

Introit - for Third Sunday in Lent

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**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 - Jeremiah 26:1-15

1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: 2 "Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. 3 It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. 4 You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, 5 and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.'"

7 The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. 8 And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. 13 Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will

relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. 15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

The Epistle - Ephesians 5:1-9

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not associate with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

The Gospel - Luke 11:14-28

14 Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," 16 while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. 23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

24 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" 28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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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 BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 105; Visitors: 5; Holy Communion: 62; Bible Class: 12;
Sunday School: 16. Mid-Week CCRM Lenten Service at Trinity: 281.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of March 4 – March 11

THIS WEEK: National Lutheran Schools Week observed at LSA March 3 - 9

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

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

MON.: No school at LSA – Teacher In-Service

TUES.: Dual Parish Elders' Meeting at Parsonage Office, 6:30 p.m.

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

CCRM Joint Lenten Service at St. John's, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Supper in St. John's Church Basement, 6:00 p.m. (free will donation)

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 Meeting and Topic at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

SAT.: Saturday Evening Worship at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

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

Grades 5-6 Parents' Meeting with Pastor Poppen, 9AM at Holy Cross

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: March – Jeff Kullman.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Mar 4—Grant Louiselle; Mar 11—Skylar Mummert;
Mar 18—Dylana Stoppel; Mar 25—Brooklyn Cross.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: March 4 – Randy Harms and Jim Goosen
March 25 – Jim Goosen and Marvin Dieckman.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Ed Goetz, Lora Harms, Ruby Hemme (Mary Talbott's mother), Evan Cornett (8 yr old cousin of Robert Henley), Roselyn Henley (Robert's grandma), Bonnie Fitzpatrick (diagnosed with Lymphoma - niece of Dorothy Holtzen) 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. This Wednesday, March 7th, our CCRM joint Midweek Lenten Vespers will be held at St. John's beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the theme “The Lord's Prayer – The Words to Pray Are Handed Over”. Before the service, beginning at 6:00 p.m., breakfast will be served for supper by St. John's Ladies' Aid in their church basement. Please join us for Christian fellowship and good food!!

5th and 6th GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS: Pastor will hold a meeting with all fifth and sixth grade students and their parents after church next Sunday, 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.

MOWERS NEEDED: The Holy Cross Board of Trustees are currently accepting bids for mowing the church yard and the Holy Cross Cemetery. Please see Ron Viets, Jeff Kullman, or Myron Fischer.

THE WELL OF HOPE, a home for pregnant unwed mothers located in Clinton, MO has been chosen as the recipient of our Cole Camp Regional Ministry Lenten Love offering for this year. Please place your contribution in the “wishing well” for the Well of Hope near the door as you leave. This “giving opportunity” is available at each Lenten service, as well as Sunday mornings in our Cole Camp Regional Ministry churches.

MISSION FAIR: Are you looking for a winter project? Now you have a project on which to work! Create handmade treasures for the LWML Mission Fair held during the LWML Missouri District Convention at the Lodge of the Four Seasons June 8-10! LWMLers are invited to donate any handmade items - seasonal decorations, stitched items, doll clothes, ornaments, toys, jewelry, greeting cards, wood crafts, or any other ideas you may have. If God has blessed you with creative talents, please consider making and donating items for the FAIR. All women and men are encouraged to participate! Remember ALL proceeds go to the MITE program.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 11th, the Cole Camp High School Freshman class will be hosting their fundraiser dinner in the Benton county R-1 School cafeteria. Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CHICKEN DINNER: Trinity / St. John's Men's Club will hold its annual chicken dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Cole Camp on Sunday, March 18, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Dinner prices are Adults \$9.00, Children, ages 4 - 10, \$5.00 and Children under four eat free. Proceeds are designated for the financial support of students, sponsored by Trinity's Men's Club, pursuing a degree as a minister or other church worker.

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Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 594

“God's Own Child”

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

Hymn 422

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

(In place of the Hymn of Praise)

The Readings:

Jeremiah 2:1-15 – Jeremiah

threatened with death for preaching the Word of God

Ephesians 5:1-9 – Be imitators of God

Luke 11:14-28 – Jesus casts out demons

Hymn of the Day: 435

“Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain”

The Sermon

Sermon Text: Ephesians 5

Sermon Theme: “How to be God's Children”

Distribution Hymns:

420, “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

743, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Closing Hymn: 433

“Glory Be to Jesus”