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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 76TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – Today we see the importance of God's Word in our lives. God's Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God's Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God's Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

PRESERVICE MUSIC / PIANO DUET

"Amazing Grace"

[♩Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

[Please stand and face the cross as it is carried into the church]

♩PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain

Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

(continued)

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *In this name people have gathered for worship at Christ Lutheran Church around 4,500 times these past 76 years.*
- C** **In this name we gather today to celebrate His gracious acts.**
- P** *Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.*
- C** **Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.**
- P** *Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,*
- C** **and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.**
- P** *Cast us not away from Your presence,*
- C** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**
- P** *Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,*
- C** **and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.*

[Silence for reflection.]

- P** *Heavenly Father,*
- C** **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** *Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained 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.*
- C** **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

[Please be seated]

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACIOUS ACTS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PART I: BAPTISM

- P** *Today we celebrate the light of God's grace He has shone forth at Christ Lutheran Church for 76 years. As God in the Old Testament delivered Israel from slavery and death through the waters of the Red Sea, He delivers us from slavery to sin and death through the waters of Holy*

Baptism. In Baptism, He makes us His children and gives us the light of forgiveness and salvation and rescues us from death and the devil. In these past 76 years at Christ Lutheran Church, God has welcomed 849 people here as His children through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

- © We praise You, dear Father, for Your gracious action in Baptism, for welcoming children and adults alike to the font and making them Your children, heirs to Your heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Refrain

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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PART II: CONFIRMATION & EDUCATION

- Ⓟ As children grow, we put in their hands the Holy Scriptures, teaching them about the light of God's grace in our Savior Jesus. We also model for them the importance of studying God's Word by our own attendance in Bible studies. We thank God for all the opportunities we have had to study His Word together, and for the 742 youth and adults who have been confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church, who promised in their Rite of Confirmation to "live according to the Word of God" and "to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it." We also thank God for the hundreds of students who previously attended the day school at Christ Lutheran from 1946 to 1980, which was run jointly with University Hills Lutheran Church from

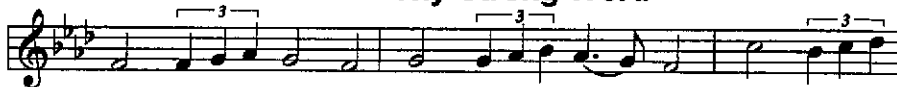
1968 to 1980, and for the 1,481 children who have attended Christ Lutheran's Early Childhood Center since it started in 1984.

C We praise You, gracious Lord, for the gift of Your Word. Help us to gladly hear and learn it. Invigorate our study of Your Word that we might have the strength to live in the light of Your Word and to share that Word with others. Amen.

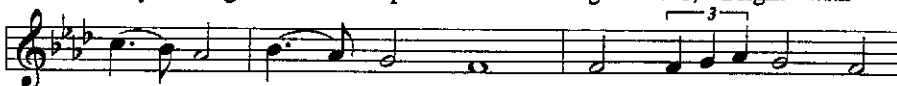
HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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PART III: COMMUNION

P After Confirmation, or other instruction, a youth or an adult is prepared to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Just as our bodies need food to live, our souls need spiritual food. This God gives to us in Holy Communion. At His table, God feeds us the very Body and very Blood of His Son, given in, with and under the bread and wine. Through this sacred meal, God forgives us our sins, strengthens our faith and trust in Him, and unites us together as His children, His Church.

In this meal, we have a foretaste of the heavenly banquet yet to come. Today, we thank God for the opportunity we have had at Christ Lutheran Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion around 2,350 times these past 76 years.

- G** Gracious Lord, we thank You for all Your abundant gifts. You so richly give us each day our daily bread. We thank You also for feeding us Your Son, giving us His Body and Blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

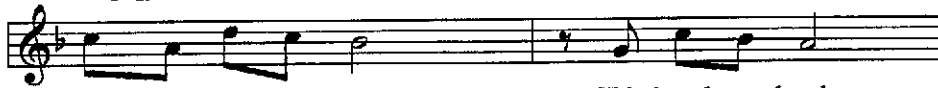
HYMN OF RESPONSE

What Is This Bread

LSB 629



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
				lieve		



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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PART IV: WEDDINGS

- P** *In the Garden of Eden, God created Adam and Eve and brought them together in marriage. Today, though marred by sin, marriage is the only institution we have that dates back to Eden, to before the fall into sin. Marriage unites man and woman in a lifelong union for mutual companionship, help and support and for the procreation and raising of children. Marriage is also an image of the communion between Christ and His bride, the Church. Today we thank God for uniting 305 couples in holy matrimony at Christ Lutheran Church.*

G We thank You, dear Lord, for the gift of marriage. We thank You for the love that Christ, the groom, has for His dear bride, the Church. In this day when the institution of marriage is under attack in many different ways, we pray that you would strengthen the marriage covenant of all husbands and wives. Amen.

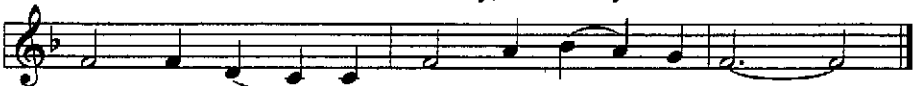
HYMN OF RESPONSE *Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest* LSB 859



1 Lord, when You came as wel - come guest
 2 Now give Your pres - ence from a - bove
 3 Pre - serve the vow these two shall make,
 4 Your dai - ly mer - cies let them share,



To Ca - na's wed - ding feast, The brid - al pair, di -
 That these, by vow - ing true, May show their pledge is
 This cir - cle round their life, This gold - en ring that
 All threats of harm de - stroy; By this their vow di -



vine - ly blest, Found all their joy in - creased.
 like the love Be - tween the Church and You.
 none may break Which makes them hus - band, wife.
 vide their care And dou - ble all their joy.

5. On all who thus before You kneel 6. O grant them here in peace to live,
 Your joyous Spirit pour In purity and love,
 That each may wake the other's zeal And after this life to receive
 To love You more and more. The crown of life above.

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PART V: FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

P Sadly, there is death in our world. Death was never a part of God's plan for creation. Death is a foreign invader, the result of humanity's rebellion against its Creator. But, thankfully, we have the Good News that Jesus has conquered death. His atoning sacrifice on the cross paid the price of our sins. His victorious resurrection on Easter Sunday takes the sting of death away and gives us the certain hope of our own bodily resurrection on the Last Day. We thank God today for the opportunity to comfort hurting people by sharing the light of Christ's Easter victory at 369 funerals and memorial services at Christ Lutheran Church.

G Dear Lord, we thank You that Your Son walked "through the valley of the shadow of death" ahead of us. In those dark days when we face the death of a loved one, or when we face our own death, comfort us that because Christ lives, we shall live also. Help us to share the certain hope of Easter with those families whose loved ones die in Your grace. We thank You for all the sainted members of our congregation who now celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

For All the Saints

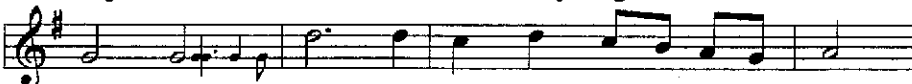
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1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the victor's crown of gold!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10-20

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Matthew 5:8

All: Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

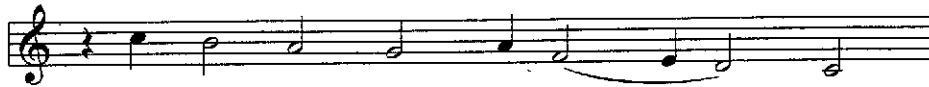
Mark 7:14-23

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.
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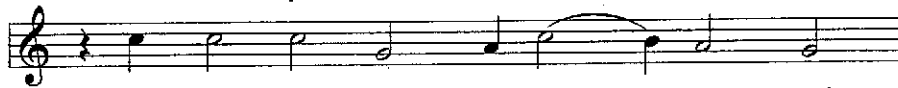
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.



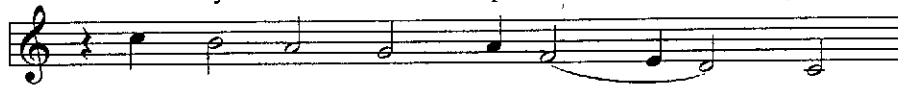
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



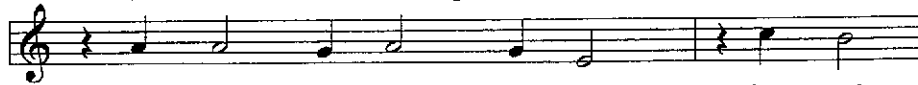
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

(continued)



is not his e qual.
 the field for - ev er.
 the word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

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SERMON

"KEEP GOD'S GOOD WORD"

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Rev. Roger Schlechte, LCMS Rocky Mountain District President; Guest Pastor

⌋ APOSTLE'S 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 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.

♩ OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

"O Church, Arise"

(Christ Choristers & Friends from U-Hills and Redeemer)

♩ OFFERTORY

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664



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. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you 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.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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⌋ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

By Letter of Transfer from Redeemer Lutheran

Donna Eaton, Hilmar Lund, William Lutz, Connie Sayers, Donna Shank, Thelma Sprague, Erkki Taht & Anabel Hilton, Julie Williams, Donald & Phyllis Wood

♫ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *Gracious Lord, we thank You for the light of Your grace you have shone here at Christ Lutheran Church for the past 76 years. We thank You for Your gracious acts in the many baptisms, confirmations, communions, weddings and funerals in this congregation. We pray that You would continue to keep us steadfast in Your Word, and that this church may be a beacon of Your light and hope for many more years to come. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,*
- C** **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P** *Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- 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.**

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.*

G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

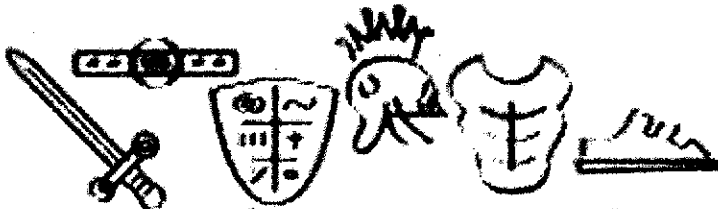
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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte / Crucifer..... Steve Rolen
Altar Guild Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter
Counters..... Mike Gilbert & Marisa Showalter
Elder on Duty Doug Harder
Greeter John Quirin
Guest Preacher..... Rev. Roger Schlechte, LCMS Rocky Mountain District President
Liturgists..... Rev. Roger Wohletz, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church
..... Rev. David Vanderhyde, Pastor of University Hills Lutheran Church
Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
Special Music: Christ Choristers & Friends, Handbells; Beth Buss, Director
Piano Duet: Beth Buss & Kae Kemerling
Hymn Accompaniment: Mackenzie Egan, Flute; Kae Kemerling, Keyboard
Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Brian Albee, Rob Hatton, Bob Sees



Therefore put on the
full armor of God ...

EPHESIANS 6:13, NIV