

Wednesday of Easter – Psalm 16

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”
- ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

Luther said that your God is that person or thing which you believe in and trust to solve your biggest problems. We have a great deal to be afraid of in this time of pandemic. The foe seems much more immediate. Many idols are proving themselves to be fickle and faithless for those who have trusted them.

Listen to David today. He turns us to the one who really does solve our problems. He takes refuge in God. He has no good apart from God. The faithful are his delight and the idolater the object of his contempt. He is the child and heir of God. That is a good inheritance. As a result, his life is centered upon God. God gives him counsel day and night. David will not be shaken. That is quite a statement when you remember just how much the world had thrown at David.

David's spirit rejoices and his flesh is secure. God is not only promising a life hereafter. He is concerned with David's life right now. God will not abandon David or you to the grave. God has made known the path of life and joy.

This is Easter week. Jesus says that He is the Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:1). God has not let his Holy One see decay. After three days Jesus has risen from the dead to take care of you. Trust him. He has this in his strong and loving hands.

God be with you until we meet again. In Jesus' love and mercy, Pastor Wulf