

## Introit *for The Third Sunday in Lent*

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

**evil may not dwell with you.**

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

**you hate all evildoers.**

You destroy those who speak lies;

**the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

**make your way straight before me.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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## Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 33:7–20*

7 “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

10 “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ 11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

12 “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. 13 Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. 14 Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, 15 if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 16 None of the sins that he has

committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

17 “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. 18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. 19 And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. 20 Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

## The Epistle *1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

1 I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

## Holy Gospel *Luke 13:1–9*

1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

6 And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ 8 And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. 9 Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

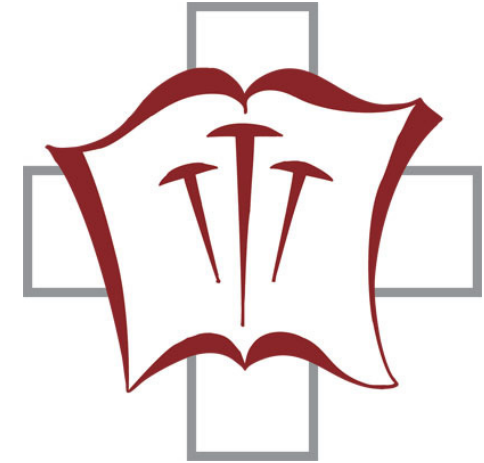
# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

**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: 87; Visitors: 5; Adult Bible Class: 12; Sunday School: 15

**HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of February 28 – March 6**

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Junior Youth Group and Parents Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity

MON.: CCRM Choir Practice at Trinity, 7:00 p.m. (in the balcony)

TUE.: Holy Cross Ladies' Aid Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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

Lenten Supper at Holy Cross church basement, 5:30 PM

Cole Camp Regional Lenten Service at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.

THUR.: Bulletin deadline, 12:00 noon

CCRM Joint Men's Club Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

SAT.: 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.

Nat'l Lutheran School Week begins with Student Speeches

**ACOLYTES:** Feb. 28 – Destiny Kestner; Mar. 6 – Grant Louiselle; Mar. 13 – Morgan Mummert; Mar. 20 – Brook Cross.

**GREETERS:** March – Jeff Kullman

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Feb. 28 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer.  
Mar. 6 – 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, Helen Harms. If any other members are sick or shut-in, please let the elders or the pastor know. Thank you.

**JR. YOUTH GROUP MEETING** will be this evening at 6:30pm in Trinity's basement. This meeting is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. We will be planning the course of this year's activities and assessing the needs of the group. If you are unable to attend, contact Brian MacLean at 660-287-2885. Hope to see you & your children there!

**THE COLE CAMP REGIONAL MINISTRY CHOIR** is practicing for an Easter Vigil this year. Practices are on Monday evenings at Trinity, beginning at 7PM. Please join us!!!

**THE COLE CAMP REGIONAL MINISTRY MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE** will be held this Wednesday evening, March 2, at Holy Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our Cole Camp Regional Ministry Lenten worship is framed around the reading of the Passion according to St. Luke. Come and worship around the theme "UNWRAPPING THE GIFTS". Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship before the service at the Lenten Supper at Holy Cross, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, salads, and desserts will be served! On March 9, the LSA's Lenten Worship will be held at Trinity, beginning at 7PM.

**FOR LENT** this year, the Cole Camp Regional Ministry has designated Lutheran Bible Translators as our Lenten Giving focus. Their Mission: "Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. And this is the Vision of LBT: God is transforming the lives of people around the world as they read and use His Word in their heart language." Following each of our Lenten Services, there will be a door offering for Lutheran Bible Translators. Their headquarters recently relocated to Concordia, MO and we will also focus on this mission at our CCRM Mission Festival this summer on July 31.

**"THE VOICE,"** The Missouri District information publication, is now being sent in digital format. It is no longer available in the paper hard copy format. If you would like to receive "The Voice", electronically, please give your email address to Randy Harms.

**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, you will need to obtain them as they are mandatory to start school.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP** for the Lutheran School Association will be held at the school (204 E Butterfield Trail in Cole Camp) on Wednesday evening, April 8, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Children who are 5 years old by July 31 are eligible.

**SENIOR GETAWAY.** Mar. 20-24 at Heit's Point will celebrate our relationship with Jesus Christ through Bible Study, participating in a Seder Meal, and attending "The Living Lord's Supper" at St. Paul's, Sedalia. Registration deadline is March 15. Call 660-668-2363.

**SERVANT-EVENT FUNDRAISER**, with teams of 2 teen workers and an adult supervisor, are being offered by Boy Scout Troop 300 and Music Students of Amigos De Cristo. Tickets for the Work Day will be on sale from Feb. 10 through March 20. Work will be completed April 2<sup>nd</sup>, unless another date is arranged by mutual agreement. For a donation of \$15 (per hour) you can reserve from 1 to 6 hours for your team of 2+1 workers. Things we can do: Yard work, flower beds, garage cleaning, your car, windows, housecleaning, simple painting and repairs, most any kind of manual labor. We will match the job to a team capable of the work! We are strong and will work hard! We will do a good job for you!! Please call from 9am to 2pm Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday at 660-826-2788 to reserve your team!

**Today's Service**  
***Divine Service Setting Four***  
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**Hymn of Invocation: 427**  
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

**The Introit**  
(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

**The Hymn of the Day: 691**  
"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

**The Readings:**  
*Ezekiel 33:7-20*  
*I Corinthians 10:1-13*  
*Luke 13:1-9*

**The Sermon:**  
Theme: "How Long is Your Lease?"  
Text: Luke 13:1-3

**Distribution Hymns:**  
**620** – "Jesus Comes Today  
with Healing"  
**621** – "Let All Mortal Flesh  
Keep Silence"

**Closing Hymn: 704**  
"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

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