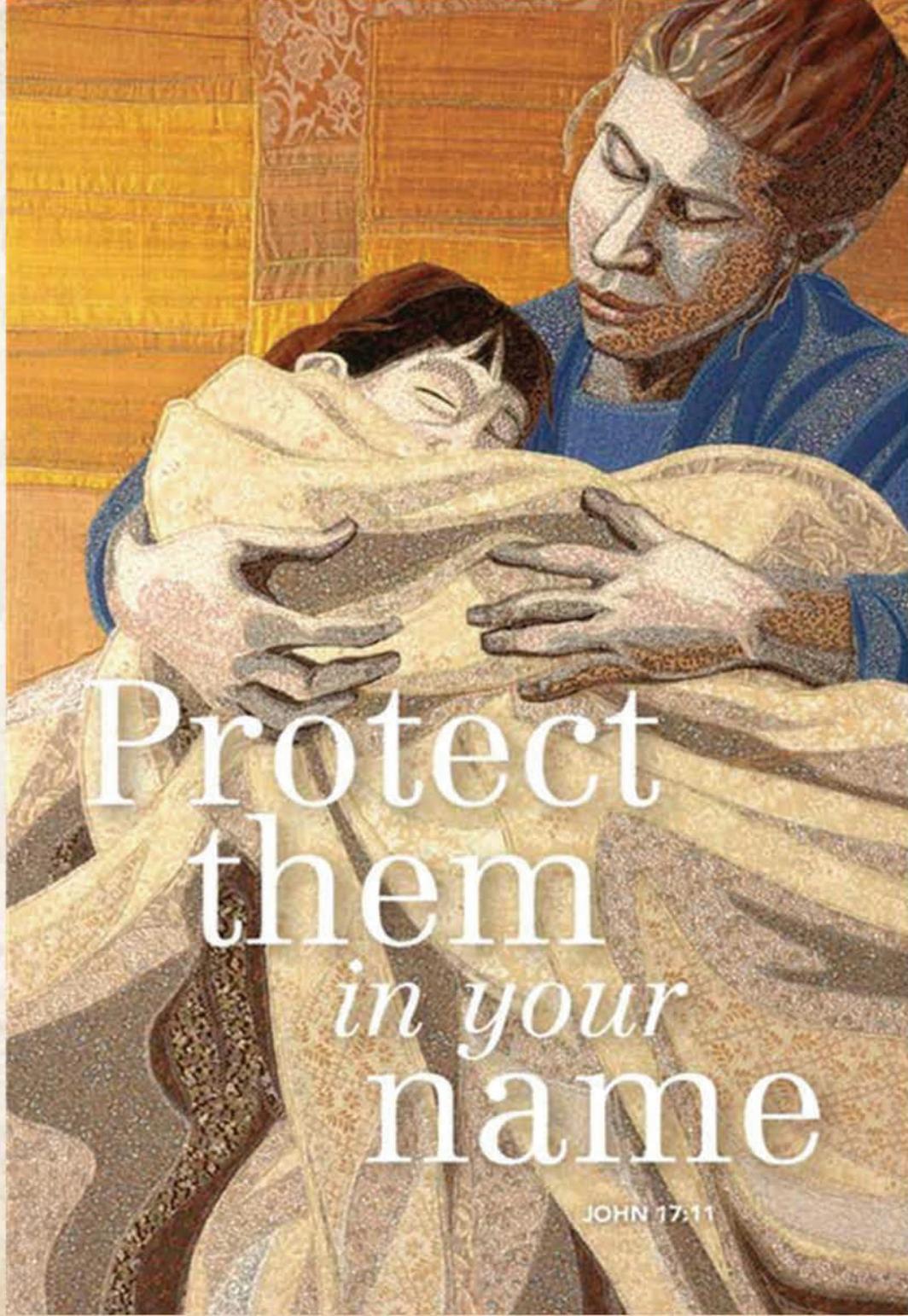


MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018



Protect
them
in your
name

JOHN 17:11

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Welcome to Mt. Tabor. *We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please fill out and return the card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!*

Mt. Tabor's Nursery. *A nursery is provided during both worship services for children of suggested ages infant to four years old. However, we encourage all children to remain in worship as it is in worship that they learn the faith of the church. In an effort to ensure a safe haven for our children, parents are responsible for signing their child in and out of the nursery as stated in our Risk and Abuse Policy.*

Child Protection Policy. *Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is committed to being a safe place for children and youth. Our congregation has enacted policies and procedures designed to minimize the risk of abuse. Copies of our Child Protection Policy are available in the narthex and in the Church Office.*

Children's Activity Bags. *Children's activity bags are available in the Narthex and can be found hanging under the picture board. These bags contain coloring sheets, activity sheets and crayons for the children to use during the service as well as an information sheet for reminders about the bag. At the end of the service, the child can take home the sheets used and return the bag to the narthex so it is available for the next service. Our hope is that this children's ministry will be another way for our children to enjoy worship with their families.*

Communion. *Normally, communion is celebrated with wine and bread; however, those with allergies may choose to receive communion in one kind—either bread or wine. Either is an acceptable practice. Grape juice is also available.*

Processional Cross Flowers. *The processional cross flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill & Cathy Crawford in memory of their mothers, Mary S. Clay and Mary L. Crawford.*

Altar Flowers. *The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sharon Mattern in honor of Sarah Mattern's birthday on May 16th.*

Narthex Flowers. *The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God by the families of Julie Ann Southerlin & Brandon Payne in honor of their marriage on May 12, 2018.*

Bulletin Covers. *The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by Bill & Cathy Crawford, grandparents of Collins C. Crawford, in honor of her first birthday on May 15th.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Ms. Sharon Witherell, Director of Music/Organist

Rev. Emily Willhide, Pastor of Faith Formation

Luke Delason, Seminarian

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Seventh Sunday of Easter

ELW Setting Four—Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"You Are Mine"

Mark Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for Lake Murray, and for the Saluda, Broad, and Congaree Rivers.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

Hymn 645

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night.
³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that |
do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.
⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**GOSPEL****John 17:6-19**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON**

Pastor Wade Roof

HYMN OF THE DAY*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”***Hymn 392****CREED****I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he**

is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM (8:30)
(11:00)

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
“God Be in My Head”

Johann G. Nageli
Rob Landes

OFFERTORY HYMN *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Hymn 885

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN (SING THROUGH ONCE) *“Be Not Afraid”*

Hymn 388

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN (SING THROUGH ONCE) *“Be Not Afraid”*

Hymn 388

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN (SING THROUGH ONCE) *“Be Not Afraid”*

Hymn 388

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter season on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

<i>"You Are Mine"</i>	Hymn 581
<i>"I Come with Joy"</i>	Hymn 482
<i>"We Are All One in Christ"</i>	Hymn 643

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn 504

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

James D. Kimball

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Wanda Addy, Michael Bradshaw, Pat Bradshaw, Milton Hall II, George Minor, Kaitlyn Pittman, Hazel Rauch, Venetia Sharpe, Wendy Spainhour, Todd Stilwell, Helen Summers, Jessica Tablas, Carolyn Taylor, Charles Taylor, Alexander Tuten, Freddy Vallejo.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:

Karen Holton, Sarah Cole, Jo Ann Hook, Cheyenne Steele, Clara Conrad.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Sylvia Nelson, Anna Bryant, Mona Myers, Carol Williams, Sue Gillis, Adele Rodgers, Sarah Cole, Lois Cromer, Mary Hamson, Matthew Hook, Hazel Rauch, Ann Callison, Terry Tucker, Jack Bozard, Penny Timmerman, Fred & Jeanette Carter, Edith Shealy, Chuck Willyerd, Sybil Kennedy, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Tara Tygrett, Whitney Slice, Carl Watson Sr., Elizabeth Goldsmith, DJ Bigelow, Linda Goodson, Lynn Summer, Barbara Hilgeman, Floyd Cook, Joe Murphy, Ryal Williams, Pam Wiles Fogle, Danny & Carol Evans, Vivian Gwin, Patti Elkins, Terresa Glichowski, John Bundrick, Isabelle Sundlie, Rita Mellichamp, Mertice Summer, Bill Hunnicutt.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Mike Willhide, Scott Hash, John Post, Dallas Phillips.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Jacob Henry Burgan, Jacob Roe, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews, Bernd Koehler, John Ward.

The Family Of:

Floyd Cook, Bobby Fuller, Kyle Cook, Clyde Blackburn.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.

8:30 A.M.	<i>Worship Assistants</i>	11:00 A.M.
	<i>Acolytes</i>	Tristan Spainhour
	<i>Crucifers</i>	Christian Hall
Cathy Crawford	<i>Lectors</i>	Kendrick Kerr
Cecilia Dunlap	<i>Greeters</i>	Rebekah Morris
		Roxanne Rich
John Payne	<i>Ushers</i>	Harry Prim
Joe Vasquez		Russell Pauly
Paul Jacobs	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Roxanne Rich
Sybil Kennedy	<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	Brennen Hutto
Morning Hymn Choir	<i>Musicians</i>	Adult Choir

Budget Information

OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2018	753,543.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	14,491.21
Offering Received for May 6	16,864.32
Easter Offering Received for May 6	2,600.00
II. 2018 Budget Giving (through May 6 week 18 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	260,841.78
Offering Received	262,789.46
YTD Expense	233,848.88
Capital Campaign Total	476,004.58
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	4,949.03
Capital Campaign Balance as of May 6	480,953.61
2018 Easter Offering Goal	35,000.00
Easter Offering Year to Date Total	22,433.20

Sunday School 2017-2018

Superintendent - Linda Spainhour

Secretary/Treasurer - Jeanie & Paul Jacobs

Nursery Pianist - Janice West

Nursery - Room 107

Nancy Allen

Dottie Ford

9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade - Room 301

Russell Pauly

Jennifer Pauly

Tommy Smith

Whitney & Ricky Glass

1, 2 & 3 Year Olds - Room 117

Barbara Livingston

Tina Conrad

Rhonda White

Mindy Williams

Curriculum - Deep Blue

Augsburg - Room 101

Freddie Fulmer Pastor Charles Easley

Pastor Lavaughn Keisler

Allen Wise

Jean Latimer

Curriculum - Augsburg Adult Bible Studies

4 & 5 Year Olds - Room 307

1st & 2nd Grade - Room 307

Pam Berrian

Irina Roof

Barbara Stilwell

Ann Spainhour

Betsy Sippel, Sub

Curriculum - Whirl

Friends & Followers - Room 207

Harry Prim

Room 124 Disciples - Room 109

Joe Vasquez

3rd, 4th, 5th Grade - Room 304

Deanna Sease

Jimmy Williams

Rebekah Morris, Sub

Curriculum - Whirl

New Seekers - Room 121

Don Simmons

Pam Burnett

Pastor Wade Roof

6th, 7th & 8th Grade - Room 302

Linda Spainhour

Whitney Glass

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Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend

We pray in the last petition of the Kyrie, “Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.”

Can you think of a time you tried to help, save, or defend yourself or someone else? Or a time you comforted yourself or someone else? What did you do? Sometimes we are successful in our efforts to help, save, comfort, and defend. We provide monetary or emotional support. We speak up and act when we see injustice. We accompany people who are hurting. We practice self-care.

But other times we remain passive in the face of injustice because it is safer or easier to do nothing. Or we actively avoid conflict even when doing so creates more problems. We self-medicate in ways that harm us. We despair that whatever is wrong in our lives will never get better, so we give up and retreat from the world and its realities.

We pray “Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord” because we know the truth: we are afraid, we fail, and need God’s help. Today, Jesus prays for our protection. He does not pray that we be taken out of the world, but that we be fully present to its difficult and painful realities. It is Jesus’ prayer that we be able to engage the dangers of this world, wholeheartedly entrusting our protection to God.

Our work is to lean into Jesus’ prayer that God would protect us while we are in this world so that we might engage it fully, unafraid and free. Living and loving under the promise of this protection and care, our joy is complete.

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