



**DAILY BREAD  
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS  
PENTECOST 3—YEAR C**

**INVOCATION**

L: In the name of the Father  
and of the Son +  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**G: Amen**

**PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 30**

**A: At the works of your hands, O Lord,  
I lift up my voice in song;  
I sing for joy.**

L: Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;

**G: praise his holy name.**

L: For his anger lasts only a moment,

**G: but his favor lasts a lifetime;**

L: weeping may remain for a night,

**G: but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

L: To you, O LORD, I called;

**G: to the Lord I cried for mercy.**

L: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;

**G: O LORD, be my help.**

L: You turned my wailing into dancing,

**G: that my heart may sing to you  
and not be silent.**

**A: At the works of your hands, O Lord,  
I lift up my voice in song;  
I sing for joy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: O God, the strength of all who trust in you,  
mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our  
weakness and give us strength to keep your  
commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus  
Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**READING & MEDITATION** *see next page*

**PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: 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.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**A: God was in Christ reconciling the world to  
himself, and entrusting to us the message of  
reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV)**

**BENEDICTION**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**A: Amen**

## READING AND MEDITATION:

**Third Sunday after Pentecost:** Last Sunday we heard that faith trusts God's power completely. This Sunday's lessons sound the depth of that faith. Can our faith trust completely, even when faced with death itself? Facing our own mortality, or that of our loved ones, brings out the weakest parts of our character. And so, today the Church prays: Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength...

**As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:**

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

## THE GOSPEL: LUKE 7:11-17

A grieving heart finds unexpected joy as death is met by the Author of life. Leaving the people in awe at the display of his power, Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead. In so doing, Jesus brought joy to his mother and a promise of help to God's people. Death is powerless before the Son of God. In this young man's rising from death to life, Christ gives us a foretaste of what waits for God's people. Faith trusts in Christ—even in the face of death.

*My takeaways:*

## FIRST LESSON: 1 KINGS 17:17-24

The Shunamite woman expressed her faith in the Lord by providing for the Lord's prophet, Elijah. But her faith is shaken at the death of her only son, himself a special gift from the Lord. But the Lord changes her sorrow into joy by raising her son from the dead. God was gracious to her in her weakness and gave her renewed strength of faith seen in those humble words of awe at this display of power, "Now I know."

*My takeaways:*

## SECOND LESSON: GALATIANS 1:11-24

As a testimony to the power of the Christ and the authority of his gospel, Paul cites the example of his own previous way of life. The power of the Christ raises the spiritually dead to spiritual life. Paul who once persecuted the church, was redeemed and raised from death to new life in Christ—a life of service to the saints in the Lord's Kingdom work and life forever in heaven.

*My takeaways:*

## SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-26

Live or die, Paul is at peace with the Lord's will. The message of the risen Christ is being proclaimed. More than a prophet, Christ has come to bring life from death. Therefore, Paul knows and is confident of this: the Lord can and will bring joy even through the sorrow of death. We now know the Lord of life who took away Death's sting. In him we can rejoice with Paul who said, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain."

*My takeaways:*

***What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?***