

Introit - for Quinquagesima

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

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 35:3–7

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

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 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.

The Gospel - Luke 18:31–43

31 Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." 42 And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

THOSE BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 89; Visitors: 6; Holy Communion: 48;
Bible Class: 10; Sunday School: 14.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of February 11 - February 18

TODAY: Dual Parish Youth Group Meeting at St. John's, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

TUES.: Holy Cross Ladies' Aid Meeting at Ambrose, 7:00 p.m.

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

Dual Parish Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion
at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

SAT.: 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.

Couples' Club Meeting at Holy Cross, 6:00 p.m.

CCRM Junior Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: February – Janet Mummert.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Feb 11—Jenna Harms; Feb 18—Tyler Hickman; Feb 25—Destiny Kestner; Mar 4—Grant Louisella; Mar 11—Skylar Mummert.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Feb. 25 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Harms;
March 4 – 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.

"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. A special thank you for the handy Lenten Bookmark/Schedule made available to us last Sunday from Trinity and the Cole Camp Regional Ministry. This 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".

EZRA and NEHEMIAH meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25, at 7:00 at Holy Cross church basement.

5th and 6th GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS: Pastor will hold a meeting with all fifth and sixth grade students and their parents after church on March 11th to talk about first communion and confirmation.

ADULT INSTRUCTION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: There are forms in the back of the church to fill out for people who are interested in adult instruction and confirmation classes. Classes will begin sometime in March, day, time and location will be determined based on the needs of those who sign up.

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.

ROAST BEEF AND HAM HOMESTYLE SUPPER: The American Legion & Auxiliary Post 305 and Sons of American Legion will hold their 5th Annual Homestyle Supper from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, February 17th at the American Legion building basement, Cole Camp. Roast Beef & Ham with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn & Green Beans, Hot German Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pie and Cake. Advance tickets \$9.00 (\$10.00 at the door), children 4-12 - \$4.00, pre-school free. Tickets available from Dean's barber shop, Mora Lumber, Heet Gas Co. and Heimsoth Feeds in Cole Camp - see Terry at Ionia MFA. Auxiliary Bake Sale upstairs during the dinner.

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!!

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Today's Service

Quinquagesima

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymn of Invocation: 744

"Amazing Grace"

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:

Isaiah 35:3-7 – The Great Reversal

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – The Great Love Chapter

Luke 18:31-43 – The Rich Ruler and Blind Beggar

Hymn of the Day: 849

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

The Sermon

Theme: "Not a Wedding Sermon"

Text: 1st Corinthians 13

Closing Hymn: 417

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"