

Introit - for Sexagesima

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

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O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:
**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them
you planted;**

you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.

But you have saved us from our foes

and have put to shame those who hate us.

In God we have boasted continually,

and we will give thanks to your name forever.

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.

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Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 55:10–13

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 "For you shall go out in joy

and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you

shall break forth into singing,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall make a name for the LORD,

an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

The Epistle - Hebrews 4:9–13

9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,
10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his
works as God did from his.

11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may
fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is
living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to
the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no
creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed
to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The Gospel - Luke 8:4–15

4 When a great crowd was gathering and people from town
after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable:

5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some
fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the
birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and
as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7
And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it
and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and
yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called
out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable
meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the
secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in
parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they
may not understand.' 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is
the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who
have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word
from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.
13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear
the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they
believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as
for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but
as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and
riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.
15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing
the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear
fruit with patience.

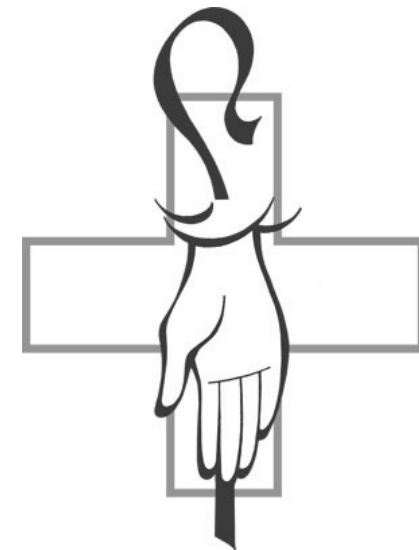
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WELCOME FRIEND. Greetings and a warm welcome to you as we come to worship together today. We pray that the Holy Spirit would grant you a rewarding spiritual experience through today's service.

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 BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 98; Visitors: 5; Holy Communion: 68;
Bible Class: 20; Sunday School: 14.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of February 4 - February 11

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Short Ladies' Aid Meeting following our worship service
CCRM High School Youth at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

WED.: LSA Chapel at Trinity, 8:05 a.m.

THUR.: Men's Bible Study at Classic, 7AM

Women's Bible Study at Trinity, 9:30 a.m.

Communion at Good Samaritan at 2:30 p.m. and at Ambrose at 3:30 p.m.

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

SAT.: LWML Missouri District Convention Decorating Committee Mtg., 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Evening Worship 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 with Holy Communion at St. John's, 10:30 a.m.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: February – Janet Mummert

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Feb 4—Gage Cross; Feb 11—Jenna Harms; Feb 18—Tyler Hickman; Feb 25—Destiny Kestner.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Feb. 4 – Jim Goosen and Marvin Dieckman;
Feb. 28 – Randy Harms and Jim Goosen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Ruby Hemme (Mary Talbott's mother) and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

DIAL-A-DEVOTION: The Parish Council and Mission Team at Trinity of Cole Camp, have decided to discontinue Dial-A-Devotion and recommend that you turn to "Portals of Prayer," Pastor Truwe's podcast on Trinity's Facebook page, and other online options. Another option is that St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Concordia offers a very nice Dial-A-Devotion at 1-660-463-7595 that you are welcome to call so that you can daily hear the Word of God and thus continue to grow in your faith.

"BEING HANDED OVER – Christ for Us . . . the Faith to Us" is the Lenten Series in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and is the theme of the Cole Camp Regional Ministry's Lenten services this year. New this year, is the handy Lenten Bookmark/Schedule being made available to us from Trinity and the Cole Camp Regional Ministry. On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th, the Lenten season begins with a Dual Parish Communion Service at Holy Cross at 7:00 p.m. with the theme "Ashes Proclaimed for Us". Prior to the service, you are invited to supper in the church basement at Holy Cross beginning at 6:00 p.m.

LWML – UPCOMING EVENTS: The Sedalia Zone LWML Board of Directors' will meet at St. John's on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 4:00 p.m. The Sedalia Zone LWML Spring Rally will be at Peace, Camdenton on April 17 with registration and social hour at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting at 10AM. The Missouri District 2018 LWML 25th Biennial Convention will be at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO, June 8-10. On-line registration begins Feb. 1st. Go to www.missourilwml.org and click on the 2018 District Convention.

REMINDER: Lutheran Witness subscriptions are due and can be placed in the offering plate. The cost for a one-year subscription is \$15.96.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR can be heard on Sunday mornings on KSIS radio, 1050 AM, at 10:15 a.m. Our Savior Lutheran Church also broadcasts their Sunday morning worship service on KSIS, 1050 AM at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY TODAY: The Cole Camp Food Pantry challenges Holy Cross to the 3rd annual Souper Bowl! The group / congregation / organization that collects the most cans of soup or boxes of crackers for the Food Pantry by TODAY, will win this year's competition. The Souper Bowl trophy currently resides at Ionia Methodist Church, so we'll see who gets to hang onto the trophy this year!

ROAST BEEF AND HAM HOMESTYLE SUPPER sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary Post 305 & Sons of American Legion will be held on Saturday evening, Feb 17 from 5-7PM in the American Legion Building Basement in Cole Camp. See a Legion member for Advance tickets which are \$9.00. At the door cost is \$10.00, children 4-12 are \$4.00 and pre-schoolers are free. The Auxiliary Bake Sale will be held upstairs.

THE COLE CAMP SWIMMING POOL IS HAVING A LASAGNA DINNER on February 18th 11am-1pm in the Cole Camp R-1 cafeteria. The free will donation will be used for operational and maintenance costs. New memberships are always available and can be purchased during this event. Without the membership dues, the pool could not stay in operation. Renew your membership at the dinner and receive \$15 off. Sign up for a new membership at the dinner and get \$50 off! Thank you for your support!!

Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 586

"Preach You the Word"

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-13 – God's Word does not return void.

Hebrews 4:9-13 – God's Word is Living and active

Luke 8:4-15 – The parable of the sower.

Hymn of the Day: 655

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

The Sermon

Sermon Title: "A Sermon on God's Word"

Sermon Text: Isaiah 55 & Hebrews 4

Distribution Hymns:

578 -"Thy Strong Word"

633 -"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Closing Hymn: 923

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"