



geared Up
for life

Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Armored

Ephesians 6:10-20

- August 22, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are optional for fully vaccinated people.** If you are not fully vaccinated we ask that you still wear your mask in accordance with local and national guidelines.
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like you are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **We will no longer be doing a temperature check at church, but do ask you to self monitor your temperature at home before coming to church.**

August 22, 2021 10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

Please be quiet during the prelude to help set a worshipful tone for those worshipping online.

“Tocatta in C minor, P. 459” ... Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!” LBW 383

Rise up, O saints of God, From vain ambitions turn.
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
With nobler zeal might burn

Speak out, O saints of God, Despair engulfs earth's frame:
As heirs of God's baptismal grace His word of hope proclaim

Rise up O saints of God, His kingdom task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence: Give justice larger place

Give heed, O saints of God, Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now,
With love the weak sustain

Committ your hearts to seek The path which Christ has trod
And quickened by the Spirit's power, Rise up, O Saints of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we put on Your full armor today, that we will be able to stand against the tricks of the devil. Heavenly Father, we continue in our daily union with You. We trust that we will continue to walk in Your righteousness, being led by the Holy Spirit. May our prayers reflect our faith. Cover us with Your divine protection. Give us the strength by Your grace to stand strong, armored by the Word of God deep within our hearts and souls.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: O Lord, who gears us up for life,

C: How we long to cease this futile, endless, prideful struggle against one another. Hear us over the noise of restlessness and worry. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our prayers, even when we have run everywhere else first -- before turning to You. Remind us that the real struggle is not against blood and flesh. Remind us that the real fight is spiritual. Prepare us for the real battle. Clothe us in Your armor. Teach us to pray in Your Spirit, to pray for one another, and to pray for boldness to be what You have created us to be. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Thank You that we never fight alone, for You of Triune God are constantly at work on our behalf, shielding, protecting, strengthening, exposing deeds of darkness, bringing to light what needs to be known, covering us from the cruel attacks we face even when we're unaware. Protected by God's armor rejoice for you are forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

MINISTRY MOMENT

Des Moines Food Bank

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Psalm 34:15-22

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

"Meditation on Now" ... C. Kishline after C. Schalk

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

SERMON HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal” LBW 495

Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest
Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!

MESSAGE

Armored

Ephesians 6:10-20
Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

"Come and See"

Behold the Author of our salvation
Behold the wonder of grace so free
Behold the blessing of true forgiveness at Calvary

Behold the answer for all the broken
Behold the mercy that makes a way
Behold the promise of perfect healing at Calvary

Chorus

Come and see
Come and see what God has done
Come and see
Come and see what love has won
In this place hearts and lives waking up
To the light of the world
You're the light of the world

The cross is speaking Your words of freedom
No condemnation shall we now fear
Our shame is silenced
Your love has triumphed at Calvary

Bridge x2

God it's Your love here on display
We stand in awe it takes our breath away
God it's Your love here on display
We stand in awe it takes our breath away

Ending

In this place hearts and lives waking up
To the light of the world
You're the light of the world
In this place hearts and lives waking up
In this place hearts and lives waking up
In this place hearts and lives waking up
To the light of the world
You're the light of the world

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

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

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

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

“We Believe”

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe

In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

Chorus 1

**We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
We believe**

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

Chorus 2

**We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again**

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

Chorus 3

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back
And He's coming back again
And He's coming back again

POSTLUDE

During the postlude please remain quiet in your seats or move into the lobby to have conversation to help keep it worshipful for those watching online.

“Finale on For The Beauty of The Earth” ... David Dahl

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs: Dale Lindeke, Alex Lindeke
Elder: Jerry Thomas
Organist: Carl Kishline
Reader: Dale Lindeke
Worship Team: Chris Linderman

SERMON NOTES

Armored—Ephesians 6:10-20

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Praise God:

- **We give thanks that you are strong and that we can stand in your mighty power!** Thank you for gearing us up for life with your armor. As we have been fitted with it may we go with the Gospel of peace on our feet, guarded, and ready to share your word, which is the true sword of the Spirit.
- **We pray and give thanks for our all our local and Lutheran School administrators, teachers, parents, and students as the new school year begins.** Grant them Your wisdom, good health, and the peace which only You can give as they serve Your children.
- **God of all creation, the world is filled with your goodness and all nature sings in praise of you.** We give you thanks for the stillness of night and the rest it brings, followed by day filled with energy and creativity. We give you thanks for summer which brings time to reflect and time to produce, periods of hard work as well as vacation days to regather our strength. Thank you for life unfolding with many blessings.
- **We thank you for those we know who are on the road to recovery and for the miracle of healing.** We pray for all who minister to the sick and infirm, at home, in hospital and care homes. We lift up all who are ill asking that they may all experience a real sense of your healing presence.

In Our Prayers:

- **We lift up those who are wounded or have been harmed by the attacks of the Evil One.** We pray that your healing and armor would surround them Lord! We also pray that we could stand along side them and support them in hard times!
- **O Lord, we pray for supernatural peace, comfort, and hope to restore the spirits of those crushed by the devastating earthquake in Haiti and the terror-driven chaos in Afghanistan.** We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones and those who are fearful for their future. We pray for physical healing for those impacted by the earthquake and for the safety of those who are fearful for their lives due to terrorism and persecution in Afghanistan. We pray for protection over women, children, men and all Christians in Afghanistan who face an uncertain future and the risk of increased persecution. And we ask God to provide for local faith communities in Haiti seeking to help meet the urgent needs of those in their communities. We pray that all those affected by trauma in the wake of these crises will discover the healing power of God's Word.
- **We ask You to extend Your hand over us to protect us especially from harm, from the threat that is brought about by COVID-19 especially by this new Delta variant.** We ask You also to continually guide and enlighten those who take care of our health, the government, our doctors, our nurses, those that are working especially in the hospitals and all the frontliners so that they may continue their work in order to safeguard the health of the community.
- **We pray and ask our nations conflicts against one another to cease.** May we be reminded that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the evil forces of the Devil. May we always look to you for the victory and to be geared up for life!

Weekly Personal Study Guide

Armored

Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Looking at verse 10, where does Paul note the source of our strength coming from?

Looking at verse 12, who does Paul observe as our real enemies? What does this say about who are enemies are and are not? How do we get this wrong at times?

Going back to verse 11, how might this armor help us to "stand against" evil? What is significant about the difference between standing and fighting?

Thinking about the sermon, who is the tank that already fought against and defeated the evil one? How might this change the way we think about the armor of God, and how we live out wearing it?

Looking at verse 18, How might this armor help us to "keep alert"?

What have you learned in this series to help you and your church be "geared up for life"?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Morning We Conclude Our Series, “Geared Up for Life By Being Armored!”

Today we come to the finish line of our series, “Geared Up for Life.” Over the last 6 weeks we have seen how we are called by God to go forth finely tuned for sharing Gospel Hope. The author of Ephesians wants us to realize that we are not left without resources and tools to go forward to work! So, what are these tools and how do we employ them in our daily lives? Thanks for joining us today in person or on Facebook to strap on the armor of God and conclude our series, “Geared Up for Life!”

Next week we start our new series, “Faith That Works!”

And to start our series we will be looking at anger. There is a lot of anger around our nation and world about so many things and James calls us to avoid anger. Because anger keeps us from being doers of the word, what does the Lord give us to help us avoid it? Join us next week in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10 am to experience the peace and calming presence of Jesus Christ, which will lead us away from anger and into his hope and happiness!

Change in Schedule—Sept 12th will be our Next Doubleheader Sunday

While normally the third Sunday of the month is currently our Doubleheader Sunday in September because of Pastor Traveling we are going to have 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services with communion on the second Sunday of the month September 12th. We will then have a combined service with no communion on September 19th with Pastor giving a message via video. Thanks for understanding and your adaptability!

Stewardship Thoughts—Ephesians 6:10-20

Think through what it means for you to “put on” the armor that is listed here: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the gospel of peace (boots), the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation. As you think about the armor that you bear today, where are you most vulnerable? Pray today that God will help your armor to be complete, “so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

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