

Introit for Third Sunday in Lent

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for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**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: Jeremiah 26:1-15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: "Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.'"

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds,

and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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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 SUNDAY

Worship Service: 85; Visitors: 2; Bible Class: 9;

Children's Sermon: 18; Sunday School: 14.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of March 24 to March 31

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Easter Cantata Practice at Trinity, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Lenten pre-service supper at Mt. Hulda, 6:00 p.m.

CCRM mid-week Lenten Service at Mt. Hulda, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Cole Camp Regional Ministry team Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 pm.

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

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

Sunday School and Bible Class 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.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: March 24—Gage Cross; March 31—Gentry Dieckman; April 7—Lille Douglas; April 14—Kadence Hargrave; April 21—Tyler Howard.

HOLY CROSS COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mar. 24 – Randy Harms / Randy Meyer
Apr. 7 – Randy Meyer / Jim Goosen.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: March – Jeff Kullman; April – Rusty Harms.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eileen Brandes, Ethelene Jagels, Alice Borchers, Thomas Eckhoff, Lavera Harms, Lora Harms, Gayle Hayden, Bill Talbott, Greg Ives, and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The dedication service for the new addition to Holy Cross will be part of our Sunday morning service on Sunday, April 28th.

EASTER CANTATA REHEARSAL will be today, at Trinity, beginning at 5:00. If you enjoy singing, please join in! The Cantata will be held on Sunday, April 28.

THANK YOU!! We will be writing individual thank yous, but our family would like to express our deepest gratitude for the love shown to us in the gifts, meals, kind words and all the help we have received at the birth of our daughter. Katie and Grace especially loved the baby shower the ladies of the dual parish threw for them. What a blessing you all are to our family! Thank you!

A NEW MEMBER ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS will begin soon if you know of anyone interested in going through adult instruction to become confirmed communicate members of Holy Cross of St. John's. Class days and times will be determined based on the schedule of participants. If there is no interest, then no class will occur. All members are encouraged to reach out to people they may know who would be interested. If the class does occur, it would be a good refresher for all members to attend as well.

TEACHER NEEDED: The Lutheran School Association of Cole Camp, MO is looking for a candidate who is willing to serve as 7/8 Homeroom teacher and teacher of Science and Math in our departmentalized middle school. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please contact us at principal@lsaschool.com or via phone at 660-668-4614. All applications and resumes need to be in by Monday, April 1st.

OUR JOINT CCRM MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE will be held at Mt. Hulda on Wednesday evening, March 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. "Behold the Man!" is the Lenten Series for this year with the focus for this week on "A God Exposed." Before the service, beginning at 6:00 p.m, a meal of chicken & noodles, green beans, hot rolls, and desserts will be served in Mt. Hulda's basement. Please join us for food, fellowship, and worship.

JUST AS CHRIST PUT HIS LOVE FOR US INTO ACTION, by His suffering and death for our sins, the CCRM is giving us the chance to put our love in action with our Lenten door offerings to "New Beginnings Women's Center" of Warrensburg, MO. Learn about this worthwhile cause by checking out their web site at www.nbwburg.org. They offer Real Options. Real Help. Their mission is to reach out to women and men in an unplanned pregnancy and empower them to choose life for their child. They are dedicated to advancing the sanctity of human life and sexual purity. Your prayers, gifts, talents, time and finances can be invested in the lives of many--an investment in eternity.

HOLY CROSS BUDGET for 2019 is \$13,042.50 per month. January contributions were \$9,668. February contributions are \$10,493.96, and \$5,054.00 was given first part of March. Amount owed the bank is \$29,200.00.

THE L.W.M.L. SEDALIA ZONE SPRING RALLY will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at Heit's Point with Registration and Social Time beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Rally begins at 10:00 a.m. The theme for the rally will be "Walking in His Marvelous Light" with Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, Capt, CHC, USN (ret), director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces as our speaker, as well as Whitney Cromley from Cancer Perks. There will be a general offering, a love offering for "Ministry of the Armed Forces", and an ingathering for Cancer Perks, which includes Wal-Mart gift cards (to purchase specific scent-free lotion), Casey's \$10 gift cards for gas, warm socks, rolls of quarters, fleece blankets (rolled up), lemon drop candy, puzzle books, 'thinking of you' cards. Lunch cost: \$9.00. Also, please note: anyone making food for the brunch at the rally should go to Cash's and charge it to St. John's spring rally. We have a lot of Thrivent monies to use up.

A FISH FRY hosted by the Cole Camp Swimming Pool will be held TODAY at the Cole Camp Jaycee house from 11am-1pm. Come enjoy fish, baked beans, cole slaw, corn bread and a variety of salads and desserts for a free-will donation.

THE COLE CAMP MUSEUM is having a Spaghetti/Lasagna Fund-raiser Dinner on Sunday, April 7th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's fellowship hall at 205 W Jefferson in Cole Camp. There will be a free-will donation

THE 9TH ANNUAL Cole Camp Community Center 5-K Run / 2-Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 8am. Registration is \$15 by March 25 and \$20 day of the race. Forms are available by calling Thaney at 668-4488 or 287-1956. Proceeds will benefit the Community Center building project. A free-will donation breakfast will be held in conjunction with the run at Trinity Lutheran Church with the proceeds benefiting the TLC Preschool.

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Hymn of Invocation: 433
"Glory Be to Jesus"

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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:

Jeremiah 26:1-15 — Jeremiah is threatened with death
Ephesians 5:1-9—Walk in love
Alleluia & Verse: Hymn 422, "On My Heart"
Luke 11:14-28—Jesus and Beelzebul

Hymn of the Day: 427
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Sermon

Text: Luke 11:14-28
Title: "The Word Defeats Demons"

Distribution Hymns

440, "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"
451, "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
429, "We Sing the Praise"

Closing Hymn: 435
"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"