

Introit for Second Sunday of Easter

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia.

Sing aloud to God our strength;

shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

In distress you called, and I delivered you;

I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

I am the LORD your God,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;

and with honey from the rock I would satisfy 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 - Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise

you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

The Epistle - 1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

The Gospel - John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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CHRIST IS RISEN! Welcome to all as we come together on this glorious Easter Sunday morning! May God, our Father and our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ give you grace and peace, and may the Holy Spirit bless your worship here today. He is risen, indeed!

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: 165; Holy Communion: 112; Visitors:26; Bible Class:8; Sun Sch:14.
Easter Vigil at St. John's: 55; Holy Communion: 42.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of April 8 - April 15

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION and First Communion for 5th and 6th Graders
Public School Confirmation Instruction, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Dual Parish Youth Group Meeting at Holy Cross, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

LSA School Board Meeting in the LSA Library, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Ezra and Nehemiah Meeting in the church basement, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

St. John's Ladies' Aid Fellowship, Bible Study & Meeting, 6:45 p.m.

CCRM Joint Men's Club Meeting 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.

Holy Cross Quarterly Voters' Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 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.

St. John's Votes' Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

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

HOLY CROSS GREETER: April – Rusty Harms.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Apr 8—Macy Hagen; Apr 15—Kadence Hargrave; Apr 22—Jenna Harms Apr 29—Tyler Hickman; May 6--Destiny Kestner; May 13-Grant Louiselle.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: April 8 –Randy Harms and Jim Goosen.
April 22 – Jim Goosen and Marvin Dieckman.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, 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.

FIRST COMMUNION for Holy Cross members of the 5th and 6th grades will be celebrated in today's service. We will welcome three students Emily Burdick, Jason Dieckman, and Bailey Stoppel to the Lord's Supper today with their First Communion. The rite of first communion will be done following the prayers of the church.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION for Public School Students will be held this afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

THE DUAL PARISH YOUTH GROUP will meet TODAY at Holy Cross from 3-5PM

LSA SCHOOL BOARD meets this evening at 7 PM in the LSA library

THE EZRA AND NEHEMIAH MEETING has been rescheduled and will be held on Wednesday evening, April 11 at 7:00 in church basement.

HOLY CROSS QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING will be held next Sunday, April 15th after our worship service.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP: Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at The Schnell Auditorium from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. If you know of anyone in the community that has a child that will turn 5 before July 31, 2018 and would be interested in sending their future Kindergartener to LSA, they should contact the school office at 660-668-4614 or www.lsaschool.com with their name and address so we can make contact with them. Please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, and baptismal certificate to the round-up for early enrollment.

THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY CONFERENCE, sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry and the Sedalia Circuit will be held at Trinity, Cole Camp, on April 20-21. On Friday evening, Check-in/Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by Evening Prayer and Plenary 1, "God's Gift of Marriage and Children". At 8:45 p.m., the event will move to The German Table for Gemutlichkeit. On Saturday morning, the conference will open at 8:00 a.m. with Matins. At 9AM will be Plenary 2, "Confessing the Truth of Marriage in a Hostile World, followed by various break-out sessions throughout the day, and ending with a Panel Discussion. The closing Vespers Service will begin at 4:00 p.m. Due to the conference, there will be no Saturday evening worship service held at Trinity—please attend the Vespers Service at 4:00 p.m. The featured speaker at the Conference, is Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Associate Professor of New Testament at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. See Pastor Poppen TODAY, if you would like to attend.

HATS OFF TO JESUS! Wear a hat to celebrate the love of Jesus! Sedalia Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held on (Tuesday) April 17 at Peace Lutheran Church, 9307 North Highway 5, Camdenton, MO 65020. Host Societies: Peace Camdenton, Faith Warsaw, Hope Hermitage. Speaker: Carolyn Bowling, Executive Director for Medical Missions for Christ (There will be a love offering for Medical Missions for Christ) Lunch: \$7.00 Hot Ham/Cheese or Turkey/Cheese Sandwich, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Dessert and Drink

Today's Service
Divine Service, Setting One
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Hymn of Invocation: 470 vv1-5
"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Hymn of Praise
page 155 - "This Is the Feast"

The Readings:
Ezekiel 37:1-14 – The valley of dry bones.
1 John 5:4-10 – We overcome the world through our faith
John 20:19-31 – Jesus appears to disciples – Doubting Thomas

Hymn of the Day: 470 vv6-9
"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

The Sermon
Sermon Text: John 20:19-31
Theme: "A Sermon about Religion"

Distribution Hymns:
467 – "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"
480 – "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Closing Hymn: 463
"Christ the Lord
Is Risen Today; Alleluia"