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7th Sunday of Easter
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First Lesson: [1 Samuel 1:21-28](#)
Psalm of the Day: [Psalm 8](#)
Second Lesson: [2 Corinthians 4:13-18](#)
Gospel Lesson: [John 17:1-11a](#)

A Devotion on [Psalm 8](#) from www.livingbold.net, a WELS website:

Man's Redemption

Although God created man as the highest of His creatures, God made man lower than the heavenly beings, the angels. However, the inspired Psalmist has someone else in mind when he speaks of the Son of Man, rather than mankind in general. He has the offspring of the woman in mind, Jesus, the promised Savior.

Jesus often called Himself the Son of Man, referring to his human nature. He had to be made a little lower than the angels. He had been true God from eternity, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit in all things. But, he lowered Himself; he became a man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. He humbled Himself, even to the shameful death of the cross. There, taking man's place, he paid the punishment of man's sin, freeing fallen man from eternal damnation.

But, Jesus was also exalted. God "**crowned Him with glory and honor.**" God raised Christ from the grave on the third day and received Him back into heaven and gave Him the position of honor and power on His right hand. That glory and honor means a lot to mankind. It assures the believer that his sins have been paid! Salvation has been achieved! A place in heaven has been prepared! Eternal life has been won! We sinful beings can imagine no greater gift.

If there is reason for us to praise and thank God, it is the fact that "**God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life**" (John 3:16). "**God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them**" (2 Corinthians 5:19). Men may not always be at peace with one another, but we are at peace with God through Christ Jesus. He did it. We receive salvation as a gift of God's grace.

As redeemed children of God we can say: "I am saved by Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross!"