

Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!

²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!

³Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;
**you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;
**you are he who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.**

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or

rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Holy Gospel Luke 4:31-44

³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³ And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴² And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³ but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴ And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2016



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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.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during our worship service next Sunday morning. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and place it in the basket at the back of the church.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK:

Worship Service: 75; Visitors: 3; Holy Communion: 48;
Adult Bible Class: 12; Sunday School: 9.

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of January 31 – February 7

TUE.: LSA Basketball vs Alma at Cole Camp LSA, 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 and Grades 5 & 6 Boys Basketball vs. St. Paul, Stover at Cole Camp LSA, beginning at 4:00 p.m.
Dual Parish Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Cole Camp Regional Ministry Joint Men's Club Meeting at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
SAT.: Grades 4,5,6 Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament at Emma Saturday evening Worship Service at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.
NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Holy Communion 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.
Cole Camp Regional Youth Group Gathering at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

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

GREETERS: February – Janet Mummert.

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

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. If any other members are sick or shut-in, please let the elders or the pastor know. Thank you.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS are \$15.96 for 2016 and are due TOMORROW, Feb. 1st. 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. Make checks payable to Holy Cross. Questions? Contact Vickie or Wanda.

THE NEW ADDRESS for the Boothby family is 607 Elm St, P.O. Box 147, Ireton, Iowa, 51027. Please keep them in your prayers as the children recover from the flu and adjust to their new church family and their new home.

THE SEASON OF LENT IS ALMOST HERE. It is a worthy practice to focus our attention on the Passion of our Lord. Our Lenten worship is framed around the reading of the Passion according to St. Luke. Come and worship around the theme "UNWRAPPING THE GIFTS". This year, the churches of the Cole Camp Regional Ministry will worship together for our Mid-Week Lenten Services. The Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Trinity on February 10th; then the weekly Wednesday Lenten Service schedule is as follows: February 17 at St. John's, February 24 back at Trinity; March 2 at Holy Cross, March 9 at Mt. Hulda, and concluding with the final Lenten Service at LSA on March 16. All services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

"SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY" is next Sunday, February 7th. A friendly contest between Cole Camp area churches and organizations is in progress to see who can bring in the most cans of soup and boxes of crackers to be donated to the Cole Camp Food Pantry. Please have your donations at the church by next Sunday, Feb. 7th. Alice Miesner will be collecting for St. John's and Vickie Miller for Holy Cross. The winner will receive a traveling trophy and "bragging rights" for a year!

THE DUAL PARISH EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet this Thursday evening, Feb. 4th at 6:30 p.m. to begin the Call process.

PARENT MEETING OF 5TH – 8TH GRADERS: We will be having a Jr. Youth group meeting on Sunday, February 28th at 6:30pm in Trinity's basement. This meeting will be for the parents and the 5th-8th grade kids. We will be planning the course of this year's activities and assessing the needs of the group. If you are unable to attend, please contact Brian MacLean at 660-287-2885. We hope to see you and your children there!

HELP WANTED: The Cole Camp Regional Ministry is looking for someone to take over the maintenance of the CCRM web site. If you would be interested in sharing a little of your time and talents for the Regional Ministry, please contact Art Heimsoth at 668-2492.

A PLANNING MEETING FOR THE FALL L.W.M.L. ZONE RALLY has been scheduled for today (January 31) at 3:30 at St. John's. Please come, if you are able. The host societies are St. John's, Holy Cross, Mt. Hulda, and St. Paul's, Stover.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS: The Cole Camp R-I School's Kindergarten screenings will be held on Friday, March 18th, 2016 from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM. If you live in Benton County R-I School District, and plan on sending your child to the Lutheran School Association Kindergarten, please call the elementary office at 660-668-3011 ext. 302, to set up an appointment to have your child screened. Kindergarten parents, your child must be five years of age by July 31st, 2016 to be eligible to start kindergarten. You will need to bring a copy of your child's health/immunization record, birth certificate, and social security number at the time of screening. If you do not have these documents, please make arrangements to obtain them as they are mandatory to start school.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TOY DRIVE ENDS TODAY. 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 TODAY or contact Robin Burdick, 287-1295. **THANK YOU!**

Today's Service

Matins

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Hymn of Invocation: 583

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

PSALM 71:1-6

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Hymn of the Day: 842

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

The Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:31-44

The Sermon:

Theme: "Here, Taste This"

Text: Jeremiah 1:9-10

Closing Hymn: 849

"Praise the One Who
Breaks the Darkness"