

Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord

This is the gate of the Lord;

The righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

And have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

Has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

You are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 32:36–39*

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷ Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!" ³⁹ "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

The Epistle *Philippians 2:5–11*

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel *John 12:20-43*

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart,

lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn,

and I would heal them."

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME Holy Cross Lutheran Church extends a warm welcome to you. We invite you to share with us the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during next Sunday's Easter Service. Please fill out a communion card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and place it in the basket at the back of the church.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK:

Worship Service: 93; Bible Class: 16; Sunday School: 13.

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of March 20– March 27

TODAY: Ezra and Nehemiah Meeting in the church basement, 6:00 p.m.

Couples' Club Meeting

MON.: Family Hot Lunch Day at LSA

CCRM Choir Practice at Trinity, 7:00 p.m. (in the balcony)

WED.: LSA Chapel Service, 8:05 a.m. (Everyone is welcome!)

THUR.: Bulletin deadline to Karen O., 12:00 noon

Communion at Good Samaritan, 2:30 p.m.

C.C.R.M. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

CCRM Team Meeting following the Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity

FRI.: No School at LSA – Good Friday

CCRM Good Friday Service at Trinity at 12:00 noon

Dual Parish Good Friday Tenebrae Service at St. John's, 7:00 p.m.

SAT.: Easter Vigil presented by the CCRM Choir, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity

NEXT SUN.: Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion at Holy Cross, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John's, 9:30 a.m.

Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's, 10:30 a.m.

ACOLYTES: Mar 20-- Brooklyn Cross; Mar 27—Jenna Harms; Apr 3—Tyler Hickman;

Apr 10—Destiny Kestner; Apr 17—Grant Louiselle; Apr 24—Morgan Mummert.

GREETERS: March – Jeff Kullman; April – Rusty Harms.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mar. 27 – Marvin Dieckman and Charles Cordes.

April 3 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Matthew Kurz; members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including Wilbert Meyer, Marge Burdick, LaRuth Vajen, Helen Harms. If any other members are sick or shut-in, please let the elders or the pastor know. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be an Ezra and Nehemiah meeting this evening, at 6:00 in the Holy Cross church basement.

THE LLL SEDALIA CIRCUIT SPRING RALLY will be held on April 3rd at St. Paul's, Sedalia with registration at 5:00 and business meeting at 5:30 p.m. The \$9.00 banquet meal will feature oven fried chicken. The guest speaker will be Rev. Jeffery Kuddes, Strategic Partnership Developer as a missionary to Madagascar. Please make plans to attend to support Rev. Kuddes in his new calling by emailing forich72@gmail.com or by calling Fred Oelrichs at 668-2425 with your number planning to attend.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NAMES TO SUBMIT to be considered as our next pastor, please give them to Randy Harms or Alice Miesner by Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you.

THIS WEEK: Cole Camp Regional Ministry CHOIR PRACTICE will be held at Trinity on Monday, March 21, beginning at 7PM. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE with Holy Communion will be a Cole Camp Regional Ministry Service at Trinity on March 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m. THE DUAL PARISH GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE will be held at St. John's on March 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday evening, March 26, AN EASTER VIGIL, presented by the Cole Camp Regional Choir, will be held at Trinity at **7:30 P.M.** On Easter Sunday, March 27, there will be an Easter Sunrise Service at Trinity at 6:30 p.m., followed by breakfast at 7:30 p.m. Mt. Hulda will be celebrating Matins at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast at 7:30. At Holy Cross, the Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion will begin at 8:00 a.m. and at St. John's, at 10:30 a.m.

THIS IS THE NIGHT! God's people of old celebrated the Passover, God's triumphant act of deliverance of His people from bondage. But this was only a foreshadowing of His greatest work of deliverance, bringing His people out of bondage to sin, death and Satan. Every year we now gather to celebrate this Feast of Feasts, the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Join us as we celebrate this bright, beautiful festival in the Great Vigil of Easter here at Trinity on Holy Saturday at 7:30 PM. We will celebrate Christ, the light of the world as we hear Scripture and choral music, celebrate our Baptism into His Resurrection and, with great joy, receive the Living Christ in the Lord's Supper.

THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (L.S.A.) is now taking bids for mowing, weeding, and trimming bushes for the school lawn and playground area. Bids will be accepted through Thursday, March 31 and can be dropped off or mailed to the school office. Contact Mr. Andersen if you have any questions.

CUSTODIAN WANTED: The Lutheran School Association is now taking resumes for school custodian. Resumes will be accepted through Thursday, March 31 and can be dropped off or mailed to the school office. This position will begin June 1 for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Mr. Andersen if you have any questions.

THE SEDALIA ZONE L.W.M.L. SPRING RALLY will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. – breakfast pastries will be served. For lunch there will be chicken casserole, green beans, garden salad, bread and brownies. Rev. John Schweigert will be the guest speaker. A love offering and in-gathering for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Warrensburg will be taken.

EASTER BOOKS AND STAINED GLASS CROSSES are available in the mother's room from the book project until March 20. Please put money (make checks to Holy Cross) and yellow stickers in jar. Profit will go into the project fund. After Mar. 20, these items will continue to be offered at the Cole Camp Pharmacy,

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL in Concordia will be hosting their annual SOS Sausage Dinner on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Krueger Dining Hall. Please plan to join us for Christian fellowship and a delicious dinner of Sausage, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Potatoes and Cream Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce and Cheesecake. The freewill offering will help provide funding for selected projects of the Servants of the Saints (SOS). The SOS funding promotes and assists in the continuing development of the many ministries of St. Paul' Lutheran High School. Plan to spend the day in Concordia and attend the St. Paul Singing Saints for the home concert at 7:00 p.m. in the evening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Today's Service

Matins

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Hymn of Invocation: 442

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Psalm 118:19-29

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Hymn of the Day: 438

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

The Readings:

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:20-43

The Sermon:

Theme: “Judging to Heal”

Text: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Closing Hymn: 443

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”