

Introit for Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

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Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 33:7–9

7 “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

The Epistle – Romans 13:1–10

1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal,

You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Gospel – Matthew 18:1–20

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

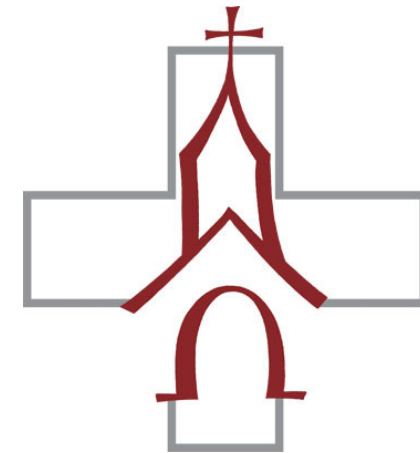
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A HEARTY WELCOME to all our visitors this morning. May the Holy Spirit bless our worship and we invite you to come and worship with us again.

THOSE BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service: 106; Holy Communion: 62; Visitors: 9;
Bible Class: 12; Sunday School: 14.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 10 – September 17

TODAY: Dual Parish Choir Practice at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.
TUE.: Holy Cross Ladies' Aid Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Ambrose
WED.: LSA Chapel Service at Trinity, 8:15 a.m.
THUR.: Men's Bible Study at Classic, 7:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity
SAT.: Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.
NEXT SUN.: Dual Parish Joint Worship Service celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross. Potluck noon meal to follow.
Couples' Club Meeting at Holy Cross, 6:00 p.m.

GREETERS: September – Jim Goosen.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: September 10—Gage Cross; September 17—Jenna Harms; September 24—Tyler Hickman; October 1—Destiny Kestner.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Sept 24 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Meyer.
Oct 1 – Randy Meyer and Randy Harms.

ALTAR FLOWERS: September 10—Florine Hobein; September 17—The Ladies' Aid; September 24—Ethelene Jagels; October 1—Joleen Kullman; October 8—Wanda Meyer; October 15—Vickie Miller; October 22—Edna Simon; October 29—Delores Stelling; Nov. 5—The Ladies' Aid; Nov. 12—Lillie Stelling.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Lora Harms, Rodger Eckhoff, Jim Brockman, Jeannette Bahrenburg, and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including Wilbert Meyer.

THE DUAL PARISH CHOIR will practice this evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross for our upcoming anniversary service.

MOUNT HULDA'S ANNUAL FISH FILLET DINNER, will be held at the church and shelter house at 22303 Mt. Hulda Ave., on Sunday, September 24, with serving beginning at 4:30 p.m. until ??????. There will be a free-will donation for the delicious fried fish fillet dinner, including a variety of side dishes & desserts. For more information call 668-9981.

THE FIRST OF THE 175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS at Holy Cross will be a joint service next Sunday, Sept. 17, with our former pastor, Rev. Dale Sveom as the guest speaker. Pastor Sveom served the Dual Parish 1981-1995 as his first assignment from the Seminary. He was ordained at Holy Cross. Pastor Sveom and his family are looking forward to renewing their acquaintance with the members of our two churches. The meal following the service will be potluck, so please bring food to share as we have this opportunity for fellowship and visiting.

DUAL PARISH ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: We will be having our Annual Dual Parish meeting on Sunday evening, September 24 – 7:00 at LSA Gymnasium.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP WILL HAVE A SKATING PARTY on Friday September 22, beginning at 7PM, at the Wheel Thing Skate Center, 3600 S Grand Ave, Sedalia, MO. We invite all 5th thru 8th graders to attend. It's sure to be a blast! If your child would like to attend and will need a ride please contact Kim Horstman at (816)519-1835. The cost of skating for JR Youth members will be covered by Trinity JR Youth! Please note: The Junior Youth will NOT be having it's normal meeting on Sunday, Sept. 10th.

A 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION for the Good Samaritan Care Center will be held on Saturday, September 30th from 4 – 8 PM. They will be hosting a Whole Hog Roast with all the fixin's. Come enjoy the music, food and fellowship!

REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, on Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. with Dr. John Behnke serving as the guest organist and festival director. Please consider joining in the Hymn Festival in a special way by participating in the Mass Choir for the event. If you would like to join the choir, please call or email Ken Greer at (573-234-1448, winemanken@aol.com), or Carolyn Holste at (573-234-1325, carolynhoste@yahoo.com) **by Sept. 15th** so the music can be mailed to you.

REFORMATION FESTIVAL: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod of the greater Kansas City area is hosting a historic 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Hymn Festival, "*We Sing the Faith!*" on **Sunday October 15** at Helzberg Hall | Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway Blvd in downtown Kansas City. This FREE community event for the whole family will feature many favorite hymns, a mass choir, organists Dr. Jeffrey Blesch and Dr. Elisa Bickers, Brass and Percussion, led by conductor Ben A. Spalding. Tickets for the 4pm performance went on sale on Sept. 5th. 7:00pm performance is SOLD OUT. Please note, there is a 4 ticket limit for this event. Tickets may be reserved online at tickets.kauffmancenter.org or by calling the box office at 816-994-7222. Online method of reservation is preferable because phone lines get very busy.

Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 578

"Thy Strong Word"

The Introit

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The Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9—Watchman over God's People

Romans 13:1-10—Respect

Government Authority; Fulfilling the Law through Love

Matthew 18:1-20—Who is the Greatest?

Hymn of the Day: 725

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

The Sermon

Theme: "The Least Are the Greatest"

Text: Matthew 18:1-20

Closing Hymn: 966

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"