

Readings — August 16, 2015

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ “You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
- ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Psalm 34:9-14

(please pray responsively)

- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**
- ¹¹ Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.
- ¹² **Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**
- ¹³ Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.
- ¹⁴ **Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.**

*Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia! Lord and Savior”*

Gospel: John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹ “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”