

## Old Testament Reading **Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10**

1 All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.

2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. 6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

## The Epistle **1 Corinthians 12:12–31a**

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable

parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

## Holy Gospel **Luke 4:16–30**

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” 23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” 24 And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME!** Holy Cross Lutheran Church extends a warm welcome to you. We invite you to share with us the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our prayer that our services will be helpful to you in your spiritual life.

**COMMUNION TODAY:** If anyone has difficulty going to the altar to receive communion, please let an usher know, and pastor will come to your pew to commune you individually.

**THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK:**

Worship Service: 103; Visitors: 3; Children's Sermon: 15;  
Adult Bible Class: 9; Sunday School: 12.

**HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of January 24 – January 31**

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

MON.: Deadline for Quarterly Newsletter Items (Please send or give to Karen O.)

TUE.: LSA Basketball at Alma, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

WED.: LSA Chapel Service, 8:05 a.m. (Everyone is welcome!)

THUR.: Bulletin deadline, 12:00 noon

Grades 4,5,6 Girls, Grades 7 & 8 Girls, and Grades 7 & 8 Boys Basketball vs. Marshall at LSA, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Cole Camp Regional Ministry Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

SAT.: Grades 4,5,6 Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament at Santa Fe  
Saturday evening Worship Service at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service at Holy Cross, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John's, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at St. John's, 10:30 a.m.

**ACOLYTES:** Jan. 24 – Grant Louiselle; Jan. 31 – Morgan Mummert; Feb. 7 – Brooklyn Cross; Feb. 14 – Jenna Harms; Feb. 21 – Tyler Hickman; Feb. 28 – Destiny Kestner.

**GREETERS:** January – Marvin Dieckman; February – Janet Mummert.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Jan. 24 – Randy Meyer and Marvin Dieckman.  
Feb. 07 – Marvin Dieckman and Charles Cordes

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Matthew Kurz; members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including Wilbert Meyer, Marge Burdick, LaRuth Vajen, Wilma Bahrenburg, Helen Harms.

**TODAY** we extend a warm welcome to Rev. Fred C. Hertwig as our vacancy pastor. Pastor Hertwig and his wife Jane live southeast of Lincoln on H Highway. May his time serving the Dual Parish of Holy Cross and St. John's be a time of blessing for all.

**PASTOR HERTWIG HAS REQUESTED** that if a member is sick or is shut-in, to please let the elders (Charles Cordes, Randy Meyer, or Marvin Dieckman) or the church secretary (Karen Oelrichs) know so that he can be contacted.

**THANK YOU** to all who submitted phone number or address changes for the 2016 Dual Parish Church Directory. We ask that EVERYONE look over your information very carefully in the Directory that you received today and if there are any errors or anything that needs to be updated, please call Karen O. at 668-2425. If no answer, please leave a message. Even though changes cannot be made in this year's directory, the church records can be updated and it will be correct in next year's directory. Thank you!

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS** are \$15.96 for 2016 and are due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. You may renew or order a new subscription by using the Lutheran Witness envelope from your offering envelopes box and placing it in the regular offering plate. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross. Contact Vickie or Wanda if you have any questions.

**SECRETARIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS** are asked to submit an article of the happenings and events of their group for the past three months for the Quarterly Newsletter by Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call Karen at 668-2425 or email your article to [karen.oelrichs@gmail.com](mailto:karen.oelrichs@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!

**CHILDREN WHO SANG IN THE 2015 CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM**, can return your CD's to Sunday School if you do not want to keep them; we will use them in the future.

**MAKING A PUBLIC WITNESS TO THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE:** On January 31, the Midwest March for Life and Rally will be held in Jefferson City. There will be Prayers and Exhibitors in the Capitol from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, the main March from St. Peter's Church (very near the capitol), past the Governor's Mansion, and to the capitol from 10:00 to 10:40 am, a Rally 10:45 in the Capitol Rotunda, and a Luncheon immediately following at Selinger Center. (reservations for luncheon are required, call (573) 340-8444.)

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ORGANIZING A TOY DRIVE** until January 31<sup>st</sup> to give toys to children who are in need. Pettis County Community Partnership (PCCP), Child Safe of Central Missouri, and Citizens Against Spouse Abuse (CASA) accept donations of toys to give to children to help them through difficult times. Our Sunday School lessons will be emphasizing sharing and will remind our children that there are less fortunate children who need our help; therefore, we are asking the Sunday School children to bring toys to contribute. Thrivent is providing \$250 to purchase new toys/supplies and the Sunday School children are members of our Thrivent Action Team and will receive T-shirts. If you have any gently used/new toys you would like your child(ren) to contribute, please bring them to the church basement or contact Robin Burdick, 287-1295. **THANK YOU!**

**Today's Service**  
***Divine Service Setting One***  
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**Hymn of Invocation: 905**  
"Come, Thou Almighty King"

**Introit**

You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
**it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**  
Let this be recorded for a generation to come,  
**so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**  
that he looked down from his holy height;  
**from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,**  
to hear the groans of the prisoners,  
**to set free those who were doomed to die,**  
that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,  
**and in Jerusalem his praise,**  
when peoples gather together,  
**and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*  
*as it was in the beginning,*  
*is now, and will be forever. Amen.*  
You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
**it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**

**The Hymn of the Day: 412**  
"The People That in Darkness Sat"

**The Readings:**  
*Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10*  
*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*  
*Luke 4:16-30*

**The Sermon:**  
Sermon Theme: "I Have Come!"  
Sermon Text: Luke 4:21-22

**Distribution Hymns:**  
617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"  
620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

**Closing Hymn: 686**  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"