

Scripture Readings for August 11, 2019 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the
earth —

¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it
cannot save.

¹⁸Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

²¹Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in
you.

Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

²²He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about
your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither
storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more
value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a
single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so
small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the
lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even
Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God
so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is
thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of
little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what
you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of

the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.