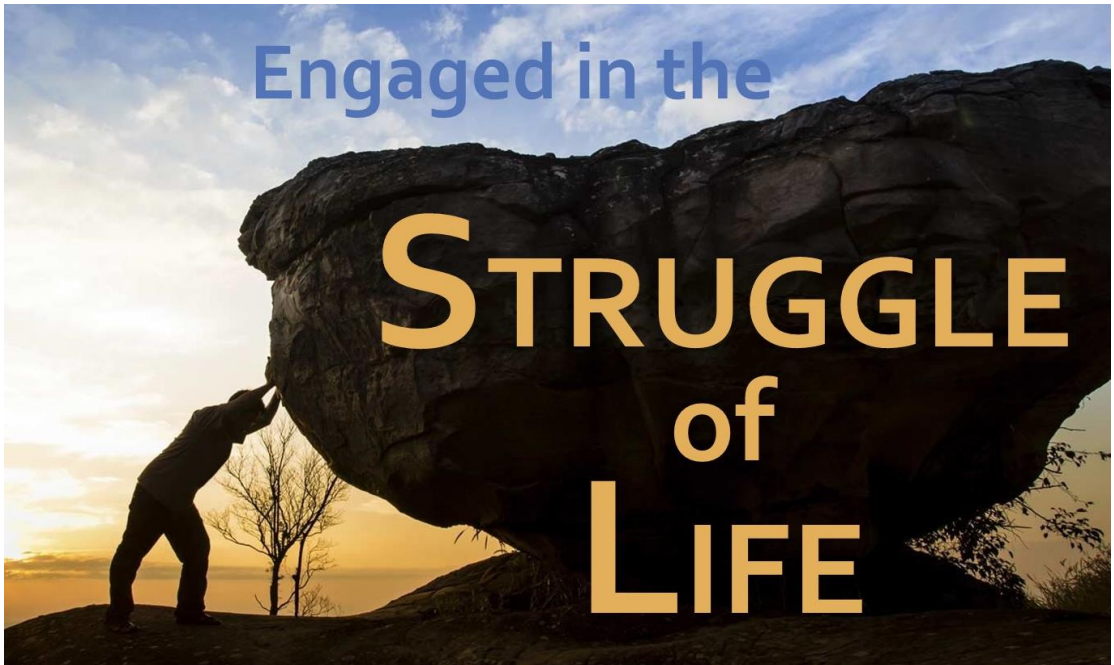


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PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES Welcome to our worship this morning! Our Summer Sermon Series continues today, "Engaged in the Struggle of Life." We cannot and must not ignore or avoid the social illnesses around us. Jesus was right in the middle of the dialogue in his day. But, he used weapons and words that were not like those around him. Today we'll look at the source of the enemy's strength (call it madness if you must) and why it seems to be so effective. "Seems," that is, because it is in truth not always what it appears to be.

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GOD WELCOMES US

- P:** On behalf of our risen Savior Jesus Christ, I welcome you all to God's house. But why have you come?
- C:** **We share the Psalmist's joy when he said, "I rejoice with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord." We come with joy to rejoice that God is our Savior.**
- P:** How good it is to rejoice in the name of the Lord. Let's begin then by lifting up our hearts and voices in praise to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

OPENING HYMN "I Sing as I Arise Today" (p.5)

CW Supplement # 779

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

- P:** God clearly says in his Word that the only one who may ascend the hill of the Lord and stand in his presence is the one who has clean hands and a pure heart.
- C:** **But we are a sinful people. We have unclean lips and we live among people with unclean lips. God says, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." So we come to confess our sins and to seek his forgiveness.**

P: It is good that we do not hide or make excuses for our sins because God sees and knows everything about us. Rather let us confess our sins and lay them before Christ's cross so that through his mercy we might hear his words of forgiveness.

ALL: Dear God of all mercy, we come before your holy throne today seeking your forgiveness for our rebellion. We are by nature inclined to put ourselves or our things first. We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves, but we have at times been mean, lying, lustful, arrogant, greedy and selfish. Forgive us for our worldliness and our lack of godliness. Forgive us for all the times we refused to listen to your word, trust in your power, and obey your commands. Forgive us in your mercy so that we are not destroyed in your anger.

GOD PUBLICLY FORGIVES OUR SINS

P: The Lord has assured us "As surely as I live, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live." In fact, "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Therefore, on behalf of and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you of all your sins and declare you clean of your guilt in the name of the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE "First Song of Isaiah"

LAPP, p. 71

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say "Give thanks to the Lord!" and call upon his name.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

P: Now that you have experienced that the Lord is good, have received God's forgiveness and are assured of his loving mercy, what else have you come for?

C: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it." So we come to sit at his feet and to listen to his word for it is, "A lamp for our feet and a light for our paths."

GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus' mission was to save sinners. So he associated with notorious ne'er-do-wells like Matthew and called them into his kingdom. The grace that offended the Pharisees compels each of us to give thanks.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

SONG OF THE DAY "All Praise Be Yours" (p.6)

CW, # 350

WE PONDER GOD'S WORD IN OUR HEARTS

MESSAGE AND MEDITATION 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 "The Methods of Madness"

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

- P:** God has written, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your hearts that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Therefore, why else have you come?
- C:** **We have come also to confess our faith in Jesus which the Holy Spirit has put in our hearts and which we strive to live out in our daily lives.**
- P:** Then let us publicly declare what we privately believe:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, true God and true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin, that we might be free. He rose again on the third day that we might enjoy life with God now and for eternity. He ascended into heaven and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; He has made us members of the people of God through Word and Sacrament, and sustains and strengthens us in the one true Christian faith through those same means of grace. We believe that our sins have been forgiven and that we will live together with God and all believers now and throughout all eternity.

WE PRAISE GOD WITH OUR GIFTS

P: Why else have you come and what is this you have brought with you?

C: **God's word says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops," and so we come bearing gifts of love to praise our loving God.**

OFFERING

SPECIAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG "We've Got this Hope"

Vocalists

GOD BLESSES US

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen. (Sung)**

CLOSING SONG "First Song of Isaiah"

LAPP, p. 71

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.



SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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I Sing as I Arise Today



1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I
 2 The word of God to be my speech, The
 3 The work of God to be my joy, The
 4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I



call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The
 hand of God to be my stay, The
 house of God to be my rest, The
 cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord



will of God to be my guide, The
 shield of God to be my strength, The
 grace of God to be my song, The
 Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -



eye of God to be my sight,
 path of God to be my way,
 praise of God to be my best.
 day and ev - er - more the same.

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All Praise Be Yours

1 All praise be yours, for you, O King di - vine, Your
 2 You came to us in low - li - ness of thought; By
 3 O Je - sus, let your mind with - in us be, For
 4 There - fore you are, by God's e - ter - nal vow, Most

right - ful glo - ry free - ly did re - sign That in our
 you the out - cast and the poor were sought, And by your
 you were ser - vant that we might be free And hum - bly
 high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now And giv'n the

dark - ened hearts your grace might shine. Al - le - lu - ia!
 death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. Al - le - lu - ia!
 stooped to death on Cal - va - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!
 name to which all knees shall bow. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord
 In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 And God the Father be by all adored.
 Alleluia!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (6/21)	8:00	am	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	Worship Service w/communion
Thursday	7:00	pm	Worship Service
Sunday (6/28)	8:00	am	Worship Service
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	Worship Service

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	Exodus 19:2-8a
2nd Lesson	Romans 5:6-11
Gospel	Matthew 9:35-10:8
Psalm	Psalm 100

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**ENGAGED IN THE
STRUGGLE OF LIFE
SERVICE THEME**

PASTOR: Mark Wagner

ORGANIST: Bob Klug

VOCALISTS: Deanna Edwards
April & Katelyn Shanks

HYMNS: As Printed

GOSPEL READING:
Matthew 9:9-13

SERMON:
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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