

Introit - for Septuagesima

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the snares of death confronted me.

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I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

For you save a humble people,

but the haughty eyes you bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength

and made my way blameless.

**For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to your name.**

***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 - Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹ I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

The Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

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WELCOME FRIEND. Greetings and a warm welcome to you as we come to worship together today. We pray that the Holy Spirit would grant you a rewarding spiritual experience through today's service.

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: 101; Visitors: 3; Children's Sermon: 16;
Bible Class: 14; Sunday School: 15.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of January 28 – February 4

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

MON.: Newsletter Articles to Karen Deadline (email to karen.oelrichs@gmail.com)

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

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

Women's Bible Study at Trinity, 9:30 a.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 at St. John's, 10:30 a.m.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: January – Marvin Dieckman
February – Janet Mummert

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Jan 28—Brooklyn Cross; Feb 4—Gage Cross; Feb 11—Jenna Harms; Feb 18—Tyler Hickman; Feb 25—Destiny Kestner.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jan. 28 – Randy Harms and Jim Goosen
Feb. 4 – Jim Goosen and Marvin Dieckman.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Ruby Hemme (Mary Talbot's mother) and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

SECRETARIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS are asked to submit an article of the happenings and events of their group for the past three months for the Quarterly Newsletter. Please email your article to karen.oelrichs@gmail.com or mail it to Karen at 711 S Oak St, Cole Camp, MO by TOMORROW, Jan. 29th. Thanks for your help!

THE NEW 2018 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are included with your bulletin this morning. Please double-check your information for accuracy and let Karen know of any omissions or errors. Thank you! (karen.oelrichs@gmail.com or call 668-2425)

"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. Please watch for the schedule in next week's Quarterly Newsletter and also on a special bookmark being made available by Trinity and the CCRM!

LWML – UPCOMING EVENTS: The Sedalia Zone LWML Board of Directors' will meet at St. John's on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 4:00 p.m. The Sedalia Zone LWML Spring Rally will be at Peace, Camdenton on April 17 with registration and social hour at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting at 10AM. The Missouri District 2018 LWML 25th Biennial Convention will be at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO, June 8-10. On-line registration begins Feb. 1st. Go to www.missourilwml.org and click on the 2018 District Convention.

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.

LASAGNA/SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE DINNER: The Cole Camp Museum will be holding a fund raiser TODAY, serving lasagna or spaghetti with meat sauce from 11:30 until 1:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a free will donation for the meal. Funds raised during the lunch will all go toward the badly needed roof repair on the building that houses our museum.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: It's that time again... The Cole Camp Food Pantry challenges Holy Cross to the 3rd annual Souper Bowl! The group / congregation / organization that collects the most cans of soup or boxes of crackers for the Food Pantry by Sunday, February 4, will win this year's competition. The Souper Bowl trophy currently resides at Ionia Methodist Church, so we'll see who gets to hang onto the trophy this year! Please note: *The Food Pantry has stated that they do NOT need Ramen noodles as soup, because they have too much of it already.*

THE COLE CAMP SWIMMING POOL IS HAVING A LASAGNA DINNER on February 18th 11am-1pm in the Cole Camp R-1 cafeteria. The free will donation will be used for operational and maintenance costs. New memberships are always available and can be purchased during this event. Without the membership dues, the pool could not stay in operation. Renew your membership at the dinner and receive \$15 off. Sign up for a new membership at the dinner and get \$50 off! Thank you for your support!!

Today's Service

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Divine Service, Setting Four

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Hymn of Invocation: 812

"Come, Let Us Join Our
Cheerful Songs"

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7 – God gives His
people water from a rock.
1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 – The Rock
is Christ
Matthew 20:1-16 – Parable of laborers
in a vineyard.

Hymn of the Day: 761

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

The Sermon

Text: Matthew 20:1-16
Theme: That's Not Fair

Distribution Hymns:

664 -"Fight the Good Fight"
555 -"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

Closing Hymn: 918

"Guide Me, O thou Great Redeemer"