

Introit

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O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.

**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 - Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

3 And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

4 But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."

5 And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

6 he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

7 Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42a

29 The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2017



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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.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK:

Worship Service: 85; Visitors: 1; Bible Class: 10; Sunday School: 11.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of January 15 to January 22

TODAY: Register for Holy Communion

Couples' Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

MON.: No School at LSA

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

Partners' In Education Meeting at LSA, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

FRI: Family Hot Lunch Day at LSA

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, 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.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: January – Marvin Dieckman.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: January 15—Jenna Harms; January 22—Tyler Hickman; Jan 29—Destiny Kestner.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: January 22 – Randy Meyer and Randy Harms.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Matthew Kurz; members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including Wilbert Meyer, Marge Burdick, Helen Harms.

THANK YOU! We would like to thank Rev. Paul Mehl from St. Paul's Lutheran High School of Concordia for leading our worship service today while Pastor Hertwig is on vacation. May our Lord bless the proclamation of His Word.

WHILE PASTOR HERTWIG IS ON VACATION from Jan. 8 thru about Jan. 18th, Pastor Leonard Poppe will be on call for any emergencies or hospital visits. You can call him @ home 660-547-3399 or cell 660-287-6176.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL Dual Parish Voters' Meeting at the Lutheran School Gym on Sunday January 29th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS are again \$15.96. Please make checks to Holy Cross. You can use the LW envelope from your offering box or speak to Wanda or Vickie by Jan. 22 for a renewal or a new subscription.

SECRETARIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS are asked to submit an article of the happenings and events of their group for the past three months for the Quarterly Newsletter. Please email your article to karen.oelrichs@gmail.com; regular mail to Karen Oelrichs, 711 S Oak St, Cole Camp, MO 65325; or call 668-2425 by Monday, January 23rd. Thanks for your help!

2017 CHURCH DIRECTORY will be printed at the end of January. If your address, phone number, cell phone number or email address need to be included or updated for the new directory, please send Karen an email at karen.oelrichs@gmail.com or give her a call at 660-668-2425. Please leave a message!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR can be heard on Sunday mornings on KSIS radio, 1050 AM, at 10:15 a.m. Our Savior Lutheran Church also broadcasts their Sunday morning worship service on KSIS, 1050 AM at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

SOUPER BOWL: The Food Pantry would like to challenge churches and organizations in the Cole Camp area to compete in the 2nd annual SOUPER Bowl collection! Whoever collects the most cans of soup or boxes of crackers will win the coveted traveling trophy and bragging rights for the coming year. But everyone who participates will know that you will be helping to fight hunger in our area. The final tally on food collected will happen on the day of the big game, Sunday, February 5. Please bring your food items during the month of January and leave them in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Miller.

FOR A QUICK SPIRITUAL PICK-ME-UP, Dial-a-Devotion is once again being offered by Trinity. If you would like to hear this brief, daily devotion, please dial 660-668-2364 and **press 1** to hear the devotion. Enjoy!

Today's Service

Divine Service Setting Three

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Hymn of Invocation: 795

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42a

Hymn of the Day: 402

“The Only Son from Heaven”

The Sermon

Theme: “Big Things in Little Boxes”

Text: Isaiah 49:6

Closing Hymn: 718

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”