



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 51**

**August 4, 2021**

**✠ RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2 ✠**

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*Stand*

**OPENING VERSICLES**

**L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**MEDITATION PSALM**

*Psalm 51; antiphon: v. 10*

*The pastor and congregation speak responsively. The antiphon is spoken by the pastor before and after the psalm.*

*(Antiphon)* Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your | steadfast love,\*  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my trans- | gressions,\*  
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in Your sight,\*  
so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your | judgment.**

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,\*  
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

<sup>6</sup> **Behold, You delight in truth in the inward | being,\*  
and You teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;\*  
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and | gladness;\*  
let the bones that You have bro- | ken rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide Your face | from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.**

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from Your | presence,\*  
and take not Your Holy Spirit | from me.

<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of Your sal- | vation,\*  
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors | Your ways,\*  
and sinners will re- | turn to You.

<sup>14</sup> **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my sal- | vation,\*  
and my tongue will sing aloud of Your | righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open | my lips,\*  
and my mouth will de- | clare Your praise.

<sup>16</sup> **For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would | give it;\*  
You will not be pleased with a burnt | offering.**

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will | not despise.

<sup>18</sup> **Do good to Zion in Your good | pleasure,\*  
build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;**

<sup>19</sup> then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt | offerings;\*  
then bulls will be offered on Your | altar.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*The antiphon is repeated.*

## READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT

*2 Samuel 12:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.”

<sup>5</sup>Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup>and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup>And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’”

<sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—<sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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**C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So He told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN: Lord, to You I Make Confession

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1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and  
 2 Yet, though con-science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will  
 3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to  
 4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the  
 gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
 seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,  
 res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,  
 deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,  
 Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to  
 Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my  
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -  
 Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it  
 see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.  
 sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.  
 lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.  
 leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

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**P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** **my lips will praise You.**

**P** For You have been my help,  
**C** **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**

*Psalm 63:3, 7*

**P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** **unite my heart to fear Your name.**

**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**

*Psalm 86:11–12*

**P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**

*Psalm 70:4*

**P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

*Psalm 28:9*

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

*Psalm 86:6*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; 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 EVENING PRAYER

**C** **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.**

*Stand*

### BENEDICAMUS and BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*[Psalm 103:1]*

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

**✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠**  
**(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)**