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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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You will find a Sunday School Lesson and Bible Study for this Sunday at this site also.

From the Pastor:

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

Word Search [underline or highlight]: God

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place.

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them. Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

Pass This On

In preparation for Proper 7 – June 21, 2020

It was amazing that the young woman remained alive. Her entire body had not only been lacerated but even smashed. She was Blandina, a servant girl of the second century in what we would today call France.

Blandina was among the early martyrs of the church. She died confessing her faith in Jesus Christ.

Her tormenters found themselves at a loss. They had tortured her from morning to evening, and frankly did not know what more they could do to her. For her part, Blandina said, "I am a Christian, and nothing wicked happens among us."

Jesus said (in a passage that will be read at our church this Sunday), "do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). Jesus did not want the lives of His people to be dominated by the paralyzing fear of other human beings. The One to be feared is God.

Sinners have good reason to be terrified at God’s enduring wrath, but Jesus came to offer Himself as a ransom for all. He won forgiveness from God for poor helpless sinners. Now everyone can have a fear of God that is tempered by His forgiveness: “With you is forgiveness,” the Psalmist prayed to God, “that you may be feared” (Psalm 130:4). This forgiveness-based fear of God drives out all other fears. In fact, it makes a person truly morally useful in this topsy-turvy world. However much Blandina’s accusers and tormenters tried to twist reality, she knew the truth. It gave her the courage to say, while enduring great pain: “I am a Christian, and nothing wicked happens among us.” Blandina knew who to fear. How about you?

WORSHIP FOLDER

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 7

The Praise of a Trapped Prophet
June 20 & 21, 2020

AS WE GATHER

It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah’s complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, “Do not be afraid,” so now even with the prophet’s complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, “Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord!”



Working with the Questions: [You may write your answers and comments beside the text and/or in the margins. Underlining and highlighting the answer can also be helpful. If you are a “doodler” or wish to use your artistic talents, do so. Religious art is a good way to express ones faith in Christ. Now begin to answer

the questions that follow.]

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE IV LSB 203

Opening Hymn LSB 570 “JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA”

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
 But that Thy blood was shed for me
 And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
 With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
 Fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

In battling our sinful nature, God our heavenly Father does what to help us?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Congregation For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet
from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.
When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?
In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet
from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Because our God is with us, whom do we need not fear?

Kyrie *LSB 204*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our
mind,
For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and
for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith,
For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare

of us all,

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth,

For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel,

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison,

A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them,
For these and for all our needs of body and soul,
Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C **1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit**

**Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

*We ask God to this within us since He is always presence?
And why?*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Why do we need not be afraid of the evil in this world?

PSALM

Pastor ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
 will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
²I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
 my God, in whom I trust.”

Congregation ³**For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
 and from the deadly pestilence.**
⁴**He will cover you with his pinions,
 and under his wings you will find refuge;
 his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
⁵**You will not fear the terror of the night,
 nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
 nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Pastor ⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
 ten thousand at your right hand,
 but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only look with your eyes
 and see the recompense of the wicked.

Congregation ⁹**Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
 the Most High, who is my refuge—**
¹⁰**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
 no plague come near your tent.**

*We can feel safe in the presence of God. How does the
Psalm above describe God so that we feel safe?*

EPISTLE Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their

passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

From what danger has Christ delivered us?

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . . ²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all

the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

With what words does God impress upon our hearts that we are very important to Him?

[Throughout the rest of this service, and you may begin at the beginning of this service, underline, highlight or indicate in some form all the times God reassures us that He is watching over and will deliver us from evil.]

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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day “All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall” *LSB 562*

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God's wrath impends.

- 2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.

- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.

- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

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Sermon: “Speaking in Human Terms”

Based on Romans 6:12–23

Introduction:

Human words are inadequate to describe God, His love, His mercy, His grace and forgiveness. Yet, God the Holy Spirit moved the prophets and apostles to write this great mystery in human terms. God comes down to us and in our own language and limited understanding God proclaims and works in our heart His grace and His forgiveness to life everlasting.

So, in order to understand the need to battle sin and how deadly it is in our lives, God the Holy Spirit led Paul to describe this battle in terms associated with presenting a sacrifice in the temple and the institution of slavery.

I. Presentation

The children of Israel would bring their sacrifices to the Temple in Jerusalem. They would present it to the priest who in turn would then perform the sacrifice. This was to be done by the Children of Israel as a way of showing they worshiped Yahweh as their God.

So, when the children of Israel would go to the altars of Baal and make their sacrifices, they were saying, “Baal is our god.” This was idolatry. And it was deadly. Because it not only brought the wrath of God upon the people, it was a rejection of a good and gracious God who had saved their lives.

Now, when Paul speaks about presenting our bodies to the Lord, the imagery is the same. When you and I in faith in Christ present ourselves to God as a sacrifice of thanksgiving, we are acknowledging that He is our God. We present our bodies to the High Priest, Jesus Christ, with the understanding that He will use our bodies in service to Him and to the Father in heaven. We present our bodies in gratitude for the forgiveness and salvation He has won for us. We ask God to use us in such a way that we hallow His name and that His will be done.

Yet, our sinful flesh wants us to acknowledge ourselves as God. We can recognize this when we see sin within ourselves and in our lives. We understand our sinful flesh wants us to use our bodies in service to itself. We understand it to be idolatry.

With this understanding comes the understanding that idolatry in this form is also deadly. It is a rejection of the good and gracious God who saved us. It is a move toward pushing the true living God out of our lives. And, if He is out of our lives, then sin will reign within us. This will lead us to death. By ourselves we have no mastery over sin.

II. Slaves

This brings us to a term we are not comfortable with, slaves. Paul is led by the Holy Spirit to use this term that is within our understanding. He is not justifying the institution of slavery. Yet, it accurately describes the nature of sin within us. While Paul uses it to describe the reign of a good and gracious God that is within our hearts and lives.

Throughout history people have enslaved others. Usually, it was done to show superior strength over another nation. Egypt had enslaved Israel to show that they were the superior power in the land. Rome had enslaved Israel in the same

manner. The Israelites were enslaved to help another nation become a powerful worldwide power.

Paul speaks of this type of slavery. One has no freedom because of someone more powerful has control over one's life. And this is what Paul means when He speaks about being a slave to sin. It controls us. We do not control sin. It has mastery over our lives. It directs our thoughts, our words and our actions. Paul would write of this struggle in the next chapter of Romans. The good I want to do I do not do. The evil I do not want to do. That I do.

We are to understand that our sinful flesh will reign within us unless someone else stronger comes, conquers sin, and becomes our master. And that someone is Christ Jesus.

We need help. We cannot conquer sin on our own. We need someone to come and save us. And that is what Christ has done. He took our sin to the cross with Him. There at the cross, He took sin's power away. He died the death that our sins had earned. He paid the wages of our sins.

Sin has no power over us. This doesn't mean we go on sinning because it can't hurt us. No. We know it can hurt us. We know it can bring death to us. This is why we go to Christ. We bring our sin to Him and ask that He continues to reign in our hearts.

When we repent of our sins, it is more than just wiping the slate clean. No, we are asking Christ to rule in our hearts like that of a good and gracious master rules over his beloved slaves. And we want the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts that we approach Christ in the manner of a slave. Not my will be done, but yours.

It is out of gratefulness that we offer ourselves as His slaves. He has saved us from death. He has given us eternal life, that is to say, He has given us life. He has freed us from a most horrible slave driver. He has even made us His children. It gratefulness we offer ourselves as slaves to be used by Him in service to the household of God and for the furthering of His kingdom.

Conclusion:

The temple no longer exists and will not be re-erected by God for the receiving of thanks offerings. By His grace, we are able to do this by the praise, honor and good works we offer to Him daily. The institution of slavery should continue to be banned by nations. Yet, we submit ourselves to God through His Son Jesus Christ in gratefulness for the salvation He has provided us.

Human language is limiting. We will not fully know the full extent of God's goodness and grace until we see Him face to face in heaven. We have a good idea though. God has come down to us to implant in our hearts this understanding of His grace and to trust in Him as good and loving King.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, place Your wise hand upon all the nations of the earth, give them leaders who seek after justice and peace, and lead all people to the freedom of Your Gospel.

Lord, lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage and point them to forgiveness as the feet of Jesus.

Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Lord, strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments.

Empower them to resist Satan's lies with the truth of Your Word.

Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.

Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.

Dear heavenly Father, send Your people to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel message, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son's death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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

People

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymns

“Amazing Grace” *LSB 744*

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
 His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
 In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

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“O God, My Faithful God” **LSB 696**

- 1 O God, my faithful God,
 True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
 All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
 And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
 A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do
 With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,

My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.

3 Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,

Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” **LSB 750**

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.
- 3 Be patient and await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware

And makes thee own His loving care.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

2 All glory to the Father,

**All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “ God of Grace and God of Glory” *LSB 850*

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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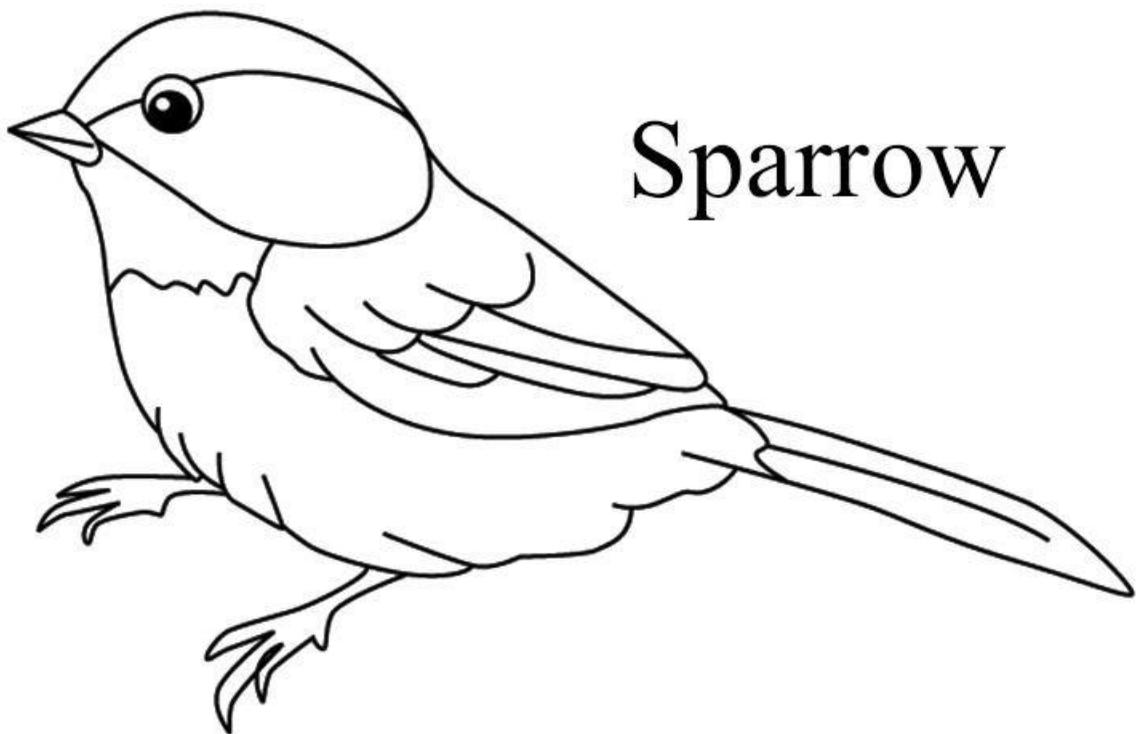
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You ^{are} ^{more} valuable
to God than a
whole flock of
sparrows.

MATTHEW 10:31





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