

Introit for The Fourth Sunday in Lent

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my
life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in
his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high
upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around
me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**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 42:14-21

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."

¹⁸ Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them;

his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹ The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

The Epistle - Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Holy Gospel - John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

¹ As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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. It is our prayer that our services will be helpful to you in your spiritual life.

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:

Worship Service: 89; Visitors: 2;
Bible Class: 14; Sunday School: 13.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of March 26 – April 2

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Cross Choir practice immediately after the service today
CCRM Easter Cantata Practice at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

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

Ladies' Aid Quilting Tying at Elaine's, 9:00 a.m. (bring a sack lunch)
Lenten Supper at Trinity, 5:30 p.m.

CCRM Mid-Week Lenten Service at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Kurka will lead the worship

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

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

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

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

Sunday School and 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.

CCRM Easter Cantata Practice at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

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

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Mar 26—Grant Louiselle; Apr 2—Morgan Mummert;
Apr 9—Brooklyn Cross; Apr 16—Gage Cross; Apr 23—Jenna Harms.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: March 26 – Randy Harms and Marvin Dieckman.
April 2 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Meyer.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family and friends of Marge Burdick;
Matthew Kurz; Barbara Meyer at Boone Hospital, Florine Hobein at Bothwell,
members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including,
Helen Harms and Wilbert Meyer.

HELP WANTED! Lutheran School Association is looking for a head cook/hot lunch manager for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Please contact the school office at 660-668-4614 or see Mr. Andersen.

CHOIR MEMBERS are asked to stay for practice immediately after today's service.

"BEHOLD MY SERVANT" is the theme chosen for this year's Cole Camp Regional Ministry mid-week Lenten services. This week's Wednesday evening service will be held at Trinity with Rev. Kurka, the pastor of St. Paul, Stover, leading the worship. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Supper, beginning at 5:30 p.m. will be available in the fellowship hall where the Jr. Youth Group will be serving a spaghetti supper. There will be a free-will offering. As we remember how Christ was a servant to all those around Him, we as God's people come together to serve the needs of His people in our area. Our door offerings will be supporting two local ministries: (1) "Faith and Campus Mission Ministry" of Knob Noster – This mission exists to proclaim Christ and guide students at Warrensburg Lutheran Campus Ministry through life as Christians and to minister and proclaim Jesus to the armed forces at Whiteman Air Force Base and (2) "Well of Hope Maternity House" of Clinton - This home houses young pregnant Moms.

GARDEN OF MEMORIES: Please watch your church bulletin mail box for the order form for Easter lilies for our Garden of Memories on Easter Sunday. Please contact Carolyn Dieckman if you have any questions.

A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL was conducted in honor of Marge Burdick yesterday here at Holy Cross. We give thanks to God for our life together with her as a sister in Christ.

THIS IS THE NIGHT: One of the most ancient and, traditionally, the most important service of the whole Christian year is the Easter Vigil. It was celebrated in many churches of the Reformation, though various historical developments led to its decline. In the last century, however, it has seen a wonderful revival and has been a standard part of our last two hymnals. Come join us for this glorious celebration of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday, April 15, at 8:00 in the evening at Trinity, Cole Camp.

EASTER CANTATA: On Sunday, April 23rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, the Cole Camp Community Choir will perform a dramatic choral experience for Easter entitled, "We Were There" by Peter Choplin. This event is being sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry and YOU are invited to attend this deeply moving musical experience. You will witness the tragedy of the cross through costumed characters as they tell us their story. Please gather and experience the cross with them as we find our Lord, who experienced all our sorrows and suffering, but offers us the miracle of hope and life through His victory over death and the grave.

TURKEY DINNER TODAY: The CCHS Freshman Class is hosting a turkey dinner TODAY from 11-1:00 in the school cafeteria to raise funds for prom. Dinner includes turkey, posh potatoes, vegetables, salads, desserts and drink. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 5-12.

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Hymn of Invocation: 571

"God Loved the World
So That He Gave"

Introit

(printed on the back of the bulletin)

Hymn of the Day: 423

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

The Readings:

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

The Sermon

Theme: "Blinded by Darkness"

Text: John 9:35-39

Communion Distribution Hymns

622 – "Lord Jesus Christ,
You have Prepared"

420 – "Christ the Life of All the Living"

Closing Hymn: 849

"Praise the One
Who Breaks the Darkness"