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O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my
lifetime is as nothing before you.**

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

***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: Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;

the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no
need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully
aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While
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. ⁴But you are not in darkness,
brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all
children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake
and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get
drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to
obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that
whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore
encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

[C] Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (sung)

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.
⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And
the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be
enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for
yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and
the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying,
'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not
know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord

[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (sung)

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 SUNDAY

Worship Service: 78; Visitors: 2, Bible Class: 12, Sunday School: 9.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK November 24 thru December 1

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Help set up Live Nativity Scenes at Mt. Hulda, 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice, 4:00 p.m. in Trinity's choir loft

WED.: No School at LSA (Thanksgiving Break)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at St. John's, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

FRI.: No School at LSA (Thanksgiving Break)

SAT.: Saturday evening worship at Trinity, 6:30 p.m., Bible Class at 7:30 p.m.

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

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.

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice, 4:00 p.m. in Trinity's choir loft

ACOLYTES: Nov 24—Emily Burdick; Dec 1—Gentry Dieckman; Dec 8--Lille Douglas.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: November 24 – Randy Meyer and Jim Goosen
December 1 – Jim Goosen and Randy Harms.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: December – Randy Meyer.

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

OUR DUAL PARISH THANKSGIVING Eve Service will be held at St. John's on Wednesday evening, November 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Services will be offered at Trinity in Cole Camp and also at Mt. Hulda on Thursday, November 28th; both services beginning at 9:00 a.m.

HELP NEEDED!! Anyone from the Cole Camp Regional Ministry congregations that is available to help with set up for Mt Hulda Live Nativity is encouraged to come to Mt Hulda TODAY at 12:30 PM. If you have questions, please call 660-287-1962 or 668-9981.

OUR DUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL GROUP will be signing at Christkindlarket on Friday, December 6th. Please let Pastor know if you plan to sing. We will meet at 5:50 in front of Handle Haus.

ADVENT SERVICES SET FOR DECEMBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH. This year, the Dual Parish of Holy Cross and St. John's will be hosting their own midweek Advent services. The Dec. 4th and 18th services will be held at Holy Cross, while the Dec. 11th service will be held at St. John's. The Wednesday evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM PLANNING IS UNDERWAY! If you know of anyone age 3 - 8th grade who would like to participate, please let Crystal Stoppel know asap. Family and friends are more than welcome to participate! The Children's Christmas Eve Program will be held at Holy Cross at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. John's at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY CROSS BUDGET for 2019 is \$13,042.50 per month. October donations were \$12,313.33. The first two weeks in November were \$6,254.00. Our loan balance went up to \$7398.60.

LYF CHRISTMAS PARTY will be next Sunday, Dec. 1, in Trinity's youth room at around 11:00 AM instead of our normal meeting time. Don't forget to bring your \$5 white elephant gift and an inexpensive, random gift. Save room for pizza! All events are posted on team app—Cole Camp Trinity LYF and on Facebook Trinity LYF and Jr. Youth.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Lutheran School Association of Cole Camp is looking to hire a new head cook. The position is part-time with benefits included. Must be willing to work with children and able to serve large groups of people in an organized manner. Some paperwork and training are required since the school is part of the federal lunch program. Pay is based on experience. Please submit a resume to principal@lsaschool.com if you are interested. The potential candidate must submit to a background check. The starting date will be in January 2020.

LSA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Lutheran School Association students will joyfully tell you about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during the Christmas program Saturday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. You are invited – and bring a friend!

THIS "GIVING TUESDAY, 2019", The Lutheran School Association of Cole Camp asks you to help us educate and reach MORE children and families with the love of Jesus. Through your generosity we can provide a quality Christian education to everyone, no matter what background they come from. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 which will help us spread the love of Jesus to the Cole Camp region. Please consider partnering with us on Tuesday, December 3rd. Donations can be made in-person at LSA or online via our website: www.lsaschool.com.

ON GIVING TUESDAY, December 3, you may donate toward the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Grants by using LWML Facebook, lwml.org/givingtuesday. Your donation will be doubled on that day, thanks to the commitment of two generous donors. (If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note Giving Tuesday with your contribution.)

*Last Sunday of the
Church Year*

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Hymn 673

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

The Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth
Your Son, we pray, to lead home His
bride, the Church, that with all the
company of the redeemed we may
finally enter into His eternal wedding
feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen. (sung)

The Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25—New Heavens
and New Earth
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11—Caught up
with the Lord
Matthew 25:1-13—Ten Virgins

Hymn of the Day 516

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Today's Sermon

Text: Isaiah 65:17-25
Sermon Title: The End

Distribution Hymns

672 "Jerusalem the Golden"
665 "Be Strong in the Lord"
549 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Closing Hymn: 525

"Crown Him with Many Crowns "