

Introit for The Fourth Sunday of Easter

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**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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The First Reading – Acts 2:42–47

42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Epistle - 1 Peter 2:19–25

19For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



Holy Gospel – John 10:1–10

1[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

2But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME! We, the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, worshipping here this morning, are honored to have you with us, and hope that your being here will prove helpful to your spiritual life. Please come and worship with us again.

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 LAST WEEK:

Worship Service: 91; Visitors: 9;

Bible Class: 9; Sunday School: 14.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of May 7 – May 14

TODAY: Confirmation Sunday with HOLY COMMUNION

C.C.R.M. Youth Gathering at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

THUR.: Men's Bible Study at Classic, 7:00 a.m.

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

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

FRI.: LSA Field Trip

SAT.: Saturday Evening Worship Service 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 at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.

CCRM Junior Youth Group at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

GREETERS: May – Leticia Harms.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: May 7—Destiny Kestner; May 14—Grant Louiselle; May 21—Morgan Mummert; May 28—Brooklyn Cross; June 4—Gage Cross; June 11—Jenna Harms; June 13—Tyler Hickman.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: May 7 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Meyer.
May 28 – Randy Meyer and Randy Harms.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Rev. Tyler Poppen as he considers the Divine Call to serve our Dual Parish; Barbara Meyer at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis, Lora Harms, Alice Borchers, Rodger Eckhoff, Jim Brockman, Jeannette Bahrenburg, Dorothy Holtzen, and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including, Helen Harms and Wilbert Meyer.

A DIVINE CALL HAS BEEN EXTENDED by our Dual Parish to Rev. Tyler Poppen, currently pastor of the Dual Parish of Our Savior and St. John located in Aberdeen and Columbia, South Dakota. Please keep Pastor Poppen in your prayers as he considers this Call and pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

CONFIRMATION TODAY: Two young ladies in our congregation have come forward to publicly renew their Baptismal vow and their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through the Rite of Confirmation. We, with joy and thanksgiving welcome them.

Skylar Paige Mummert is the daughter of R. Kelly and Janet Mummert. Skylar was born on Jan. 2, 2005 in Sedalia. She was born again into God's kingdom of grace through Holy Baptism on Feb. 13, 2005 here at Holy Cross. Her sponsors are Sandra Osburn and Alice Wilson. Syla's confirmation verse is Psalm 23:4.

Dylana Sage Stoppel is the daughter of James and Crystal Stoppel. Dylana was born on May 9, 2005 in Sedalia. She was born again into God's kingdom of grace through Holy Baptism on Sept. 16, 2007 here at Holy Cross. Her sponsors are Shannon and Gail Goosen. Dylana's confirmation verse is Psalm 27:1.

BAPTISM: Last Sunday at Holy Cross we welcomed PAUL THOMUS HILL into God's kingdom of grace through Holy Baptism. He is the son of Harold and Hannah Hill. His sponsors are Katie Schlesselman and Harper Schroeder and witness; Jessica Tucker.

NEXT SUNDAY IS "ROGATE SUNDAY". It is also known as "Seed Sunday". On this special Sunday we ask God's blessings on the seed planted and success in the coming growing season. We would ask that farmers and gardeners bring their seeds to the altar and around it for display and blessing. WE would also like farm and garden machinery on display in front of the church. Part of the worship will be outside among the equipment.

THE C.C.R.M. EASTER CANTATA performed by the Cole Camp Community Choir, can be viewed on the trinitycolecamp.org website in the Church Services section. DVD's of the performance have also been made available by Art Heimsoth. Please see Marvin Dieckman if you would like a copy. Thanks, Art for all your work!

WE WILL TOGETHER CELEBRATE the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, May 25th @ 7:00 p.m. The congregations of the CCRM will sponsor the service and Trinity will serve as host. In addition, anyone from the four congregations who would like to sing with the choir for the service is invited to do so. Rehearsal will be held the evening before, Wednesday, May 24th at 7PM in the choir loft at Trinity.

BIRTHRIGHT OF SEDALIA: Holy Cross Ladies' Aid is supporting the Birthright fundraising event with Mother's Day cards which they have provided for our churches. Mother's Day cards will be available at our church today and next Sunday. Mothers or other special women in our life can be honored, while at the same time we support Birthright. Birthright has prepared the cards that can be given to your mother, grandmother, special friend, or daughter. All you do is pick up a card and send a donation directly to Birthright in her honor. You give the card to show how much she means to you. Some may even wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one who is deceased. We invite all our congregational members to participate in this event and honor our members in a special way.

Today's Service

Divine Service Setting Four

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Hymn of Invocation: 466

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

Hymn of the Day: 689

"Let Me Be Thine Forever"

The Readings:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

The Sermon

Theme: "Shorn Sheep"

Text: Psalm 23

Distribution Hymns:

628: "Your Table I Approach"

465: "Now All the Vault
of Heaven Resounds"

Closing Hymn: 687

"Thine Forever, God of Love"