

# Pastor's Bible Study

June 17, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7A)

## LSB 666 – O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

### Read Jeremiah 20:7-13:

1. Why is Jeremiah upset?
2. What has his life been like?
3. What had the Lord originally promised Jeremiah (see chapter 1)?

### Read Romans 6:12-23:

1. In verse 12, Paul uses the word “therefore” which implies that he is building on a previous point, what is that previous point (see vv. 1-11)?
2. What are we supposed to get from Paul's use of the imagery of slavery?

3. Paul boils down the fruits of slavery into two categories, what are those categories?

**Read Matthew 10:5a, 21-33:**

1. Why is verse 5 included?
2. Verses 21-23 are very tough to take, what's Jesus' point?
3. What are the two kinds of fear that we are dealing with here?
4. Why would Jesus share all of this with His disciples?
5. Why would He ensure that this gets recorded for our sake?

**Devotional Thought:**

Enemies of the Gospel can persecute believers only within the limits set by our heavenly Father. Because He is in charge of our lives, we need not be afraid of those who oppose us because we confess Christ. At the last judgement, our Lord will recognize faithful service and acknowledge us as His followers. We are confident of His love not because of what we have done but because He died and rose to redeem us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *(TLSB, pg. 1601)*

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, through Word and Sacrament, assure me of Your loving care and drive fear from my heart. Amen.