

Introit for Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me;

incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

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 32:1–20

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” ⁶And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

¹⁵Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and

on the back they were written. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” ¹⁸But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.”

¹⁹And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

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Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Holy Gospel: Luke 17:20–37

²⁰Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

²²And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. ²⁴For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— ³⁰so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. ³²Remember Lot’s wife. ³³Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. ³⁴I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. ³⁵There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” ³⁷And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

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WE WELCOME YOU to our celebration of faith and praise! In a world of confusion and turmoil, our lives are built on our God who is mighty and everlasting and sure, and so we come together in thanksgiving and joy.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during our worship service next Sunday morning and also at our Thanksgiving Eve Service this Wednesday evening. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and indicate the date(s) you plan to partake of the Sacrament and give it to the usher as you leave church. Thank you!

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE AT OUR SERVICE LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 112; Holy Communion: 76; Bible Class: 22.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of November 18 – November 25

TODAY: Register for Holy Communion

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

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice at Trinity, 4:00 p.m.

MON.: Teachers' Conference – No School at LSA

TUE.: Teachers' Conference – No School at LSA

WED.: Thanksgiving Break – No School at LSA

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's, 7:p.m.

THUR.: Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at Mt. Hulda, 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at Trinity, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline, 12:00 noon (email to karen.oelrichs@gmail.com)

FRI.: Thanksgiving Break – No School at LSA

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

NEXT SUN.: Dual Parish Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's, 9:00 a.m.

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

Christmas Cantata Practice at Trinity, 4:00 p.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eileen Brandes - cancer diagnosis, Sheila Fox, Ethelene Jagels, Alice Borchers, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Bill Talbott, Bonnie Fitzpatrick (niece of Dorothy Holtzen), Greg Ives, Tim Purdy (friend of Sam Henley) and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

SINGERS NEEDED! The Cole Camp Regional Ministries Christmas Cantata will be rehearsing TODAY at 4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. We are sending out an invitation to anyone with some choir singing experience who would like to be a part of this year's cantata to join us! The actual performance will be Sunday, Dec. 30th at 4:00 pm also at Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Cole at 600-221-3278. Hope to see you there!

HOLY CROSS MEMBERS: By resolution of Holy Cross voters' assembly, we are soliciting contributions to help pay for the refinishing work on the sanctuary floor and pews. A donation may be made by placing it in the Sunday morning offering plate with a designation of SPECIAL ACCOUNT on the envelope or given directly to the treasurer Evelyn Brandes. If making the donation in memory of someone, please include that information in the envelope. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated to help us complete the refinishing work in our sanctuary. We give all thanks and praise to God for making this possible.

THIS WEEK IS THANKSGIVING and there are several worship opportunities for our Cole Camp Regional Ministry members. Due to continued construction work at Holy Cross, our Wednesday evening Thanksgiving Eve Service with Holy Communion will be held at St. John's, beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Thursday morning, Thanksgiving Day services are being held at both Mt. Hulda and Trinity. Both services begin at 9:00 a.m.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL is asking parents of Sunday School students to consider sending more offering money with your child to pay for needed Sunday School supplies and materials. We are very behind in the amount we need to continue supporting our Sunday School. Any contributions from church members would be welcome as well!

C.C.R.M. JOINT ADVENT SERVICES: The schedule for this year's Cole Camp Regional Ministry's joint mid-week Advent services and suppers is as follows: December 5—Trinity; December 12—Holy Cross; December 19—Mt. Hulda. Pre-service Advent suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the evening Advent services beginning at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU from the Cole Camp Food Pantry to the members of St. John's and Holy Cross for your gift of \$56.00 from last Sunday's door offering. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

A THANK YOU LETTER was received from Rev. Jesse Kueker and Trinity Lutheran Church of Clinton for the recent contribution of \$646.19 for the "Well of Hope" maternity home. This gift was from the proceeds of St. John's fund-raiser dinner which was held this past August. Pastor Kueker stated, "Your financial offering is a substantial blessing to our congregation. Along with your gracious offering, I ask for your earnest prayers on behalf of the saints here at Trinity for a wise usage of our collected financial offerings for the good of the Kingdom. May we always use the gifts God brings our way for the good and glory of His heavenly name."...with much thankfulness to God for your generosity and love, Pastor Jesse Kueker, Trinity Lutheran Church of Clinton, MO.

OUR SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED on YouTube on our Holy Cross website (the address is printed on the front of the bulletin). When you go to the website, on the list to the left of the picture of the church, hover over or click on "gallery", then click on "videos". You may click on the date of the service that you would like to view.

Today's Service

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Matins

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Hymn of Invocation: 801

"How Great Thou Art"

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

The Readings:

Exodus 32:1-20—The Golden Calf

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—The Coming of the Lord on the Last Day

Luke 17:20-37—The coming of the Kingdom

Hymn of the Day: 735

"Have no Fear, Little Flock"

Sermon

Text: Exodus 32:1-20

Theme: Golden Calf

Closing Hymn: 733

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"