

Introit for The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
before the LORD,

for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

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he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Old Testament Reading - Deuteronomy 30:15–20

15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Holy Gospel - Matthew 5:21–37

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2017



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WE WELCOME YOU to our celebration of faith and praise! In a world of confusion and turmoil, our lives are built on our God is mighty and everlasting and sure, and so we come together in thanksgiving and joy.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE :

Worship Service: 85; Holy Communion: 61; Visitors: 4;
Bible Class: 13; Sunday School: 15

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of February 12 to February 19

TODAY: CCRM Junior Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.
CCRM Easter Cantata Practice at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.
MON.: Basketball at LSA vs. Stover, 5/6 Girls at 6:00 p.m., 7/8 Boys at 7:00 p.m.
TUE.: Sedalia Circuit Pastors' Conference at Faith, Warsaw
Holy Cross Ladies' Aid Mtg. at Ambrose Care Facility in Cole Camp, 7PM
Basketball at LSA vs. Marshall, 5/6 Boys--5pm, 7/8 Girls--6pm; 7/8 Boys--8pm
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.
LSA Basketball at Alma, 5/6 Girls—4:30 p.m.; 5/6 Boys—5:30 p.m.;
7/8 Girls—6:30 p.m.; 7/8 Boys—8:30 p.m.
FRI.: Family Hot Lunch Day at LSA
7/8 Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tourney begins at Concordia, Feb 17-19.
SAT.: Saturday evening worship with Holy Communion at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.
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 Couples' Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

GREETERS: February – Janet Mummert

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Feb 12—Morgan Mummert; Feb 19—Brooklyn Cross;
Feb. 26—Gage Cross; Mar 5—Jenna Harms; Mar 12—Tyler Hickman; Mar 19—
Destiny Kestner; Mar 26—Grant Louiselle.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: February 26 – Marvin Dieckman & Randy Meyer
March 5 – Randy Meyer and Randy Harms.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS : Rev. Karl Gibbs, as he considers the Divine Call to St. John's and Holy Cross; Matthew Kurz; members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including, Marge Burdick, Helen Harms, Wilbert Meyer and Leland Bahrenburg.

THE FLOWERS on the stand today were given by Florine Hobein in memory of Hilmer Hobein. Hilmer and Florine were married on February 14, 1956.

EASTER CANTATA practices will be held on Sunday evenings, beginning tonight, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the balcony at Trinity. We will be performing "We Were There", a dramatic choral experience for Easter by Peter Choplin. If you like to sing, please come and join us!

LADIES AID MEMBERS, please note that our Ladies' Aid Meeting for the month of February has been moved to the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday evening, February 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Ambrose Care Facility in Cole Camp. Please note the change in date AND time!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that the "Call Reach" phone number list is accurate and up-to-date. If you have dropped your land line or changed your cell phone number, please let Wanda Meyer (660-668-3976 or 660-221-9763) know as soon as possible. The church is charged on a "per number" basis so we don't want to have unnecessary numbers being called if the wrong person, or no one at all, is receiving the call. Thank you for your help in getting our list up-to-date!

LENT BEGINS with our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday evening, March 1. The theme for our meditation for this Lenten season will be "Behold My Servant." The Cole Camp Regional Ministry churches will once again be worshipping together on the six Wednesday evenings during Lent, with the following schedule:
March 1st at Trinity March 8th at St. John's March 15 at Mt. Hulda
March 22nd at Holy Cross March 29th at Trinity April 5th at St. John's.
All services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

THE BLACK KNIGHTS 5/6 grade girls team will play basketball at LSA vs. Stover on Monday evening, Feb. 13. Game time is 6PM, followed by the 7/8 grade boys taking on Stover at 7PM. On Thursday evening, Feb 16, all LSA teams will journey to Alma with the first game (5/6 girls) at 4:30 p.m, 5/6 boys at 5:30, 7/8 girls at 6:30 and the final game (7/8 boys) at 8:30 p.m. This weekend, will be the 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball Tourney at Concordia, Feb 17-19. Follow the Black Knights!!

HOMESTYLE SUPPER: American Legion Post 305 with the Legion auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will have their annual Homestyle Supper on February 18, 2017 from 5 to 7PM at the American Legion building, along with an Auxiliary bake sale upstairs during the supper. Roast beef and Ham with all the trimmings and dessert will be served. Advance tickets for \$9 may be found at several businesses in Cole Camp and Ionia. Tickets at the door will be \$10 with children ages 4-12 at \$3 and under 4 are free. Supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial will be used to support this Supper.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU to all who contributed food items to the Souper Bowl donation opportunity for the Cole Camp Food Pantry. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 553
"O Christ, Our Hope,
Our Hearts' Desire"

The Introit
(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Hymn of the Day: 843
"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

The Sermon
Theme: "Valentine in Epiphany"
Text: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Closing Hymn: 921
"On What Has Now Been Sown"