

First Lesson – Psalm 27

**1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?**

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?**

**2 When the wicked advance against me
to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.**

**3 Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.**

**4 One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.**

5 For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent

and set me high upon a rock.

6 Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;

at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD;

be merciful to me and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger;

you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

God my Savior.

**10 Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.**

**11 Teach me your way, LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.**

**12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.**

**13 I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

**14 Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.**

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson – Colossians 1:21-29

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people.

27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God!

READER: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Lesson – Luke 10:38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

PASTOR: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

CONGREGATION: Praise to You, O Christ!