

**Opening Devotion**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)**

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:9-18*

L: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, (vs. 9)

**C: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. (vs. 10)**

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," (vs. 11)

**C: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. (vs. 12)**

L: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. (vs. 13)

**C: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. (vs. 14)**

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. (vs.15)

**C: Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (vs.16)**

L: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! (vs.17)

**C: If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. (vs. 18)**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

**Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised (on the flip side)**

**Meditation**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Prayers**

Almighty God, merciful Father, you have fearfully and wonderfully made each one of us, and yet more wondrously redeemed us by the blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we have gathered here to celebrate the gift of life that You have granted to Your people, we ask that you would bless all in attendance, those who instruct and those who learn, that our faith in You would be increased, our love for our neighbors would be strengthened, our service for one another would multiply, and your holy name would be glorified before the whole world. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### The Lord, My God, Be Praised



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,  
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  
 △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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