



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
SAINTS TRIUMPHANT — 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 150

A: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

L: Praise God in his sanctuary;

G: praise him in his mighty heavens.

L: Praise him for his acts of power;

G: praise him for his surpassing greatness.

L: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

G: praise him with the harp and lyre,

L: praise him with tambourine and dancing,

G: praise him with strings and flute,

L: praise him with the clash of cymbals,

G: praise him with resounding cymbals.

L: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

G: Praise the LORD.

A: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: They are before the throne of God and
serve him day and night in his temple.
(Revelation 7:15a)**

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 of End Time—Saints

Triumphant: The relationship between God and his saints will last into eternity.

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 20:27-38

Jesus turns the Sadducees' test into a proclamation of resurrection promise. In talking to Moses, the LORD referred to the patriarchs in the present, though they had long been "dead." The saints' relationship with the Lord does not end in death, it continues into eternal life. For we are "God's living children...children of the resurrection."

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

Though there will no peace for the wicked, the Lord promises peace to his saints in the New Jerusalem. Here we will dwell with the Lord forever as he takes joy and delight in *us*! Effects of sin like death and crying will be "the former things." They will be long forgotten, counted among the casualties of restoration. In joy will we carry out the activities of faithful living to the glory of our heavenly Companion. This relationship began at our baptism and finishes in eternity.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5

Descriptive words of our beautiful relationship with the Lord Jesus abound in this section of Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians. Paul is inspired to use such words as "loved, chosen, saved, called, sanctified." Yes, our relationship with Jesus began even before the foundations of the earth were laid. Chosen in him to be blameless, we have been connected to him through baptism, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened to stand firm both in and with him until the end. But this is merely our new beginning, promised to those who put their faith in Jesus, the Lover of our souls.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:1-5

This lesson serves as a wonderful complement to the lesson from Isaiah, particularly the further description of the New Jerusalem. The vastness of this heavenly city is beyond our comprehension, even us who have been chosen to be its residents. This is our home "forever and ever." But we will not live in suburbs, distanced from him who loves us and calls us by name. No, we who bear his name will serve our Bridegroom in his presence. We will behold his face. And he will invite us to reign alongside him forever.

My takeaways:

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