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**668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You**

LSB 668

- 1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's Word, the weapon glorious;  
Against all foes be thus victorious,  
For God protects you from them all.  
Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Emmanuel. Hail the Savior!  
The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield, And we, the victors, hold  
the field.
- 2 Cast afar this world's vain pleasure  
And boldly strive for heav'nly treasure.  
Be steadfast in the Savior's might.  
Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,  
For Jesus from all harm will hide you.  
By faith you conquer in the fight.  
Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal! Joy awaits you.  
The race well run, Your long war won, Your crown shines splendid as  
the sun.
- 3 Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;  
The hours of grace are fast retreating;  
Short, short is this our earthly way.  
When the Lord the dead will waken  
And sinners all by fear are shaken,  
The saints with joy will greet that day.  
Praise God, our triumph's sure. We need not long endure Scorn and  
trial.  
Our Savior King His own will bring To that great glory which we sing.

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*Feel free to adjust this service to meet your family's needs.*

*Martin Luther's morning and evening prayers have been included to suit your choice  
of worship times.*

*You may share this service with your extended family, friends and those in need.*

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access. Call the church at (519) 348-9082 to arrange for weekly delivery.*

**L** Leader (*scripture lessons can be read by another member of the family*)

**F** Family (*hymns can be sung or read quietly as tunes are played*)

**A** All

**Opening Versicles**

**L** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

**F** have mercy and hear us.

**Lord's Prayer**

**F** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy  
kingdom come, Thy 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.

**Apostles' Creed**

**F** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into  
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Play CD Track 1*

**508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

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- 1 The day is surely drawing near  
When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear  
As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.

- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
 And sought but carnal pleasures,  
 Who here despised His precious Word  
 And loved their earthly treasures!  
 With shame and trembling they will stand  
 And at the judge's stern command  
 To Satan be delivered.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;  
 Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.  
 I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;  
 There is no condemnation!
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
 We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.  
 O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
 From death and ev'ry evil.

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### Matthew 25:14–30

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[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will

more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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**Pastor's Message:** Well Done

**Key Verse:** “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.”

### The Prayers

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**L** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

**C** and grant us Your salvation.

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Luther's Morning Prayer

**A** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Luther's Evening Prayer

**A** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

### Benedicamus and Blessing

*LSB 284*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.