

## **Old Testament Reading - Exodus 16:2–21**

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." <sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

## **The Epistle - Galatians 4:21–31**

<sup>21</sup>Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? <sup>22</sup>For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup>But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup>Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup>Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup>But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup>For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;  
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!  
For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than those of the one who has a husband."

<sup>28</sup>Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup>But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. <sup>30</sup>But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." <sup>31</sup>So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

## **The Gospel - John 6:1–15**

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

<sup>15</sup>Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

# **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.

**THOSE BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK**

Worship Service: 111; Visitors: 5; Holy Communion: 66; Bible Class: 9;  
Sunday School: 16. Mid-Week CCRM Lenten Service at St. John's: 122.

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of March 11 – March 18**

TODAY: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents meet with Pastor Poppen after church  
Holy Cross Choir practice after Bible Class

Dual Parish Youth Group Meeting at Pastor's House, 3-5 p.m.

Dual Parish Choir practice this evening at Holy Cross, 7 p.m.

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

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

CCRM Joint Lenten Service at Mt. Hulda, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Supper in  
Mt. Hulda'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.

LSA Parent / Teacher Conferences as requested

FRI.: Family Lunch Hot Meal Day at LSA

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 at St. John's, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

**HOLY CROSS GREETER:** March – Jeff Kullman.

**HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES:** Mar 11—Skylar Mummert; Mar 18—Dylana Stoppel;  
Mar 25—Brooklyn Cross; Apr 1—Gage Cross; Apr 8—Jenna Harms; Apr 15—Tyler  
Hickman; Apr 22—Destiny Kestner; Apr 29—Grant Louiselle.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** March 25 – Jim Goosen and Marvin Dieckman.

April 1 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Harms.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The family of Roselyn Henley (Robert Henley's  
grandma), Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Ed Goetz, Lora Harms, Ruby Hemme (Mary  
Talbot's mother), Evan Cornett (8 yr old cousin of Robert Henley), Bonnie Fitzpatrick  
(niece of Dorothy Holtzen) and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to  
their homes.

**THERE WILL BE CHOIR PRACTICE** after Bible Class this morning and also this  
evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church balcony. If you like to sing, we invite you to  
please join us!

**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.

**“BEING HANDED OVER – Christ for Us . . . the Faith to Us”** is the Lenten Series in  
honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation and is the theme of the Cole Camp  
Regional Ministry's Lenten services this year. This Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, our CCRM  
joint Midweek Lenten Vespers will be held at Mt. Hulda beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the  
theme “Holy Baptism – New Life Is Handed Over”. Mt. Hulda will serve a meal in their  
church basement at 6:00 p.m. They will be serving brats, kraut, german potato salad,  
green beans, fresh homemade rolls, and a variety of desserts. Hot dogs will be available  
for the kids.

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS:** Pastor will hold a meeting with all fifth  
and sixth grade students and their parents after church **today** to talk about first  
communion and confirmation.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES** to Robert Henley and his family on the  
death of his grandmother, Roselyn Henley who passed away on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. May  
the Gospel message give them comfort and hope as we wish them God's peace in Christ.

**THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR EVERYONE!** The Marriage and Family Conference,  
sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry and the Sedalia Circuit will be held at  
Trinity, Cole Camp on Friday evening (beginning at 5:30), Apr. 20 and Saturday, Apr 21  
(beginning at 8AM and ending with Vespers at 4PM). It is for husbands, wives, parents,  
children, widows, and all single people. Through the word of God, we will grow in our  
appreciation for God's wonderful gift of marriage and the family, and return to our homes  
encouraged and better equipped to lead faithful lives, regardless of the makeup of our  
family. The cost of this event is free, but registration is required by March 31. If you plan  
to attend, please turn in your registration form to Pastor Poppen.

**EASTER GARDEN OF MEMORIES:** Holy Cross Couples Club is sponsoring the Garden  
of Memories for Easter Sunday. To reserve lilies in memory of someone or in honor of  
someone who has been a blessing, place your free will donation along with the form  
included with today's bulletin in an envelope and give it to Jeanette Bahrenburg or  
Carolyn Dieckman by Sunday March 25, 2018. You may take your lily or lilies home after  
the Easter service. Questions? Please contact Carolyn 660-668-3605 or Jeanette 660-  
668-4959.

**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 Regional Ministry churches.

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

**CHICKEN DINNER:** Trinity/St. John's Men's Club will hold its annual chicken dinner at  
Trinity Fellowship Hall in Cole Camp on Sunday, March 18, from 11:30AM to 1PM.  
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.

**DIAL-A-DEVOTION:** 1-660-463-7595

## Today's Service

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**Hymn of Invocation: 571**

“God Loved the World”

### **Introit**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

**that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast.**

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

May they be secure who love you!

**For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will say, “Peace be within 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.**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

**that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast.**

### **Hymn 422**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

### **The Readings:**

Exodus 16:2-21

Galatians 4:21-31

John 6:1-15

### **Hymn of the Day: 423**

“Jesus Refuge of the Weary”

### **The Sermon**

Sermon Text: John 6 & Exodus 16

Sermon Theme: Bread from Heaven

### **Closing Hymn: 729**

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”