

Leader Notes for Psalm 27

Five step pattern for lament psalms – This structure may indicate that this psalm was used as part of the tabernacle liturgy. (TLSB)

LINKS TO OUR LITURGY...

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| 1. An invocation or address to God | – Invocation |
| 2. An expression of the lament or difficulty | – Confession |
| 3. A confession of confidence in God | – Readings & Sermon |
| 4. A petition or request | – Prayers of the Church |
| 5. Words of praise to the Lord | – Offertory LSB p. 159 |

Read the Psalm and make comments on some verses...

V. 2 – David had trouble from without and within – It was his job to clear the land of Canaan of all the idolatress people. That would bring about much continued hatred. He also had trouble within his family, Absalom’s rebellion being only one of the family problems he had.

V. 3 *heart*. (In Biblical language the center of the human spirit, from which spring emotions, thought, motivations, courage and action—“the wellspring of life.”). (CSB)

V. 5 – Tabernacle was the symbol for God’s presence, especially in the wilderness. When we are in worship we are closest to heaven – Word and Lord’s Supper

VV. 8, 9 – Seeing God’s face means God’s favor. Benediction

V. 11 – *lead me in a straight path* – May the way down which you lead me be straight, level and smooth, free from obstacles and temptations. (CSB) – Advent and John the Baptist

V. 13 – Land of the living – Although it’s possible to see this as a reference to heaven, more likely it affirms God’s action in this world. David saw God’s protection and blessing in this life. (TLSB)

He confidently believes to see proof of the “goodness of the Lord,” which he is still living. (Leupold)