



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 44**

**June 9, 2021**

✠ **RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2** ✠

LSB 285

*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 44; antiphon: v. 26*

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

*(Antiphon)* Rise up; come | to our help!\*

Redeem us for the sake of Your | steadfast love!

<sup>1</sup> O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\*  
what deeds You performed in their days, in the | days of old:

<sup>2</sup> **You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You | planted;\***  
**You afflicted the peoples, but them You | set free;**

<sup>3</sup> for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm | save them,\*  
but Your right hand and Your arm, and the light of Your face, for You delighted | in them.

<sup>4</sup> **You are my King, | O God;\***  
**ordain salvation for | Jacob!**

<sup>5</sup> Through You we push | down our foes;\*  
through Your name we tread down those who rise up a- | gainst us.

<sup>6</sup> **For not in my bow | do I trust,\***  
**nor can my sword | save me.**

<sup>7</sup> But You have saved us | from our foes\*  
and have put to shame those who | hate us.

<sup>8</sup> **In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\***  
**and we will give thanks to Your name for- | ever.**

*Selah*

<sup>9</sup> But You have rejected us and dis- | graced us\*  
and have not gone out with our | armies.

<sup>10</sup> **You have made us turn back | from the foe,\***  
**and those who hate us have | gotten spoil.**

<sup>11</sup> You have made us like sheep for | slaughter\*  
and have scattered us among the | nations.

<sup>12</sup> **You have sold Your people for a | trifle,\***  
**demanding no high | price for them.**

<sup>13</sup> You have made us the taunt of our | neighbors,\*  
the derision and scorn of those a- | round us.

<sup>14</sup> **You have made us a byword among the | nations,\***  
**a laughingstock among the | peoples.**

<sup>15</sup> All day long my disgrace is be- | fore me,\*  
 and shame has cov- | ered my face  
<sup>16</sup> **at the sound of the taunter and re- | viler,\***  
**at the sight of the enemy and the a- | venger.**  
<sup>17</sup> All this has come upon us, though we have not for- | gotten You,\*  
 and we have not been false to Your | covenant.  
<sup>18</sup> **Our heart has | not turned back,\***  
**nor have our steps departed | from Your way;**  
<sup>19</sup> yet You have broken us in the place of | jackals\*  
 and covered us with the shad- | ow of death.  
<sup>20</sup> **If we had forgotten the name | of our God\***  
**or spread out our hands to a | foreign god,**  
<sup>21</sup> would not God dis- | cover this?\*  
 For He knows the secrets | of the heart.  
<sup>22</sup> **Yet for Your sake we are killed all the | day long;\***  
**we are regarded as sheep to be | slaughtered.**  
<sup>23</sup> Awake! Why are You sleeping, | O Lord?\*  
 Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!  
<sup>24</sup> **Why do You | hide Your face?\***  
**Why do You forget our affliction and op- | pression?**  
<sup>25</sup> For our soul is bowed down | to the dust;\*  
 our belly clings | to the ground.  
<sup>26</sup> **Rise up; come | to our help!\***  
**Redeem us for the sake of Your | steadfast love!**  
**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

*Daniel 9:3–5, 16–19*

<sup>3</sup>Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup>I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, <sup>5</sup>we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules. . . .

<sup>16</sup>“O Lord, according to all Your righteous acts, let Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a byword among all who are around us. <sup>17</sup>Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for Your own sake, O Lord, make Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary, which is desolate. <sup>18</sup>O my God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by Your name. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy. <sup>19</sup>O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for Your own sake, O my God, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

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

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

## EPISTLE

Romans 8:31–39

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:22–25

<sup>22</sup>One day He got into a boat with His disciples, and He said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, <sup>23</sup>and as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. <sup>24</sup>And they went and woke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup>He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water, and they obey Him?”

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**C** Thanks be to God.

## OFFICE HYMN: In God, My Faithful God

LSB 745, sts. 1, 4–5



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;  
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,  
5 “So be it,” then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.  
You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us  
Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.  
Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.  
Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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## MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

*Kneel or Stand*

**KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*

- P** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- P** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- P** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- C** 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.

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

- C** 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.

**VERSICLES**

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** let my cry come to You. *Psalm 102:1*
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- C** for You answer me. *Psalm 86:7*
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
- C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** and uphold me with a willing spirit. *Psalm 51:9–12*

**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.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through 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.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

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

**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)