

Welcome to Vespers for **Thursday (Week 2)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this evening are **Psalm 80 found on page 252** and **Psalm 27 found on page 227**. The hymn is **#527**.

PSALM 80 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

Stir up your | strength, O Lord,
and | come to help us.*

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

⁸You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;*
you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹You prepared the | ground for it;*
it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered | by its shadow*
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea*
and its branches | to the river.

¹²Why have you broken | down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and | tend this vine;*
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

¹⁵They burn it with | fire like rubbish;*
at the rebuke of your countenance | let them perish.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,*
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn a- | way from you;*
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

ANTIPHON

*Stir up your | strength, O Lord, *
and | come to help us.*

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PSALM 27 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*The LORD is my light and | my salvation;**
whom then | shall I fear?

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?*
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?

²When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,*
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled and fell.

³Though an army should en- | camp against me,*
yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

⁴and though war should rise | up against me,*
yet will I put my | trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one | thing I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life;

⁶to behold the fair beauty | of the LORD*
and to seek him | in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- | on a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts | up my head*
above my enemies | round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds | of great gladness;*
I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, | when I call;*
have mercy on me and | answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, | “Seek my face.”*
Your face, LORD, | will I seek.

¹²Hide not your | face from me,*
nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me | not away;*
do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.

¹⁴Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,*
the LORD | will sustain me.

¹⁵Show me your | way, O LORD;*
lead me on a level path, because | of my enemies.

¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my | adversaries,*
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those | who speak malice.

¹⁷What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness | of the LORD*
in the land | of the living!

¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall com- | fort your heart;*
wait patiently | for the LORD.

ANTIPHON

The LORD is my light and | my salvation;
whom then | shall I fear?*

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All crea-tures of our God and King,
 2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft,
 3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear,
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day

Lift up your voice with
 O clouds that ride the
 Make mu-sic for your
 Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing:
 winds a-loft:
 Lord to hear.
 on our way,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam
 O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice,
 O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright,
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow,

And sil-ver moon
 O lights of eve-
 Pro-vid-ing us
 Let them his praise

with soft-er gleam:
 ning, find a voice.
 with warmth and light,
 a-bun-dant show.

Refrain

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!



- 5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care. *Refrain*
- 6 And you, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
You lead to heav'n the child of God,
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. *Refrain*
- 7 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, *Refrain*