

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

June 23, 2024



INTROIT *Ps. 27:3–4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1–2*

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

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom
shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 79:9–10a*

Atone for our sins, for your | name's sake!*

Why should the nations say, "Where | is their God?"

Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*

for the glory of your name de- | liver us.

VERSE *Ps. 9:4b, 9*

Alleluia. You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Alleluia.

DAILY READINGS

June 23: Prov. 27:1–24; John 20:1–18; **24:** Prov. 30:1–9, 18–33; John 20:19–31; **25:** Prov. 31:10–31; John 21:1–25; **26:** Joshua 1:1–18; Acts 8:1–25; **27:** Joshua 2:1–24; Acts 8:26–40; **28:** Joshua 3:1–17; Acts 9:1–22; **29:** Joshua 4:1–24; Acts 9:23–43.

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Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:36-42

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

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In our prayers: Remember all who are ill and weak, shut-ins, our families, our congregation, hospitals, doctors, nurses, police, military personnel, and wisdom for our government leaders. Pray for Pauline Cicmansky, Jack Findlay, Jennifer Jarvis, Paul Kushner, Carrie Thomas, Joanne Todorich.

NOTICES

Join us for Bible Study on Saturdays in the basement fellowship hall at 3:00 pm as Reverend Mullins leads us through the Small Catechism.

Flowers on the altar today are presented by Bob Demchak. Thank you.

Today's Lector: Dan H. Usher: Dan H. Acolyte: Gary B. Communion Assistant: Bob D.

The quarterly congregational meeting will be held after Divine Worship on July 6.

A huge 'thank you' to all who turned out to help clean the parsonage for Pastor Witmer's arrival, especially to our brothers and sisters from Trinity-Glen Savage whose contributions to the success of this call endeavor are immeasurable.

Pastor Witmer Installation: will take place at SS. Peter & Paul Lutheran Church, 881 Main St., Central City, on Sunday, June 30, at 3:00PM. We hope to see you there.

Arrival date for the moving company is up in the air, but Pastor Witmer will be joining us over the next two weeks. The worship schedule will remain intact through July 6.

Spread the word, for those unable to come to worship in God's house: Listen to the Lutheran Hour at 8 am on WKYE 96.5 FM radio.

Welcome! It is good for us to worship together. May our worship be a source of richest blessing for you. If you are without a church home, interested in church membership, or having spiritual problems, please contact one of our elders. We believe that Christ Jesus is true God, together with the Father and Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible is the divinely-inspired Word of God. ‘And that Christ Jesus atoned for our sins and we are saved solely by God’s undeserved love toward sinners through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Saturday Bible Study: 3:00PM
Saturday Worship and Communion: 4:00PM

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted for the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life in Christ for all who believe and repent. As a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we offer this sacrament to those who belong to member congregations, who publicly confess the *Real Presence*, that the real body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the sacrament and that the sacrament grants these blessings- forgiveness of sins, peace, and strengthening of faith in Jesus. Persons who are not members of Holy Cross or another LCMS congregation should speak with the pastor prior to the service; all repentant believers are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing while members are communed.

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