

Introit for Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name.**

I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.

**But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessèd be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast love from me!

**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 - Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The Epistle - James 1:22-27

²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

The Gospel - John 16:23-33

²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

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.

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: 86; Children's sermon: 8; Visitors: 4;
Bible Class 8; Sunday School: 11.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of May 6 – May 13

TODAY: Confirmation Sunday and HOLY COMMUNION at Holy Cross Public School Confirmation Class at Pastor's Office, 1:30 p.m.
CCRM Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:30 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.
Pre-school Graduation at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

WED.: LSA Chapel at Trinity, 8:05 a.m. All are invited!
Choir Practice for Ascension Day at Trinity's Choir Loft, 7PM

THUR.: Men's Bible Study at Classic, 7AM
Women's Bible Study at Trinity, 9:30 a.m.
Cole Camp Regional Ministry Ascension Day Service 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.
Sunday School 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 Youth at St. John's, 3:00 p.m.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: May – Leticia Harms

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: May 6--Destiny Kestner; May 13--Grant Louiselle;
May 20--Skylar Mummert; May 27--Dylana Stoppel; June 3--Brooklyn Cross;
June 10--Gage Cross; June 17--Macy Hagen.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: May 6 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Harms
May 20 – Randy Harms and Jim Goosen.

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Haldor Barnes recovering in the nursing home ward in Bothwell from heart problems; Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Evan Cornett (8 yr old cousin of Robert Henley), Bonnie Fitzpatrick (niece of Dorothy Holtzen), Tim Purdy (friend of Sam Henley) and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

OUR CONFIRMANDS: Making public confession of their Christian Faith this morning through the Rite of Confirmation are Emily Burdick, Gentry Dieckman, Jason Dieckman, and Tyler Howard. We welcome them as Confirmed members and will greet them as we process out this morning for the Rogate blessing.

THE PANSEY AND SNAPDRAGON FLOWERS along the walk way in the front of the church are in honor of Rogate Sunday and were donated by one of our members and by Edna Ahlers of Rose Hill Farm and Greenhouse. After the service, please feel free to take one home and enjoy the beauty of God's creation! For more plants, please see Edna!

THE ASCENSION of our Lord will be observed at a special Cole Camp Regional Ministry Joint Worship Service on Thursday evening, May 10. This service will be held at Trinity and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

WE NEED CHOIR VOICES for the Ascension service on May 10! We will practice the music for this special occasion on Wednesdays in the loft at Trinity, beginning at 7pm.

OUR CONGREGATION IS INVITED to attend the Lutheran School Association's 8th grade graduation service on Wednesday May 16 at 7pm in the school's auditorium. During this service the retirement of Larry Andersen, Rhonda Andersen, and Steve Greimann will also be recognized.

THE MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Tom and Jeana Eckhoff at an open house at St. John's on Saturday afternoon, May 26th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tom and Jeana were married on May 25, 1968. They request no gifts, please, only that you join in helping them celebrate their special day!

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, May 27th from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. to help Alice Borchers celebrate her 90th birthday! The members of our congregation are cordially invited to attend this happy day and help Alice celebrate at the Lion's Den / Senior Center in Cole Camp.

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.

Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 691

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing”

The Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9 – Moses and the bronze snake
James 1:22-27 – Be doers of the Word
John 16:23-33 – Jesus has overcome the world

Hymn of the Day: 490

“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”

The Sermon

Text: John 16:23-33
Theme: Take Heart

Distribution Hymns:

549– “All Hail the Power”
487– “Come, You Faithful”

Closing Hymn: 837

“Lift High the Cross”