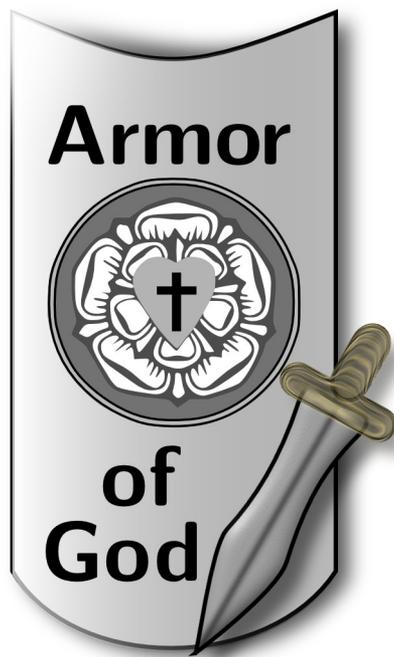


# Armor of God



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STAND

Hymn 474:1, 3, 4 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye  
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! Stand  
3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The

sol - diers of the cross! Lift high his roy - al  
in his strength a - lone The arm of flesh will  
strife will not be long; This day the noise of

ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss. From  
fail you; You dare not trust your own. Put  
bat - tle, The next, the vic - tor's song. To

vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my shall he  
on the gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with  
him that o - ver - com - eth A crown of life shall

lead Till ev - 'ry foe is  
prayer; Where du - ty calls or  
be; He with the King of

van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

M: In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;

**C: in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.**

M: The arrogant cannot stand in your presence;

**C: you hate all who do wrong.** (Psalm 5:3, 5NIV84)

M: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;

**C: or discipline me in your wrath.**

M: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint. (Psalm 6:1, 2a NIV84)

**C: Be merciful to me and forgive all my sins.**

M: “If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven” (John 20:23), the risen Savior promised. Upon this your confession, I forgive you all your sins. The blood of Jesus has paid for every one of them. His death reconciled you to God. His resurrection has justified you. Go in peace and live as God’s redeemed child.

*BE SEATED*

**Reading** Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so

that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (NIV84)

**Prayer**

M: O Christ, Lord of glory, by the cross you crushed Satan's head. Through your Spirit-inspired word, equip us to stand firm against the devil's schemes. Keep us watchful and alert, so that we may persevere and receive the victor's crown of life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Belt of Truth**

*“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist”*

**Devotion**

**Hymn 406: 1, 4, 5** “This Is the Threefold Truth”

## Breastplate of Righteousness

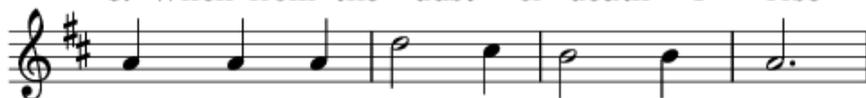
*“Stand firm ... with the breastplate of righteousness in place”*

### Devotion

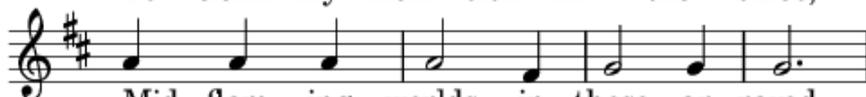
Hymn 376: 1, 2, 5 “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”



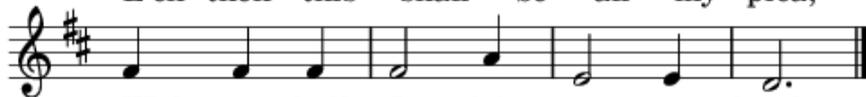
1. Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness
2. Bold shall I stand in that great day—
3. When from the dust of death I rise



My beau - ty are, my glo - rious dress;  
Who can a word a - gainst me say?  
To claim my man - sion in the skies,



Mid flam - ing worlds, in these ar - rayed,  
Ful - ly through you ab - solved I am  
E'en then this shall be all my plea;



With joy shall I lift up my head.  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
Je - sus has lived and died for me.

## **Feet Fitted with Readiness**

*“Stand firm ... with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes  
from the gospel of peace”*

### **Devotion**

**Hymn 557:1, 3, 4** “On Galilee’s High Mountain”

## Shield of Faith

*“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one”*

### Devotion

Hymn 405:1, 4, 6 “Oh, for a Faith that Will not Shrink”



1. Oh, for a faith that

2. That bears un - moved the

3. Lord, give us such a



will not shrink Though pressed by man - y a  
world's dread frown Nor heeds its scorn - ful  
faith as this, And then, what - e'er may



foe, That will not trem - ble  
smile, That sin's wild o - cean  
come, We'll taste e'en now the



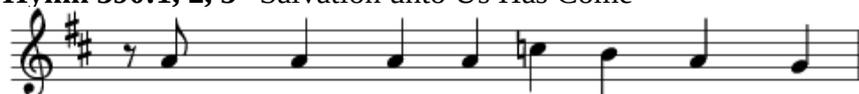
on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,  
can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile.  
hal - lowed bliss Of an e - ter - nal home.

# Helmet of Salvation

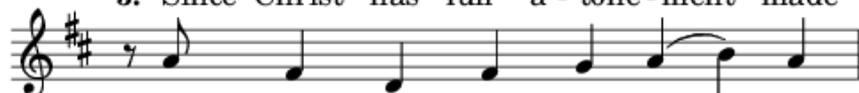
*“Take the helmet of salvation”*

## Devotion

Hymn 390:1, 2, 5 “Salvation unto Us Has Come”



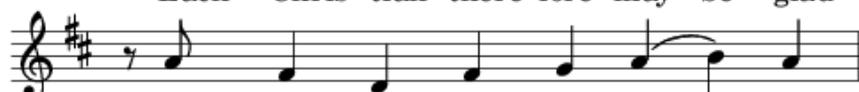
1. Sal - va - tion un - to us has come
2. What God does in his law de - mand
3. Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made



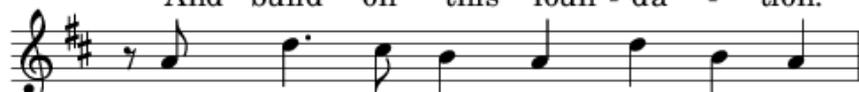
By God's free grace and fa - vor.  
And none to him can ren - der  
And brought to us sal - va - tion,



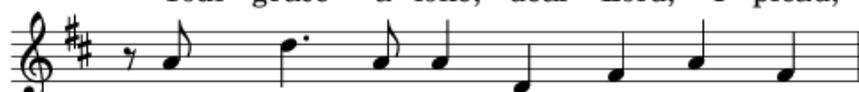
Good works can - not a - vert our doom;  
Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand  
Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



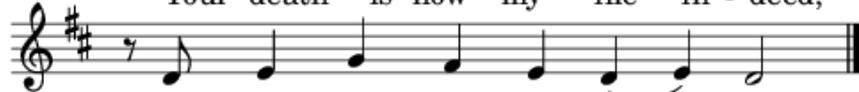
They help and save us nev - er.  
For man, the vile of - fend - er.  
And build on this foun - da - tion.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone,  
Our flesh has not those pure de - sires  
Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead;



Who did for all the world a - tone;  
The spir - it of the law re - quires,  
Your death is now my life in - deed,



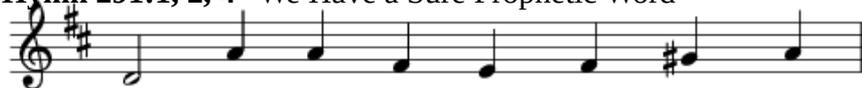
He is the one Re - deem - er.  
And lost is our con - di - tion.  
For you have paid my ran - som.

## Sword of the Spirit

*“Take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”*

### Devotion

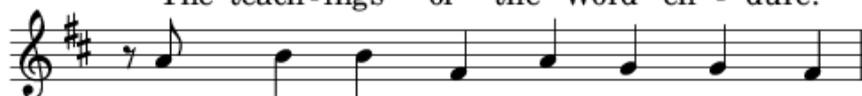
#### Hymn 291:1, 2, 4 “We Have a Sure Prophetic Word”



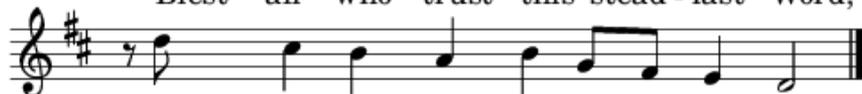
1. We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word
2. By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned,
3. A - bid - ing, stead-fast, firm, and sure,



By in - spi - ra - tion of the Lord,  
By pa - gan pride re - ject - ed spurned,  
The teach - ings of the Word en - dure.



And, though as - sailed on ev - 'ry hand,  
The Word still stands, the Chris - tian's trust,  
Blest all who trust this stead - fast Word;



Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.  
While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust  
Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

## Prayer and Blessing

### Prayer of the Church

**M:** Heavenly Father, you have provided the bounties of creation and the beauties of nature. You have blessed us with every spiri - tual blessing through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Open our hearts to rejoice in your overflowing mercy.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself even to death on the cross for us. You redeemed us with your blood. As our risen Savior, you reign over all until you come again in glory.

**C: Help us live as your ransomed people serving you, our Lord.**

M: O Holy Spirit, through your word and sacraments you testify about our Savior Jesus Christ. You have kindled faith within our hearts and enlightened us with your gifts. You strengthen us to do the good works God has prepared for us.

**C: Keep us faithful to your word and shining us lights of love in this dark world.**

M: O triune God, we pray on behalf of those who are sick, troubled, struggling, or suffering. Draw them to your Son, who alone is our strength, our hope, and our salvation. We also ask that you bless our synod as it meets in convention this week. Keep all who attend safe in their travels. Fill their hearts with love for you and for the fellowship we share. Inspire them with zeal for your word and for the lost. Guide them on the paths of your wisdom. And bless the convention's decisions in the way that you know is best.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Heavenly Father, we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

M: Unworthy though we are, we bring you all these requests in the name of Jesus. Covered with his righteousness, we approach your throne of grace as your own dear children. In Jesus' name we pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

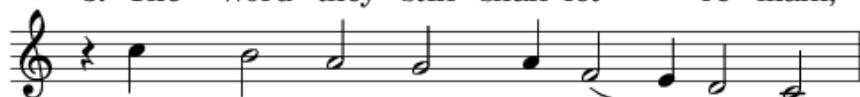
**C: Amen.**

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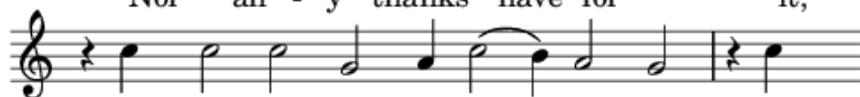
Hymn 200: 1, 2, 4 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



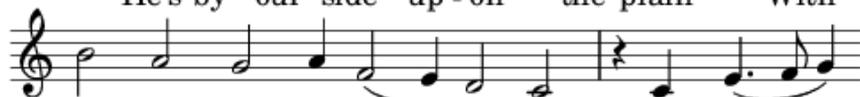
1. A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2. With might of ours can naught be done;  
 3. The Word they still shall let re - main,



A trust - y shield and weap - on.  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed.  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



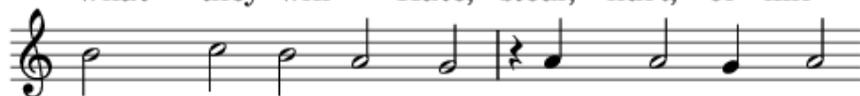
He helps us free from ev - 'ry need That  
 But for us fights the val - iant one Whom  
 He's by our side up - on the plain With



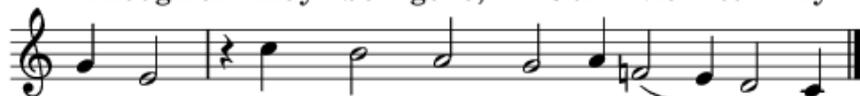
has us now o'er-tak - en the old  
 God him - self e - lect - ed, You ask,  
 his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 what they will - Hate, steal, hurt, or kill -



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms  
 The al-might - y Lord. And there's no oth -  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry



in fight; On earth is not his e - qual.  
 er God; He holds the field for-ev - er.  
 is won; The king-dom's ours for-ev - er!