

HYMN.....“Be Strong In the Lord”

**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 breast-plate resplendent—the armor of God.**

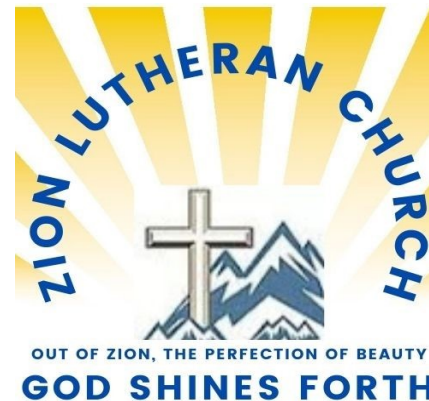
**Integrity gird you round to impart
The truth of His Word as truth in your heart: His
righteousness wearing as breast-plate of mail,
His victory sharing, be strong to prevail.**

**So wield well the 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.**

THE BENEDICTION:

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious
to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.*

Cong: Amen.



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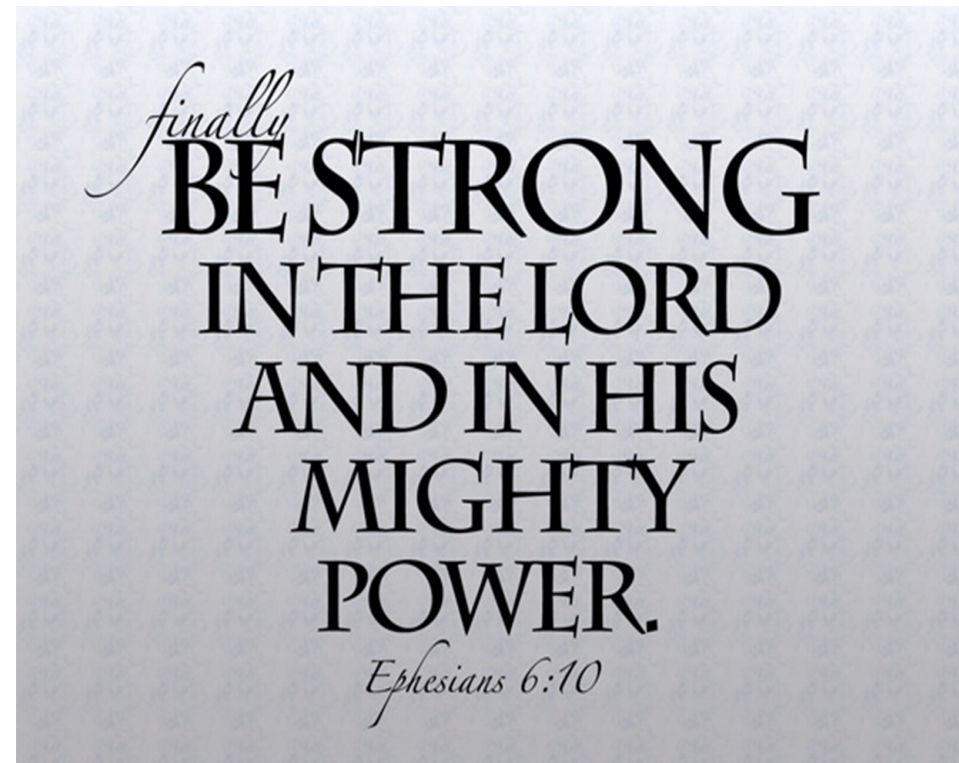
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The Order of Worship

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN.....“*Now Let All Loudly*”

**Now let all loudly
Sing praise to God, our Lord;
All Christians, proudly
Praise Him with one accord.
By grace He invite you to Him;
Come, then, in true faith to adore Him;
Come, then, in true faith to adore Him.**

**Sing, then, His praises
Who is so merciful;
His Church e'er raises
Songs to His glorious rule.
Rejoice! Our foe cannot alarm us;
Jesus protects us, so who can harm us?
Jesus protects us, so who can harm us?**

INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION:

P: It is good to sing praises to our God and to worship Him for His mighty deeds. Yet, this is the one on whom He will look with favor: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and who trembles at His Word. Then let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy and forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong: Most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake forgive us all our sin. By Your

**Of those who would usurp the throne
From Your dear Son who o'er death won.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your Church each day that we
Might live with You eternally.**

**O Spirit, guard and keep our faith
Until we leave this world through death.
Comfort us in this, our final strife,
Then give to us eternal life. Amen.**

THE SERMON: Luke 7:11-17

(ESV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (14) Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (15) and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. (16) In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; (17) and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Fighting the Right Battle Against the Right Enemy

THE PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER: *We offer our petitions to the Lord and join in the prayer our Lord taught us.*

him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (35) For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. (36) For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? (37) For what can a man give in return for his soul? (38) For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

HYMN....."Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Preserve us from deceit and sword**

Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word so that by Your grace we might come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the right to be called children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Cong: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD (Psalm 3)

Many are they, O Lord, who trouble me.

Many are they who rise up against me.

Many are they who say of me,

"There is no help for Him in God."

Refrain

**But You, O Lord, are a shield for me,
My glory, and the One who lifts up my head.
I cried to the Lord with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill.**

I lay down to sleep; I awoke,

For the Lord sustained me.

I will not fear ten thousand men,

Who set themselves against me all around.

Refrain

**For You, O Lord, are a shield for me,
My glory, and the One who lifts up my head.
I cried to the Lord with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill.**

Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God,

*For You have struck down my enemies.
You have silenced the ungodly man.
Salvation belongs to the Lord.*

Refrain

**For You, O Lord, are a shield for me,
My glory, and the One who lifts up my head.
I cried to the Lord with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill.**

*Glory be to God our heavenly Father
Glory be to God the world's Redeemer.
Glory be to God the Comforter
Jehovah, forever Three in One!*

Refrain

**Yes You, O Lord, are a shield for me,
My glory, and the One who lifts up my head.
I cried to the Lord with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Merciful God, who reveals Your power and glory chiefly by showing mercy and pity to fallen mankind, we implore You to pour upon us such an abundant measure of Your grace that we, upon whom You have shed the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus, might walk according to Your commandments and, in the end, obtain that life which You have promised to all who believe on the name of Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit—one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Daniel 12:1-10

(ESV) "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be

delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. (2) And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (3) And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (4) But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." (5) Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. (6) And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, "How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?" (7) And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. (8) I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" (9) He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. (10) Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 8:31-38

(ESV) And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. (32) And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. (33) But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." (34) And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let