrong thing, or cause offense, or start an argument.

It's hard. Because so many people don't understand. They don't know Jesus or they have strayed from him. And we can feel like fish out of water sometimes even with friends and family. When given an opportunity, we often fail to bear witness and can get discouraged.

What do we have in common with Stephen?

Well, Stephen was full of grace and power because he was filled with faith and the Holy Spirit.

You and I are filled with the same Holy spirit. It happened in our baptism - a gift of God given through his word and promise. And with that comes power and grace... boldness and confidence.

The word of God implanted in our hearts and our lives is always active. Always effective. As we are sent to speak the truth in love and sow seeds of forgiveness.

We may not see the effects...but where the gospel goes out, the promise is there. And by the power of the spirit, according to his manner and his timing, the seed will sprout to faith.


The same spirit and the same Jesus that was with Stephen is with you. God is with you and is at work in every part of your life. He is present in your serving and in your speaking.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

*In His Name,
Pastor Harbaugh*



❁ JUNE SERVANT LIST ❁

 June	JUNE 4TH	JUNE 11TH	JUNE 18TH	JUNE 25TH
LECTORS	TIM RUEDIGER	MARJI KEATING	JEFF VANDER HOOF	HALEY JENNINGS
FLOWERS	THE RUEDIGERS	MARJI KEATING	SARA WILLIAMS	NO ONE SIGNED UP
COFFEE HOUR	NO ONE SIGNED UP		3rd SUNDAY BIRTHDAYS FATHER'S DAY	NO ONE SIGNED UP
ALTAR GUILD	RUTH NUTT	JULI REYNOLDS	BECCA HARBAUGH	BECKY PEARSON

❁ JULY SERVANT LIST ❁

 July	JULY 2ND	JULY 9TH	JULY 16TH	JULY 23RD	JULY 30TH
LECTORS	DON WALLICH	JEFF VANDER HOOF	MIKE GOLCHERTS	SHAWN LEONARD	MARJI KEATING
FLOWERS	THE RUEDIGERS	THE RUEDIGERS	THE RUEDIGERS	NO ONE SIGNED UP	NO ONE SIGNED UP
COFFEE HOUR	NO ONE SIGNED UP		THIRD SUNDAY BIRTHDAYS	NO ONE SIGNED UP	
ALTAR GUILD	RUTH NUTT	JULI REYNOLDS	BECCA HARBAUGH	BECKY PEARSON	RUTH & BECKY

AUGUST SERVANT LIST

AUGUST	AUGUST 7TH	AUGUST 14TH	AUGUST 21TH	AUGUST 28TH
LECTORS	HAYLEY JENNINGS	SHAWN LEONARD	MARJI KEATING	TIM RUEDIGER
FLOWERS	NO ONE SIGNED UP			
COFFEE HOUR	NO ONE SIGNED UP		THIRD SUNDAY BIRTHDAYS	NO ONE SIGNED UP
ALTAR GUILD	RUTH NUTT	JULI REYNOLDS	BECCA HARBAUGH	BECKY PEARSON

HAPPY HAPPY JOY JOY



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

BECCA HARBAUGH - 06/08 ~*~ MARK VRUDNY - 6/12
RUTH NUTT - 06/21

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

JESSE RUEDIGER - 07/03 ~*~ MARJIE KEATING - 07/29

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

ROSANNE McCALLUM - 08/02 ~*~ PASTOR HARBAUGH - 04/08
JANET HANSEN - 08/09 ~*~ CLAIRE McCALLUM - 08/16

If you want your birthday in the Newsletter, please contact Martha in the office at: {831} 394-1312 -or- at office@faithseaside.org

**The Deadline for the FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER is:
MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2023 AT 10 AM**

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>REMEMBER TO TAKE PICTURES!!!</p>			 <p>HELLO JUNE!</p>		1	2
						3
						<p>WORLD BICYCLE DAY!</p> 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 <p><i>Trinity Sunday</i></p>		<p>D-DAY June 6, 1944</p>  <p>Remember & Honor</p>	 <p>NATIONAL CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM DAY</p>			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			 <p>Flag Day June 14 <i>Long may she wave</i></p>			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>HAPPY Father's DAY</p> <p>Third Sunday Birthday Celebration!</p>			 <p>SUMMER BEGINS!</p>			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
				 <p>NATIONAL CAMERA DAY!</p>		



FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND: NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD: WORLD BICYCLE DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH: TRINITY SUNDAY
TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH: THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AT NORMANDY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH: NATIONAL CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM DAY
THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH: BEST FRIENDS DAY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH: FLAG DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH: FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH: THIRD SUNDAY BIRTHDAYS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST: SUMMER BEGINS
THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH: NATIONAL CAMERA DAY



JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>TUESDAY, JULY 4TH: INDEPENDENCE DAY FRIDAY, JULY 7TH - WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY TUESDAY, JULY 11TH - SEVEN ELEVEN DAY - GET A FREE SLURPEE FRIDAY, JULY 14TH - HAPPY BASTILLE DAY SUNDAY, JULY 16TH - THIRD SUNDAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH - HOT DOG DAY SUNDAY, JULY 23RD - HAPPY PARENTS DAY MONDAY, JULY 24TH - NATIONAL COUSINS DAY SATURDAY, JULY 29TH - NATIONAL LASAGNA DAY SUNDAY, JULY 30TH - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP</p> 						1	 WELCOME JULY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
		 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY			 WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
		 REMEMBER TO GET YOUR FREE SLURPEE			 Happy Bastille Day <small>July 14th</small>		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
			HOT DOG DAY 				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
							
30	31	<p>DON'T FORGET! YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT: TO BE A LECTOR: SEE SARA WILLIAMS BE ON THE ALTAR GUILD - SEE BECKY OR RUTH BE ONE OF OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS! ALTAR FLOWERS - SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX COFFEE HOUR - SIGN UP IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER</p> 					
							

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2		4	5
6		8	9	10	11	 WORLD ELEPHANT DAY AUGUST 12
	14	15	16		18	19
	21	22	23			
27					31	

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD: NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY
MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH: NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH: WORLD ELEPHANT DAY
SUNDAY, NATIONAL LEFT HANDER'S DAY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH: NON-PROFIT DAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH: THIRD SUNDAY BIRTHDAYS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
PASTOR AND FAMILY ON VACATION!



MEATBALLS 3 WAYS

INGREDIENTS:

1 PACKAGE OF FROZEN MEATBALLS (YOUR CHOICE)-YOU CAN BUY SEASONED OR UNSEASONED.

DEPENDING ON WHICH ONES YOU MAKE, HERE ARE SOME OTHER INGREDIENTS:

TERIYAKI SAUCE AND YOUR FAVORITE RICE.

MARINERA SAUCE AND YOUR FAVORITE NOODLES OR A HOAGIE ROLL.

BBQ SAUCE AND MASHED POTATOES OR A HOAGIE ROLL.

DIRECTIONS:

TAKE OUT 5 OR 6 MEATBALLS PER PERSON (LESS/MORE IF YOU WANT) AND PREPARE AS THE PACKAGE SUGGESTS. WHEN THE MEATBALLS ARE COOKED, POUR IN THE SAUCE OF YOUR CHOICE. HEAT UNTIL THE SAUCE IS WARMED UP.

EXAMPLES:

WITH THE TERIYAKI SAUCE - SERVE OVER RICE OR VEGETABLES.

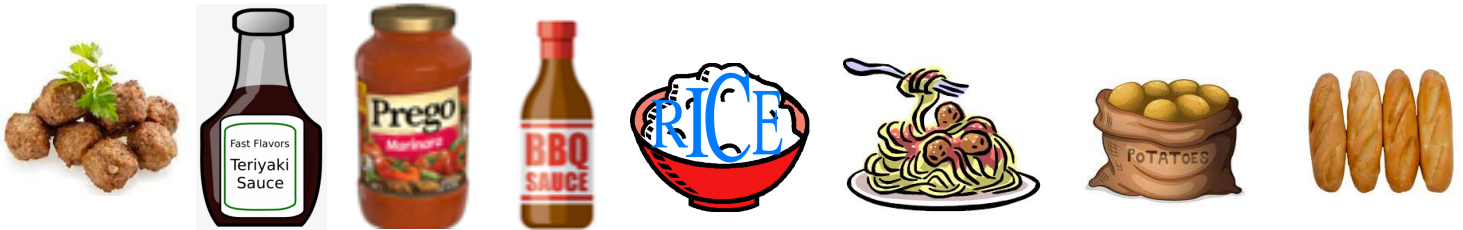
WITH THE MARINERA SAUCE - SERVE OVER NOODLES.

WITH THE MARINERA SAUCE - SERVE INSIDE A HOAGIE ROLL WITH GRILLED VEGGIES.

WITH THE BBQ SAUCE - SERVE OVER MASHED POTATOES.

WITH THE BBQ SAUCE - SERVE INSIDE A HOAGIE ROLL.

I SERVE MINE WITH A SALAD OR MY FAVORITE VEGETABLES.



OFFICE HOURS:

**PASTOR HARBAUGH'S HOURS
ARE BY APPOINTMENT.**



**MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAYS and THURSDAYS
from 9 AM to 1 PM**

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EASTER HAPPENINGS!

