

Hero
PART 7 (July 19)
"Captain America" (Paul)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Hear the battle cry of the Spirit: Be strong in the Lord and stand firm in the absolute strength of His mighty power!

People: We recognize that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual darkness and evil.

Pastor: Therefore, take up the whole armor of God! Fasten the belt of truth and put on the heavy breastplate of righteousness.

People: We lace our feet with the readiness of the Gospel, holding high the shield of faith to quench every fiery dart!

Pastor: Take the helmet of salvation and wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the living and active Word of God.

People: We march forward together under the banner of Christ, our Captain, who has already disarmed the powers of darkness through the cross and tomb!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Opening Hymn

"King of Kings" – The Worship Initiative (video)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord of Hosts, You enlist us in a struggle that is not fought with worldly weapons, but with the power of Your Spirit.

People: Clothe us in the armor of light.

Pastor: Send Your Spirit to help us put on the clothes of Christ: Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation.

People: Help us stand firm against every assault of evil,

Pastor: Proclaiming Your gospel with holy boldness; through Jesus Christ our Captain.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 59:15–17

¹⁵Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. ¹⁶He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. ¹⁷He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

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Epistle: Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Gospel: Matthew 10:16–22

¹⁶“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother 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.

Creed: Apostle's

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. On 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.

Children's Sermon**Hymn of the Day**

"Christ Be My Leader" – LSB861

Message**Offering**

"Even If" – MercyMe (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer**Confession/Absolution****Words of Institution & Communion**

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" – Chris Tomlin (video)

"Shepherd of Tender Youth" – LSB864

"God of Grace and God of Glory" – LSB850

Prayer of Thanks**Next Steps & Sending****Closing Hymn/Song**

"Onward Christian Soldiers" – LSB662:1,3–4

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.