

Introit for Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

***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 - Zephaniah 1:7–16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the Lord is near;

the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons

and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,

and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

10 "On that day," declares the Lord,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,

a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men

who are complacent, those who say in their hearts,

'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.'

13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;

the mighty man cries aloud there.

15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities

and against the lofty battlements.

The Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything

written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Gospel - Matthew 25:14–30 14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during our worship service next Sunday morning. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and place it in the basket at the back of the church.

THOSE BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE AT HOLY CROSS LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service: 92; Visitors: 4; Children's Sermon: 10;
Bible Class: 16; Sunday School: 13.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of November 19 – November 26

TODAY: Register for next Sunday's Holy Communion

Trinity Men's Club's Chili & Soup Dinner, 11:30AM – 1PM at Trinity

Dual Parish Youth Group Gathers at Pastor's House, 3-4:30PM

Couples' Club Meeting, 6:00PM at Holy Cross

TUE.: Dual Parish Elders' Meeting at Trinity, 6:00 p.m.

WED.: Thanksgiving Break begins – No School

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Holy Cross (Pastor Poppen) 7PM

THUR.: Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at Mt. Hulda (Pastor Braun) 9AM

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at Trinity (Pastor Randal Ehrichs) 9AM

FRI.: Thanksgiving Break – No School

SAT.: Saturday Evening Worship at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John's, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service with Holy Communion at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice at Holy Cross, 1-2:30 p.m.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: November – Randy Harms; December – Randy Meyer.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Nov 19—Destiny Kestner; Nov 26—Grant Louiselle;
Dec 3—Morgan Mummert; Dec. 10—Brooklyn Cross; Dec 17—Gage Cross;
Dec 24—Tyler Hickman; Dec. 25—Destine Kestner.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Nov 26 – Randy Meyer and Randy Harms.
Dec 3 – Randy Harms and Marvin Dieckman.

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

DUAL PARISH YOUTH! You are invited to come to Pastor Poppen's house at 208 North Pine in Cole Camp this afternoon, from 3:00 to 4:30 for a fun afternoon of faith-building and fellowship activities for youth from 5th grade to 12th grade. Please come!!

THE ELDERS OF THE DUAL PARISH will meet this Tuesday evening, November 21st at Trinity, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: This Wednesday evening, November 22nd will be the Thanksgiving Eve Service at Holy Cross, beginning at 7:00 p.m. led by Pastor Poppen. On Thursday morning, Thanksgiving Day Services will be held at Trinity, led by former pastor, Rev. Randal Ehrichs, and also at Mt. Hulda, led by Pastor Braun. Both of these services will begin at 9:00 a.m.

OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM planning is underway! Anyone age 3 through 8th grade is welcome to join us, so if you know of somebody, other than our Sunday School kids who would like to participate, please let Crystal Stoppel know (287-5728). Along those same lines, if you are a member but not able to be here this Christmas Eve, please let Crystal know. Our first practice will be next Sunday, November 26, at 1:00 to 2:30 p.m (special time because of a conflict). If you can't make that practice, please plan to attend the ones in December. They will be a little later in the afternoon.

THE 2017 CCRM CHRISTMAS CANTATA will be on Sunday afternoon, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity. We will sing a nice variety of old and new Christmas songs. If you like to sing and would like to join the choir, the next rehearsal is scheduled for Monday evening, Nov. 27th in the choir loft at Trinity; women at 6:30 p.m., men join in at 7PM Other practice dates will be determined. Please join us!

CCRM JUNIOR YOUTH: Starting with the month of December Junior Youth will start meeting at Trinity on the 3rd Sunday of the month 6:30 pm to 8 pm (times will remain the same). Also, as a reminder to parents and youth, Trinity has a Facebook page that is full of great information. Please check it out on Facebook-Trinity LYF

TODAY, November 19th, Trinity Men's Club will be hosting their Chili and Soup Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a free-will donation with proceeds going to their mission and student scholarship fund.

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL AND FIDDLING MUSIC will be held this Saturday evening, November 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 205 W Jefferson St, in Cole Camp. Performances will be by Maestro Luis Haza, Classical Cow Girl Destiny Mernagan, and Virtuoso Cellist Michael Mernagan. This event is being sponsored by the Cole Cmp Community Betterment Association.

Today's Service

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymn of Invocation: 914

“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:

Zephaniah 1:7-16 –

Day of the Lord is Near

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 –

Day of the Lord

Matthew 25:14-30 –

Parable of the Talents

Hymn of the Day: 804

“O Worship the King”

The Sermon

Theme: “Day of the Lord”

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5

Closing Hymn: 941

“We Praise You”