



## Ninth Sunday after Trinity

July 28, 2024

**INTROIT** Ps. 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4–5

Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.  
O God, save me, | by your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by your might.  
O God, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.  
For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;\*  
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.  
For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**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**

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL** Ps. 8:1

O | Lord, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!  
You have set your | glory\*  
above the | heavens.

**VERSE** Ps. 112:1

Alleluia. Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! Alleluia.

### **DAILY READINGS**

July 28: 1 Sam. 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35; 29: 1 Sam. 14:47–15:9; Acts 24:1–23; 30: 1 Sam. 15:10–35; Acts 24:24–25:12; 31: 1 Sam. 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27; August 1: 1 Sam. 17:1–19; Acts 26:1–23; 2: 1 Sam. 17:20–47; Acts 26:24–27:8; 3: 1 Sam. 17:48–18:9; Acts 27:9–26.

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## Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 22:26-34

“With the merciful You show Yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man You show Yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup>with the purified You deal purely,  
and with the crooked You make Yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,  
but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup>For You are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup>This God—His way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.  
  
<sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.

## Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will

not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures<sup>[a]</sup> of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures<sup>[a]</sup> of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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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, Joanne Todorich.

**NOTICES**

**Join us for Bible Study** this Monday morning in the basement fellowship hall at 9:30 AM with a Prayer Service preceding at 9:00 AM.

**Flowers on the altar today** are presented by Ron and Diane Boerstler. Thank you.

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

**Cookout in Friedens:** Pastor Mullins has invited Holy Cross members to a three church cookout at his home on August 10 beginning at 11:00 AM.

**Halushki Days are Upon Us:** We'll be returning to the Cambria City Sunday Market after today's service. Volunteers are requested to staff the booth from 10:30 AM to 3:00 pm

**Men's Group Meeting:** Friday, August 2 at 6:00 PM. Members of all 3 churches are invited and bring your friends.

**Women's Tea Party:** at Renee Pritt's home (Trinity Fairhope organist) on Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 AM. See phil for details.

**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.

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**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.

Divine Worship and Holy Communion: Sunday 9:00 AM  
Matins and Bible Study: TBD

### **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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