

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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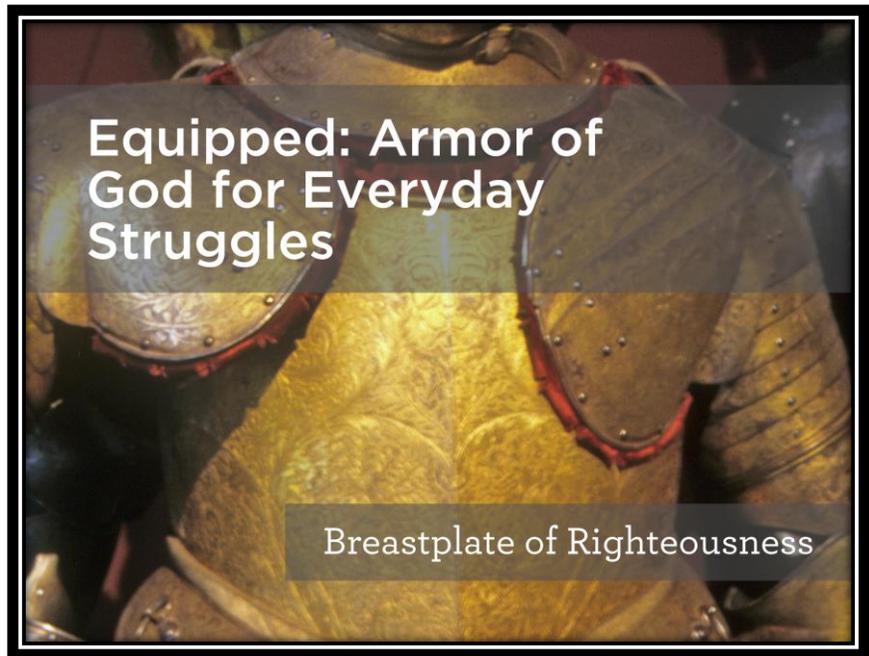
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AS WE GATHER

The devil is working daily to make us turn away from our faith in Christ. Sometimes though, it's not in grand efforts, but in the small ones we encounter every day. The devil can work through exhaustion, anxiety, temptation, and frustration, all common daily occurrences. But God provides strength to battle the devil's ways by giving us His armor. Follow along with Ascension's summer sermon series on Ephesians 6 to see how the armor of God equips us to defend against Satan. (see cph.org for further description and details of the book, *Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles*).

PRELUDE:

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: STEP BY STEP

Strasser

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.

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INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Be strong in the Lord

C and in the strength of His might.

P Put on the whole armor of God,

C that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

P Therefore, take up the whole armor of God

C that you may be able to withstand in the evil day.

P And having done all,

C to stand firm.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Silence for self-examination.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

(or)

A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE: BE STRONG IN THE LORD

LSB 665 sts. 1-2

Be strong in the Lord
In armor of light,
With helmet and sword,
With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent,
Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent:
The armor of God.

Integrity gird
You round to impart
The truth of His Word
As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing
As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing,
Be strong to prevail.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, daily You forgive the sins of all who call out to You for mercy and blessing.

C **Now, on this day of salvation, assure us again that nothing in all creation can separate us from You and Your gracious promises;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:1-11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the

Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

SONG OF THE DAY: OUR GOD

Tomlin/Reeves/Myrin/Redman

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, None like You.

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, None like You.

CHORUS: Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, Awesome in power
Our God . . . our God

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, None like You. CHORUS X2

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us
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SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For the Church, that God's people would gather together in person to hear the Word of the Lord, build each other up in song, and receive our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood. Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For the gift of new church workers, that God would raise up a new generation to serve in faithfulness and love. Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For our Congress, our president, our justices and all in authority in our land, that God would grant them wisdom, courage, and honor as they carry out their vocations. Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For Ascension's capital campaign, that the Lord would bless us with generous hearts that improvements to our facilities would enable us to better share Christ's love today and tomorrow. Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For those who do not yet know Christ as Savior, that God would work through us to bear witness to Jesus and share the Good News of His Gospel. Be strong in the Lord,

C **and in the strength of His might.**

P For all who suffer oppression from the evil one, for all who struggle under sickness or loneliness or grief, for all whom we have been asked to remember, [especially _____,] that Christ would grant them deliverance and healing according to His gracious will, Be strong in the Lord,

C **and in the strength of His might.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

HYMN VERSE: BE STRONG IN THE LORD

LSB 665 sts. 3–4

With eagerness shod
Stand firm in your place,
Or go forth for God
With news of His grace;
No foe shall disarm you
Nor force you to yield,
No arrow can harm you
With faith as your shield.

Though Satan presume
To test you and try,
In helmet and plume
Your head shall be high;
Beset by temptation
Be true to your Lord,
Your helmet salvation
And Scripture your sword.

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OFFERING

Due to COVID-19 we will not be passing an offering plate. Please place gifts and offerings in the wooden box in the narthex. You can also give online as a one-time gift or reoccurring donation. Simply click "Online Giving" at www.ascensionstl.com.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

✝ SACRAMENT ✝

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

- 1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
- 2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
- 3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

(Please Stand)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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✝ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✝

SONG: COME ALIVE "DRY BONES"

Daigle

Through the eyes of men it seems there's so much we have lost
As we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked
One by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God, Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come that we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us, we step into the valley unafraid, yeah

CHORUS: As we call out to dry bones, "Come alive, come alive"
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive"
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive"

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter, bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your spirit breathe upon them
Show the world that You alone can save
You alone can save CHORUS

So breathe, oh breath of God, now breathe, oh breath of God.
Breathe, oh breath of God, now breathe. REPEAT

Breathe, oh breath of God, now breathe, Oh, breathe, oh breath of God,
now breathe, oh breath of God. Breathe, oh breath of God, now breathe. CHORUS

We call out to dry bones, come alive.

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SONG: IT IS WELL

DiMarco

Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice
And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard

PRE-CHORUS: Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all, it is well
Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me.

And far be it from me to not believe Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

PRE-CHORUS: Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all, it is well
Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well.

It is well . . .

So let go, my soul, and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name REPEAT X3

The waves and wind still know His name

CHORUS: It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul. REPEAT CHORUS

It is well, it is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

PRE-CHORUS: Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all, it is well
Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me

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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

HYMN VERSE: BE STRONG IN THE LORD

LSB 665 st. 5

So wield well your blade,
Rejoice in its pow'rs,
Fight on undismayed
For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious
Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious,
His cross and His crown.

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BENEDICAMUS

A We are people loved by Christ;

C **Sharing Christ's love.**

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

Maher

I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

CHORUS: Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

CHORUS: Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life My future in His hand

CHORUS: Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends REPEAT

Because He lives. Because He lives.

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