

# Our Savior in the Psalms

*a Lenten Midweek Series*

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## III. Psalm 45 - Our Bridegroom

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Concordia Lutheran Church - Greenwood, IN

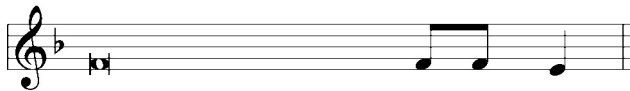
### EVENING PRAYER

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Service of Light

*Stand*

**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C** and the day is almost o - ver.

**L** Let Your light scatter the darkness

**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

**PHOS HILARON** *LSB 244*

**L** Joyous light of glory:

**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,

bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

**THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT** *LSB 245*

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Psalmody

PSALM 141 *LSB 245*



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**L** Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Readings

### PSALM 45

**P** My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

**C** You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

**P** Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!

**C** In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

**P** Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

**C** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; **P** you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

**C** your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces strung instruments make you glad;

**P** daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

**C** Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house,

P and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.

**C** The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

P All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

**C** In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.

P With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. **C** In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

**L** O Lord, have mercy upon us

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### EPHESIANS 5:25-33

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**L** O Lord, have mercy upon us

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### MATTHEW 19:4-8

<sup>4</sup>He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup>and said, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh?” <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>7</sup>They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” <sup>8</sup>He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

**L** O Lord, have mercy upon us

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

#### 860 GRACIOUS SAVIOR, GRANT YOUR BLESSING *sts. 3-5*

3 Cana's guest, this union hallow;  
Tenderly embrace this pair.  
Clothe this couple with the garments  
They will daily need to wear:  
Patience, kindness, and compassion,  
Gentleness, humility;

Robe them, Lord, with love to bind them  
In a perfect unity.

- 4 Make their love a living picture  
Showing how You loved Your bride:  
When You gave Yourself to cleanse her,  
When for her You bled and died.  
Jesus, You have made her holy,  
Pure and fair her radiant train;  
To Yourself, Your Church presenting,  
Without wrinkle, spot, or stain.

- △ 5 Father, You created Adam,  
Crafted Eve, and made them one;  
Jesus, from their sin You saved us,  
As God's true incarnate Son;  
Holy Spirit, You forgive us;  
From our sins we are released.  
Bring us, Lord, at last to heaven,  
To the endless wedding feast.

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## SERMON

### 933 MY SOUL REJOICES



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

**LITANY**      *LSB 249*

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*

- L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the

Lord:

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C** To You, O Lord.

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 251*

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 252*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *LSB 252*

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you

**C** Amen.

644 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION *sts. 1, 3, 5*

1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.



5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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