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## Welcome

### Psalm 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

## Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity....

God our comforter,

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and**

**oppression. We exploit the earth with our**

**apathy and greed. Free us from our sin,**

**gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as**

**ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

## **Prayer Of The Day**

### **Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

<sup>30</sup>Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"<sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.<sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,<sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

## **Sermon**

## Hymn "Loving Spirit"



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## **Prayers**

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of community, we pray for the church right here in our own community, and around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, we pray for your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Grace, Hayden, and Lauren as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Communion Liturgy**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation To Communion**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

## Hymn "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad,  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

## Blessing

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Check out the September newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more about ...

... **Confirmation Ministry**



**September 22** – Confirmation

- 6 PM – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class
- 6 PM 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class
- 6 PM - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Gather
- 7 PM – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

... **School Kits** – when you’re out shopping, remember to pick up school supplies for our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kits. The kits, along with the quilts the ladies have been making all year (*still looking for old sheets*), will be shipped out on October 9.

... Looking for friendly folks ...



... to **welcome worshippers** at Saturday (6 PM) and Sunday (10 AM) worship  
... to **hang out with our Sunday school kids** on Sunday mornings



**Remember – masks are required when you are in the building. Thank you!**

