



The First Christian Martyr
Lesson for January 22: Acts 6: 8-15; 7: 54-60

Memory Selection: Revelation 2: 10

STEPHEN was one of the seven men who formed a committee for the equitable distribution of food and other necessities. It is recorded that he was "full of grace and power," and that he "wrought great wonders and signs among the people." He was a mighty witness for Christ. When certain ones who had disputed with him were vanquished, they took him before the council of the Sanhedrin. There the face of Stephen shone like that of an angel.

The council condemned him to death and he was dragged from the city to be stoned. This was contrary to the Jewish custom for such cases and also against the provision that the Roman authorities only could inflict the death penalty. The spirit of the martyr rose superior to agony and sin. As the stones were rained upon him thick and fast, he called upon Jesus to receive his spirit and, then, kneeling down, prayed for those who were stoning him. Then merciful death closed his lips.

There is a great testimony for Christ in the death of Stephen. In the whole dreadful transaction, the anger and the murderous deed of his enemies marked their utter defeat in their contention with truth. Stephen's martyrdom must have had a great effect upon a young man named Saul, of whose feet the outer garments of those who stoned Stephen were laid. And the first Christian martyr has lived on through the ages as a powerful witness to the reality of the religion that can strengthen a man.

OUR CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sixth Street & 2nd Ave.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning service at 11 a. m.
Morning service at 11 o'clock.
Sunday school 9:45.

"Truth" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, January 22, 1950.

The Golden Text is: "The Lord is high unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth." (Psalms 145:18). Other Bible citations include: "Righteous are thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth." (Psalms 119:137, 142).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Truth has no consciousness of error. Love has

no sense of hatred. Life has no partnership with death. Truth, Life and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves, because they declare nothing except God." (Page 243:25).

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Street & Avenue A
Canon Geo. St. G. Tyner, rector
Services next Sunday:
The church school will meet at 9:30 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m.
Subject: "The Wedding at Cana of Galilee." This is where our Lord wrought his first miracle. It is a beautiful story with a wonderful lesson on the miracle working power of Christ. There is a welcome for you at our service next Sunday morning. Remember the time, 10:30 a. m.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Murray, Nebraska
Roy P. Morris, Pastor
10:00 a. m. Bible School, with classes for all ages, James Comstock, Supt.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship, with sermon "Persecuting Christ."

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Plattsmouth-Louisville Road
Rev. A. Lentz, Pastor
Sunday, January 22—10:30. Services.
Wednesday, January 25—2:30 Ladies Aid. Mrs. P. G. Hennings and Mrs. Lentz will be hostesses.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 Miles Southwest of Louisville
Melvin H. Meyer, Pastor
Divine services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. The choir on Friday at 7:30 p. m.
Saturday school at 9:00 a. m. Communion services January 29th.

WESLEYAN METHODIST

Rev. A. E. Harris, Pastor
619 South Tenth Street
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Sermon by pastor 11 a. m.
Wednesday evening prayer service 7:30 p. m.
Friday evening youth service 7:30 p. m.
Sunday evening youth service 6:45 p. m.
Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

D. V. Herrick, Pastor
Mynard, Nebraska
Royal Smith, Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
Worship service 11:00 a. m.
Youth Fellowship 7:00 p. m.
Jerry Fulton, leader.
Because of icy roads communion service was postponed until this coming Sunday.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washington at Ave. D
Cleo Kautsch, Pastor
9:30 a. m. Sunday worship.
10:30 a. m. Sunday school.

Physicians urge that we submit to a periodic checkup. There may be ailments at work within us, even though we may feel perfectly well.
God, through His inspired Apostle, pleads with us: "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." 2 Cor. 13, 5.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Rev. Edward C. Tuckek, pastor
Sixteenth and First Avenue
Holy Mass is offered each Sunday at 8 and at 10 o'clock.
The Boy Scouts meet every Monday evening in Rosary Hall at 7:30 p. m.
The Altar Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Rosary Hall at 7:30 p. m.
The choir meets every Thursday evening at 7:30.
Sorrowful Mother Novena at 7:30 every Friday evening.
Holy Hour of Reparation on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 p. m.
Confessions every Saturday evening, Thursday preceding 7:30 until 9 o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Geo. Agius, Pastor.
Rev. Father John W. Kelly, Assistant.
Winter schedule of masses:—
Sunday — Masses at 8 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.
Week-day Masses 7:10 and 8 a. m.
Confessions on Saturday from 4 to 5 p. m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Seventh Street and Second Ave.
Dr. H. G. McClusky, Pastor
Sabbath School at 9:45, Ralph Wehrlein, Supt.
Morning Church Worship at 11 a. m. Dr. J. W. Pressley, of Omaha, will conduct the service, preaching on "A Beacon For Life's Pathway."
The Westminster Fellowship meetings on Wednesday evening at 6:45 and 8:00 o'clock.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Geo. Swiney, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Church Service at 11:00 a. m.
Young Peoples meeting at 6:00 p. m.
Evening Service 7:30.
Wednesday evening at 7:30.
Bible Study and Prayer meeting.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

Fifth St. and Avenue A.
Parsonage at 714 First Ave
Church School at 9:30 a. m.
Worship service at 10:45 a. m.
The morning service will be conducted by Rev. Earl Conover.
You are cordially invited to attend our church and worship service.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. C. Williams, Pastor
Seventh and Main Streets
9:45 a. m. Church school.
11:00, Morning Worship with Holy Communion.
6:00 p. m., Youth Fellowship.
Wednesday, Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p. m.
Scout Meeting, Monday at 7 p. m.
Junior Choir Rehearsal, Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

UNION METHODIST

Rev. E. C. Williams, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Morning worship, Communion.
10:30 a. m.—Church School.
7:00 p. m., Wednesday, Youth Fellowship.
Thursday at 2 p. m., Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Murdock
Mrs. Florence McDonald

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lenhard and Mr. Herman Kuyke left for California on Monday afternoon where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

Mrs. Emma Ward and Miss Viola Everett were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gustin.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stock were Mr. and Mrs. William Winkler and their daughter, Mrs. Sohl and son of Lincoln.

On Thursday evening Callahan church had their family night, which was called "Fun Night." A very good attendance was present and enjoyed a good time, after which a lunch of pie and coffee was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buck left Sunday for Hastings, Nebraska, where they will spend a week or so at the home of their son, Otto Buck and family, who are the proud parents of a baby boy born Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klemme visited relatives in Omaha last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McMurrin were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Lacey McDonald.

Janet Von Spreckelson, small daughter of William Von Spreckelson's has been quite ill the past week.

The Senior class went to Lincoln on Saturday and had their pictures taken.



TO LOVE, HONOR AND INHERIT . . . When Frieda Koesling, 50, Berlin nurse, announced she had a chance of inheriting 60 million, 50 suitors proposed marriage. From these she chose Paul Kosswig.

Video No Threat To the Movies, Says Director

By PETER HAYES
United Press Staff Correspondent

SPOKANE, Wash. (UP)—Eric A. Johnston, motion picture chief, doesn't blanch at the thought of what television will do to the movie industry.
"I think television will stimulate rather than retard the industry," Johnston said in an interview.

Mr. Ed Craig has been putting in quite a week with a badly infected toe.

The oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kline has been quite ill the first part of the week.

Mr. Dick Trutna was confined to his bed on Monday with a siege of the flu.



The president of the Motion Picture Association of America likes to compare the advent of television with the beginnings of sound movies.

"When engineers first started having success with sound, many movie executives shook their heads and said it would ruin the industry," Johnston said. "But look what happened!"

And I think we'll be able to make as much out of television as we did out of sound."

Problem Under Study

The film executive told how a committee of engineers and producers are at work now studying the possibilities of television.

"The way it looks now, the plan will be to present a television show to a group of theatres in a certain region," he said. "We'll probably start with sports events and from there lead into five talent shows. I think television will prove an invaluable supplement to the movies."

Meanwhile, Johnston is optimistic over the present economic status of the film business.

"We are emerging from an adjustment period that began two years ago," he said.

He pointed to two problems producers faced. One was high costs brought on in the war by the 90 per cent excess profits tax and the other was the difficulty of converting huge amounts of foreign currency into American dollars.

The \$150,000-a-year movie boss said the second problem gradually is being licked.

All Sorts of Deals

"We have brought into play all sorts of deals to swap for eign earnings for American currency. In Marseille harbor, for instance, we raised a sunken tanker with French francs and sold it to Standard Oil for American dollars."

Johnston said he would know

soon the outcome of his bid to capture the Russian film market.

"We've got a man over there now 'screening' American movies for Soviet officials according to an agreement I made with Russia last year," he said. "They may take all or none."

The dynamic "movie czar" is slated to make a tour of Europe the middle of September with several other members of the Economic Cooperation Administration advisory board.

Brothers Share Breaks

WILTON, N. H. (UP)—Frank, Al and Richard Hutchinson, brothers, each suffered a fractured shoulder within a few days. Frank was hurt at work, Richard was struck by an automobile and Al fell out of an apple tree.

School Provides Home

SOUTHBORO, Mass. (UP)—When townsfolk find their school superintendent, Roger K. Poole, napping in the school these days, he's not loafing at the job. He was unable to find a place to live, so the school committee gave him permission to move into the school cellar with his wife and four children.

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