

Old Testament Connections

When Hezekiah became sick, God told him through Isaiah that he would die. However, at the king's fervent prayer God healed him and added fifteen years to his life. He made a great mistake in showing all the treasures of his kingdom to visiting Babylonian ambassadors. Isaiah warned him that this indiscretion would bring his enemies upon him, with the eventual result that the people of Judah would be taken as captives to Babylonia. Before long the fulfillment of this prophecy began with the subjugation of Judah under the Assyrian ruler Sennacherib. God once again miraculously intervened and protected His chosen people in one of the greatest crises of their history. For the time being Judah's political and religious independence was assured. After the death of Hezekiah the final decline of Judah began. Though some of her kings were pious men, the trend was definitely downward.

Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church **THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Spiritual Armor | Michaelmas 4*



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I. THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

** Indicates the congregation may stand.*

1. The Entrance Hymn

#518 - Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You
stanzas 1-2, 4

*2. The Invocation p. 60

*3. Confession of Sin p. 60f *Form I*

*4. The Introit & *5. The Gloria Patri



All: O Lord, King Almighty, Your power is `over all things/
There is no one who is able to `resist Your will.

You have made heaven and earth
And all things enclosed `by the heavens./
Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the `law of the Lord.

△ Glory be to the Father `and to the Son/
and to `the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the be`ginning, is now/
and ever shall be, forever`more. Amen.

6. The Kyrie Eleison p. 63 *Form I*

*7. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo p. 64-66

*8. The Salutation & *9. The Collect of the Day p. 66

Let us pray: Lord, we beseech You to keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness; that through Your protection it may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.  **C: Amen.**

27. The Distribution & Hymns

#517 - If God Himself Be for Me
stanzas 7-10

#318 - Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

#517 - If God Himself Be for Me
stanzas 11-15

*28. The Nunc Dimittis p. 81-82

*29. The Collect of Thanksgiving p. 82-83 *Form I*

*31. The Salutation & *32. The Bendicamus p. 84

*33. Benediction p. 84-85

34. The Closing Hymn

#587 - Jesus, Still Lead On

Catechism Review p. 39

Christian Questions and Answers
Questions 19 - 20

✠ *The Light of Christ goes with us into the world* ✠
to shine through our vocations.

***18. The Offertory Verse p. 70-71**

The world seeks after wealth
And all that Mammon offers,
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my Wealth.
What is the world to me! (#446, v. 4)

*19. Prayer of the Church

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**
 ...one true God, forevermore. C: **Amen.**

III. THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

22. The Exhortation p. 77

***20. The Preface & *21. Proper Preface and Sanctus p. 72-76**

***23. The Lord's Prayer** p. 77-78

***24. The Words of Institution & *25. The Pax Domini** p. 78-79

***26. Agnus Dei** p. 79-80

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

11. The Gradual



**All: Lord, You have been `our Dwelling Place/
In all `generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the `earth and the world,/

From everlasting to everlasting, `You are God.

Those who trust in the Lord are `like Mount Zion,
Which cannot be moved, but a`bides forever.

**Alleluia! Put on the whole `armor of God,
That you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
`Alleluia!**

12. The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For 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. Therefore 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.

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

13. The Alleluia p. 67

***14. The Holy Gospel: St. John 4:46-54**

♪ C: **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

So [Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where He had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to Him and asked Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

The official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household.

This was now the second sign that Jesus did when He had come from Judea to Galilee.^(ESV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ C: **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

***15. The Nicene Creed p. 69**

16. The Chief Hymn

#517 - If God Himself Be for Me
stanzas 1,3,5

17. The Sermon: 2 Chronicles 32:1-23

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After these things and these acts of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah and encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them for himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem, he planned with his officers and his mighty men to stop the water of the springs that were outside the city; and they helped him. A great many people were gathered, and they stopped all the springs and the brook that flowed through the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?" He set to work resolutely and built up all the wall that was broken down and raised towers upon it, and outside it he built another wall, and he strengthened the Millo in

the city of David. He also made weapons and shields in abundance. And he set combat commanders over the people and gathered them together to him in the square at the gate of the city and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him, for there are more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

After this, Sennacherib king of Assyria, who was besieging Lachish with all his forces, sent his servants to Jerusalem to Hezekiah king of Judah and to all the people of Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying, "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, 'On what are you trusting, that you endure the siege in Jerusalem? Is not Hezekiah misleading you, that he may give you over to die by famine and by thirst, when he tells you, "The Lord our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"? Has not this same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, "Before one altar you shall worship, and on it you shall burn your sacrifices"? Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands at all able to deliver their lands out of my hand? Who among all the gods of those nations that my fathers devoted to destruction was able to deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand? Now, therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you in this fashion, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand!'"

And his servants said still more against the Lord God and against his servant Hezekiah. And he wrote letters to cast contempt on the Lord, the God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, "Like the gods of the nations of the lands who have not delivered their people from my hands, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand." And they shouted it with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, in order that they might take the city. And they spoke of the God of Jerusalem as they spoke of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands.

Then Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed because of this and cried to heaven. And the Lord sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and