

Introit

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**Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.**

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
turn to me and be gracious to me;

**give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maid-servant.**

**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: 1 Kings 17:8–16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle: Galatians 5:25–6:10

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24–34

[Jesus said:] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

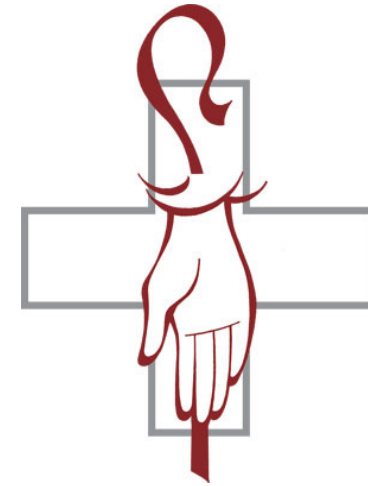
"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

HOLY CROSS and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN DUAL PARSH

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WELCOME! St. John's 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 USING THE MEANS OF GRACE AT HOLY CROSS LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 134 Holy Communion: 81; Bible Class: 27.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 9 – September 16

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Dual Parish Youth at St. John's, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

TUE.: First Day of Pre-School at TLC

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

Dual Parish Elders' Meeting at Parsonage Office, 6:30 p.m. (SJ at 7pm)

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

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

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

CCRM Joint Men's Club Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

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

SAT.: Evening Worship with Communion at Trinity, 6:30 pm; Adult Bible Class at 7:30

NEXT SUN.: Joint Dual Parish Worship at St. John's, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John's, 10:30 a.m.

(Construction project in progress at Holy Cross)

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sept. 9—Mary Talbott; Sept. 16—Margaret Wilshusen; Sept 23—Karen Oelrichs; Sept. 30—Elaine Miesner; Oct. 7—Doris Viets; Oct. 14—Judy Brockman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Fred Oelrichs

DIAL-A-DEVOTION from St. Paul's, Concordia: 1-660-463-7595.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Alice Borchers, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, 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.

HOLY CROSS MEMBERS are reminded to use their assigned offering envelopes while worshipping at St. John's during the Holy Cross construction project. All loose money in the offering plate will go to St. John's.

THE DUAL PARISH ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held at the Lutheran School gym, on Sunday, September 23rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

TODAY IS THE 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, as we remember the Cole Camp Food Pantry. Please leave your non-perishable food items in the back of the church. A door offering will also be taken for the Food Pantry, if you would like to make a cash donation.

HOLY CROSS LADIES' AID will meet at Ambrose this Tuesday evening, September 11th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES' AID will meet this Thursday evening Sept. 13 with fellowship refreshments by Alice Miesner at 6:45 p.m. Mary Talbott will lead the opening devotion with Pastor Poppen leading our Bible Study, "Struggling with the Influence of Technology" found on page 18 of the **SPRING LWML Quarterly**. The business meeting will follow the topic. ALL ladies are invited to come and join us!

JOINT CCRM MEN'S CLUB MEETING will be held at Trinity this Thursday evening, Sept. 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join us men, for Bible Study, food, and fellowship!

ATTENTION JR. YOUTH!!- We welcome all 5-8th graders to attend our monthly Jr. Youth meetings. We meet in Trinity's church basement from 6:30-8:00 pm. We invite all the new incoming members of the 5th grade class to join us for bible study and fellowship! Also, Jr. Youth will be going to Lazer Force in Osage Beach on September 16, 2018. We will **NOT** meet that evening for our monthly meeting. We plan to leave at 1pm and back around 4pm. If your child is interested in attending, please contact Brian Maclean at 660-287-2885 or by email at brian_maclean80@hotmail.com for activity information and registration. Cost is \$9.75 per member. **Please note our meeting date will change to the 2nd Sunday of the month starting in OCTOBER and thereafter.**

C.C. FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES is sponsoring the following two events: **SEE YOU AT THE POLE:** Wednesday, September 26th, 7:15 am at the flag pole in front of Benton County R-1 School (central office). We will gather around the flag pole to pray for our nation together. Students will lead the community in prayer and we hope to have a community circle large enough to encircle our students.

FIELDS OF FAITH: Wednesday, October 10th, 7:00 pm This event will be held in the Benton County R-1 High School gym this year (new gym). We will have music and student testimonies. Later, all in attendance will be asked to come pray in one large circle on our gym floor with our students as one community.

SMOKED PORK DINNER: The CCHS junior class is hosting a smoked pork dinner September 23rd from 11:00-1:00 in the school cafeteria. Funds raised help support prom and the senior float. Come by and enjoy a dinner of smoked pork, posh potatoes, green beans, corn, salads, and desserts. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12.

SAVE THE DATE! Mt. Hulda's annual Fish Fry is coming up on Sunday, September 30th, with serving beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Today's Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Setting Four

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Hymn of Invocation: 869

"With the Lord Begin Your Task"

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** (*sung*)

The Readings:

1 Kings 17:8-16—The Widow of Zarephath

Galatians 5:25-6:10—Bear One Another's Burdens

Matthew 6:24-34—Do not be anxious

Hymn of the Day: 760

"What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Sermon

Text: The Gospel Lesson

Title: "Easier Said Than Done"

Distribution Hymns

732: "All Depends on our Possessing"

685: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

770: "What A Friend"

Closing Hymn: 728

"How Firm a Foundation"