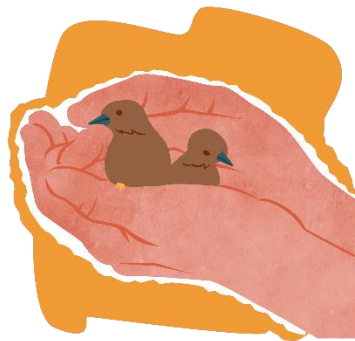


**AS WE GATHER:** It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah's complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, "Do not be afraid," so now even with the prophet's complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, "Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord!"



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

*Matthew 10:29-31*

### **Order of Service – Prayer & Preaching, LSB p. 260**

**HYMN #570** "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

**Opening Versicles**

**Old Testament Cantic** *LSB 261*

**Old Testament Reading** *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

**Epistle Reading** *Romans 6:12-23*

**HYMN #725** "Children of the Heavenly Father"

**The Holy Gospel Reading** *Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

**Responsory** *LSB p.263*

**Apostles' Creed** *LSB p.264*

**Lord's Prayer**

**HYMN #735** "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

**Sermon "Do Not Be Afraid"** *Text: The Holy Gospel*

**Prayer**

**Collect of the Day** *Proper 7 (Year A)*

**Collect for the Word**

**New Testament Cantic** *LSB 266*

**Blessing** *LSB p.267*

**HYMN #924** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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