

Psalm 23 - *All the Days of My Life*

God doesn't just give His blessings once. His blessings will literally pursue us even when we may not be looking for them.

Since life begins at conception, God is with us even before we are physically born. Psalm 139:13 confirms this when it says: *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."* The next verse speaks to the quality with which God does this: *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

From birth to death God in His infinite love and wisdom provides spiritual blessings that reflect His goodness and mercy.

In our Baptism the Spirit of God worked faith in our hearts. There we were made adopted children of our heavenly Father. Phrases from hymn 593 LSB say it very well: "See this wonder in the making" (v. 1). "Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a new-born creature" (v. 4).

All through our childhood and youth God provides parents or guardians to carry out spiritual learning through instruction and example. The church community provides support for parents in the Christian education process.

In adult life God provides biblical learning opportunities through our churches. We are also blessed with Christian friends and partners all through our lives.

Through all of life's changes and in every situation God showers us with His goodness and mercy. He does this until our life here on earth comes to an end. The language of the psalmist is the utterance of a heart overflowing with joy and gratitude. It is a recollection of the past, and full of glad anticipation (as based on the experience of the past) in regard to the future. So we, too, can join the psalmist in this celebration.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank for your everlasting goodness and mercy in every moment of my life. Help me to remember how you have showered with Your continual blessings. Help me to use them to bring others into your loving presence. Amen.