



ARMOR OF GOD

**Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Contemporary Worship
9:00 and 10:30 am
August 26, 2018**



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "Lord, My Strength"

Verse 1

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, Lead me through the dark;
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, Heal this wand'ring heart.

Chorus 1

Be my eyes, be my ears, Be the only voice I hear;

Guide my soul, give me sight, Help me walk within your light.

Verse 2

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, You and You alone;
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, Lead me safely home.

Chorus 2

Ev'ry step that I make, Be the road I will take;
Be the thoughts that I keep, And in ev'ry word I speak.

Verse 2

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Song: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord/Awesome God"

Verse 1

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Verse 2

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
He's raised up a standard, the pow'r of His blood,
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Chorus

Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love,
Our God is an awesome God.

Verse 3

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near,
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Chorus (2x)

Tag (2x): Our God is an awesome God.

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Song: "Salvation Belongs To Our God"

Verse 1

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne. And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Be to our God forever and ever.
Be to our God forever and ever.
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Verse 2

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity.
Declaring aloud praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Bridge: Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Tag (2X): Amen.

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Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

† Word †

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a

message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Story & Blessing of the Backpacks

Kelly Falck

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "**Allelu**"

Chorus 2x

Allelu! Allelu!

Ev-'rybody sing: Allelu!

For the Lord has risen, it is true.

Ev-'rybody sing: Allelu!

Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no

one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Sit)

Sermon: “The Armor of God”

Pastor Liz Frey

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: “Let us pray.”

*Please respond with: “**Have mercy, O God.**”*

† Meal †

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

Offering:

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Special Music: "Rescuer" (Good News)

Chorus

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.
We are free from sin forevermore.
Oh, how sweet the sound!
Oh, how grace abounds!
We will praise the Lord,
Our Rescuer.

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive,
Good news for the shamed.
There is good news for the one who walked away.
There is good news for the doubter,
The one religion failed,
For the good Lord has come to seek and save.

Chorus

Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man,
Riches for the poor.
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.
He is pasture for the weary,
Rest for those who strive.
Oh, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

Chorus

Bridge (2X)

So come and be chainless.
Come and be fearless.
Come to the foot of Calvary.
There is redemption for ev'ry affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary.

Chorus

Tag: We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: Almighty God, we praise you, for you are the source of all goodness. When we sinned and turned away, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth and the life. He shared our human nature, and by his death on the cross, he brought us your forgiveness. You raised him from death, forever destroying its sting. In him you make us a holy people by pouring upon us your Spirit of life and power. Through this meal, join us together with one another in the bond of your Son's love.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P: *In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request-- please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

✠ Sending ✠

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song “Lord, Reign in Me”

Verse 1

Over all the earth, you reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that you'd reign in me again.

Chorus

Lord, reign in me, reign in your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, so won't you reign in me again.

Verse 2

Over every thought, over every word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing.
So won't you reign in me again.

Chorus 2X

Tag 2X: Won't you reign in me again, won't you reign in me again.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

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worship notes

Attendance at our services last week was 510. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website. Our web address is: www.trinitycamphill.org.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mamie and Carl Winfield and Grace and Harry Lape by Barbara & Carl Winfield; Lester and Alma Geist and Kenneth and Martha Seaman-Latshaw by Bonnie and Tom Seaman; our father/grandfather, Neil Dell, by Sharon and Jennifer; Carolyn Fitzgerald by Maryellen Harner.

leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. John H. Brock

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Storyteller: Kelly Falck

Lector: (9:00) Ryan Argot; (10:30) Jeff Fair

Greeters: (9:00) Dave Maser (head greeter); (10:30) Barbara Kriebel (head greeter), Kim Panasuck, Bill & Karen Purnell

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Ryan Argot, John West, Karen Woodring; (10:30) Jeff Fair, Dan & Lyn Reed

Ushers: (9:00) Michelle Sine, Margie Walson; (10:30) Dennis & Karen Welker

Altar Care: (9:00) Donna Roberts; (10:30) Jennifer Schwalm

Flower Delivery: John & Loma Slike

Bulletin Artwork: Patty Marshall

Sound Technician: (9:00) Gary Rini; (10:30) Devon Bertram

Video Technician: (9:00) Dona Norris; (10:30) Jonathan Heilman

Slide Show Production: Barb Martin

Visual Announcements: Jane Killian

FaithX: Kevin Appleby, Meredith Askey, Kevin Brady, Pam Hess, Shannon Jones, Devin Miller, Jesse Northridge, Tom Reddinger, Mike Schwalm, Tom Stank, Paul Walker, Debbie Wilson, Rick Wilson

Garden of Eatin': (GOE I) Anne Stafford, Maria Hegedus; (GOE II) Deb Long, Joan Atkinson