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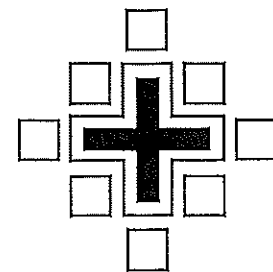
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023



INTROIT *Ps. 34:4–8; antiphon: Ps. 34:1*

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.
Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.
Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
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.
I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

DAILY READINGS

August 13: 1 Sam. 31:1–13; 1 Cor. 7:1–24; 14: 2 Sam. 1:1–27; 1 Cor. 7:25–40; 15: 2 Sam. 5:1–25; 1 Cor. 8:1–13; 16: 2 Sam. 6:1–19; 1 Cor. 9:1–23; 17: 2 Sam. 7:1–17; 1 Cor. 9:24–10:22; 18: 2 Sam. 7:18–29; 1 Cor. 10:23–11:16; 19: 2 Sam. 11:1–27; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

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Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4-18

⁴ [The LORD said to Job:]

"Where were you when I laid the foundation
of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely
you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

⁹ when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no
farther,
and here shall your proud waves be
stayed'?"

¹² "Have you commanded the morning since
your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the
earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶ "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep dark-
ness?

¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the
earth?

Declare, if you know all this."

Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that
is based on the law, that the person who does
the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the
righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say
in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"
(that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will
descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ
up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The

word is near you, in your mouth and in your
heart" (that is, the word of faith that we pro-
claim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes
in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is
no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same
Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all
who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom
they have not believed? And how are they to
believe in him of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without someone
preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless
they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful
are the feet of those who preach the good news!"
¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For
Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has
heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get
into the boat and go before him to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he
had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the
mountain by himself to pray. When evening
came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this
time was a long way from the land, beaten by the
waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in
the fourth watch of the night he came to them,
walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw
him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and
said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear.
²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water."
²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat
and walked on the water and came to Jesus.
³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and
beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."
³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and
took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little
faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got
into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in
the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are
the Son of God."