

Spiritual Warfare

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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SPIRITUAL
WARFARE

Love Talks: *Daring*
**Conversations Toward
Reconciliation**

BLAME
Redeem

DESTROY
Restore

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Forgive

ALIENATE
Reconcile



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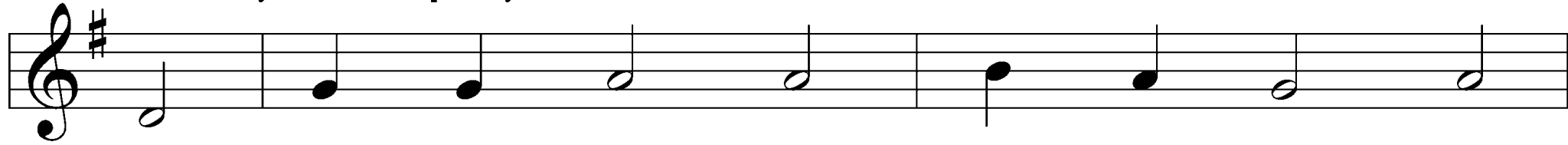
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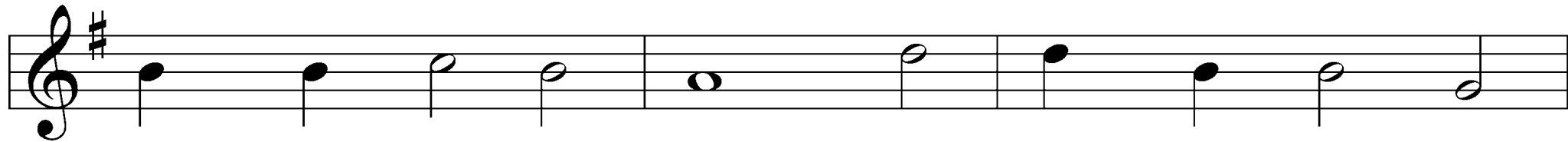
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697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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Opening Prayer – ML's Morning Prayer

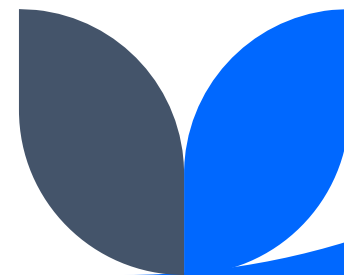
I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings of life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your Holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.



Battling the devil

Stand Firm

- Stand Firm. 1 Peter 5:9
- “Community” is a blessing for us as we wrestle.
- “Community” is a primary target of satan. In what way does he attack us? How can we battle the evil one? What does this look like here, in our community?



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Live in God's Strength and Promise

- 1 Peter 5:10. How was Peter a living example of God's strength and promise?
- How do you make it through you days, weeks and years of your life as a child of God?
- Is God faithful? Are His promises true for you? If you answered "not so much" what is going on?



Romans 8:37-39



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The Armor of God - Ephesians 6

- Be strong in the Lord – what does this imply?
- Put on the full armor. Verse 11
- Take your stand against the devil's schemes
- Our struggle isn't' against flesh and blood...v. 12
- Against the spiritual forces of evil
- Stand your ground, stand firm...v. 13-14. What does this mean/what does it look like?

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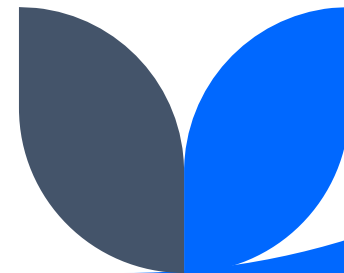
The Armor of God - Ephesians 6

Verse 14



The belt of truth. In the same way that armor is held together and supported by the belt, the Christian life is supported and held fast by truth. If you understand the truth about who God is, your identity as His child and heir and the nature of spiritual conflict, you're not easily taken in by the devil's schemes.

What is truth? John 18:38. John 14:6



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The breastplate of righteousness. When it came to protecting yourself in battle in ancient times, the focus was on protecting the heart and the head. You didn't scrimp on a breastplate; your torso was the largest, most vulnerable target. In the same way, the enemy attempts to target your good works. Not only does moral failure hurt you personally, but it undermines the gospel. So be careful to protect yourself from getting knocked out of the battle by moral carelessness. Remember who you are and what you have been recreated for.

Ephesians 2:8-10; Matthew 5:16; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-8

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Verse 15



Feet fitted with readiness from the gospel of peace. This readiness comes from the peace of knowing that you have been made right with God. This peace can make you ready not only to stand firm in the Lord but also to share that peace with those around you. You have been given readiness to persevere in pursuing Christ. And even though you are in a battle, you are a minister of a gospel of peace.

1Peter 2:9

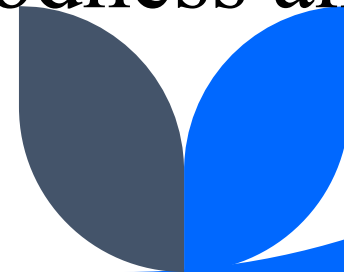
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Verse 16



The shield of faith. Every attack Satan launches at you can be blocked by faith. By simply trusting in the Lord — and acting on that trust — you create a barrier that the enemy cannot penetrate. This doesn't necessarily mean that you'll never suffer difficulty or harm, but in the midst of these trials, don't let the enemy shake your confidence in God's goodness and plan.



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Verse 17



The helmet of salvation. The head is the other vital area that a soldier needs to protect. What's interesting here is that you protect your head with what's inside of it: the knowledge of your salvation. If you are a follower of Christ, the Lord has already delivered, redeemed and liberated you. Satan's armies can never do anything to take that away from you. This means that while he may attack you, his plans are ultimately futile.

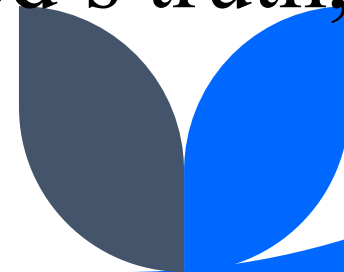
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The sword of the Spirit. The one offensive element of God's armor is the sword. Paul tells you that the sword of the Spirit is the Word of truth. He's not telling you that you should attack people with God's Word. Rather, as Jesus demonstrated during His temptation (Matthew 4:1–11), you counter the enemy's attack by relying on scriptural truths. And as you proclaim God's truth, the Spirit goes before you.



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Verse 18

PRAY

Pray in the Spirit. What does it mean to pray in the Spirit? Is it any different than you and I, as God's children, calling out to Him? No. It is praying, confident in our Spirit given faith, knowing that God hears and answers us. In all situations we are to pray – and while we're at it we should be praying for the saints. What is Paul encouraging us to do here – saints?