

The Introit - for Fifth Sunday in Lent

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and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

**Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil
within me?**

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and
my God.**

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Old Testament Reading - Genesis 22:1–14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it

up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

The Epistle - Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

The Gospel - John 8:46–59

⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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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.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during our service next Sunday. 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 BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 87; Visitors: 4; Children's Sermon: 9;
Bible Class: 19; Sunday School: 15.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of March 18– March 25

TODAY: Holy Cross Choir practice after Bible Class

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

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

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

LSA Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

TUE.: Adult Instruction Class at the Lutheran School, 7:00 p.m.

WED.: LSA Chapel at Trinity, 8:05 a.m. All are invited!

CCRM Joint Lenten Service at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Supper in Holy Cross' 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, 2:30 p.m. and at Ambrose at 3:30 p.m.

Cole Camp Regional Ministry team meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

HOLY CROSS GREETER: March – Jeff Kullman; April – Rusty Harms.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: 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: Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Ed Goetz, Lora Harms, Barbara Pope, Ruby Hemme (Mary Talbott'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. We will also practice next Sunday evening, beginning at 7:00. If you like to sing, we invite you to please join us!

COLE CAMP REGIONAL MINISTRY TEAM MEETING will be held this Thursday evening, March 22 at Trinity in the conference room, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

“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 21st, our CCRM joint Midweek Lenten Vespers will be held at Holy Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the theme “Confession – Forgiveness is Handed Over”. At 6PM, Holy Cross Ladies' Aid will serve a meal of assorted casseroles, salads, bread and desserts in the church basement. **ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES** will be on Tuesdays at 7PM at the Lutheran School, with the first class will being held this Tuesday evening, March 20th. The course will run for 8 weeks and is open to anyone who would like to learn about or review the teachings of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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 last Sunday's bulletin in an envelope and give it to Jeanette Bahrenburg or Carolyn Dieckman by next Sunday. 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.

CHICKEN DINNER TODAY: Trinity/St. John's Men's Club will hold its annual chicken dinner at Trinity Fellowship Hall in Cole Camp TODAY, 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.

SOPHOMORE CLASS PORK DINNER will be held at the Cole Camp school cafeteria next Sunday, March 25th, with serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This cost is Adults \$7, Children 5-12 \$4. We appreciate your support in helping our class raise funds to host prom next year and then build our senior float next summer.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETTIS COUNTY GARAGE SALE Apr. 6 (8:30am-6pm) and Apr 7 (8:30am-1pm) at Our Savior, 3700 W Broadway, Sedalia. Beginning Apr 3 thru Apr 5, please bring your donations to Our Savior from 9am to 3pm. Please call 281-1405 to make arrangements to pick up large items. If you could help with set-up, pricing, and working during the sale, please call Marlis at 620-0239 or Jeanette at 281-1405.

Today's Service

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Divine Service, Setting Three

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Hymn of Invocation: 431

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

Hymn 422

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

The Readings:

Genesis 22:1-14 -- Abraham
Sacrifices Isaac
Hebrews 9:11-15 – Blood of Jesus
Fulfills the Covenant
John 8:46-59 – Jesus is “I Am”
before Abraham

Hymn of the Day: 430

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

The Sermon

Sermon Theme: God Provides
the Sacrifice;

Text: Genesis 22:1-14.

Closing Hymn: 606

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”