

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (ESV)

⁴ “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹ “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.

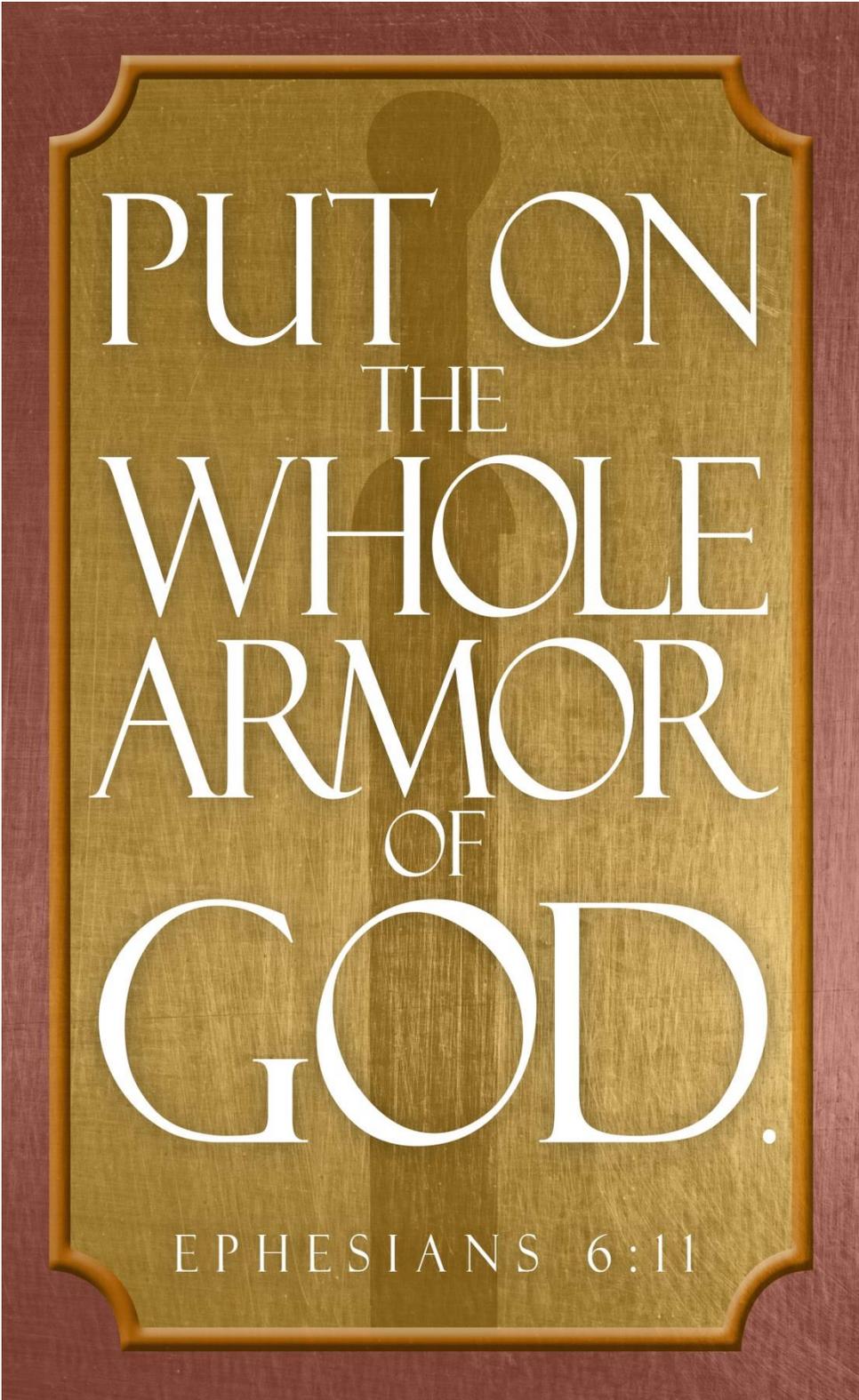
Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having

put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Mark 7:14-23 (ESV)

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”



PUT ON
THE
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EPHESIANS 6:11

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

Theme of the Day ~ We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God. Wickedness and evil come “from within, out of the heart,” and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus “declared all foods clean” (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, by the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, “listen to the statutes and the rules” of the Lord, “and do them, that you may live” (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is “your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples” (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it “to your children and your children’s children” (Deut. 4:9). Put on this “armor of God” by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may “stand firm” in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the “gospel of peace,” and take up “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” by confessing Christ Jesus and “praying at all times in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:14–18).

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Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Ruth Wardin
Elders	Dick Bluemer & Frank Yell
Ushers	Paul Bohn, Roger Kade, Bruce Tessin
A/V	Thomas Hollingsworth
Altar Guild	Troy & Michelle Beyersdorf
Greeters	Don & Bernice Beach

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 82 Needed for *The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$3,968 = Loose Plate \$33, Envelopes \$2,964, Mission \$455, Maintenance \$516; Cap. Prj. \$105.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday Sep 7- Kit Walton; Sep 8- Carolyn Laurenz, Ella Schmoyer; Sep 10- Ethan Jerry, Tina Moon, Caitlyn Siler; Sep 11- Thatcher Hodges; Sep 12- Laura Hollingsworth.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.” 1 Peter 3:3-4

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering will be taken this morning following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”.

God’s Helping Hands ~ Volunteers have been busy and Zion is ready to give away clothing and household items **from 10 am – 1 pm, September 8th**. The closet will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays September through December. If you know anyone who is in need of such items please let them know. Flyers are available in the narthex. Pick one up and help spread the word. Questions?? See Paul Bohn.

Pig in the Pines ~ Nativity Lutheran Church 625 W. Clinton in St. Charles invites you to their annual Pig Roast on Saturday, September 8th from 1-5 pm. Music, activities, games and dinner. Silent Auction. Donations adults \$7, children \$4 or families \$20. Kids 5 and under are free. Call 989-865-9964 for more information.

Blood Drive ~ St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2565 N River in Saginaw is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday, September 13 from 1-6pm. Register online at https://donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/109947

Bazaar Reservations ~ St Mark Lutheran Church, 2565 N River, Saginaw, is accepting table reservations (\$25/table) for the Annual Bazaar, Sat, November 3. Call the office (781-3205) for more info.