

Psalm: Psalm 91:1–10

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
⁴He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
⁵You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.
⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7–13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, "I will not mention his name,
or speak any more in his name,"
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
"Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.
¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey
their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for
unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been
brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for
righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are
not under law but under grace.
¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under
grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves
to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey,
either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to
righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves
of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching
to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin,
have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms,
because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your
members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more
lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness
leading to sanctification.
²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to
righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the
things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death.
²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves
of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.
²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: © Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002020

Collect of the Day

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us
aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your
eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible
(The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by
Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by
permission. All rights reserved.
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing
House.