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Worship Services Sundays 9:00am, Mondays 6:30pm



## Meaningful Ministry

**“FEAR NOT, FOR THE LORD IS WITH  
YOU”**

August 4, 2024  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,  
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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## Invocation

*Please stand.*

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

**Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips,  
 and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God;  
**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

Jesus Christ is Lord of all:  
**praise and thanks to God!**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and  
actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# 805 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

CW 805 sts. 1-4



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
runs a - main, by moun - tain pass or val - ley low, wher -  
fir - ma - ment, O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save  
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand from ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care from ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **First Reading**

2 Kings 6:8–17

<sup>8</sup>Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

<sup>9</sup>The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” <sup>10</sup>So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

<sup>11</sup>This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

<sup>12</sup>“None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”

<sup>13</sup>“Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup>Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup>When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

<sup>16</sup>“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

<sup>17</sup>And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 46D A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
they our life, goods, fame, child and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.  
he holds the field for - ev - er.  
one lit - tle word can fell him.  
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand.*

Alleluia. Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 6:45–56*

<sup>45</sup>Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

<sup>47</sup>Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. <sup>48</sup>He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him

walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out,  
<sup>50</sup>because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>51</sup>Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, <sup>52</sup>for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. <sup>54</sup>As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. <sup>55</sup>They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

### 803 Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.





Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the  
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in  
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I  
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and  
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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## Sermon: “Jesus Stills our Fears”

Mark 6:45-56

1. *He is in Control*
2. *He is with Us*

## Apostles' Creed

Please stand.

**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.**

## **Prayer**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

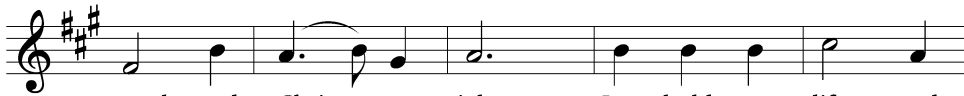
*Please be seated.*

## 876 Fight the Good Fight

CW 876



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less  
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing  
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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Thank you to our Worship Team

Worship Music Leader: Connie Hauf

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 9:00 am – 97; Monday: 6:30 pm – 27; Total: 124