

Introit for The Second Sunday of Easter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

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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The First Reading from Acts 5:12–20

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

The Second Reading Revelation 1:4–18

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds,

and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lamp stands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lamp stands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016



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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 WEEK:

Worship Service: 98; Visitors: 2; Bible Class: 6; Sunday School: 12.

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of April 3 – April 10

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Church Council Meeting

Pastor Fred to meet with Parents of Confirmands after the worship service.

Farewell for Pastor Kuddes – potluck noon meal at Lutheran School gym

Sedalia Circuit LLL Spring Rally & Banquet at St. Paul, Sedalia, Reg. at 5PM

High School Youth Gathering at Trinity, 7PM

TUE.: Sedalia Zone LWML Spring Rally at Heit's Point, 8:45 a.m.

Holy Cross Ladies' Aid Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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

THUR.: Men's Bible Study at Classic, 7AM

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

Bulletin deadline to Karen O., 12:00 noon

FRI.: Teacher Workday at LSA – No School

SAT.: Dual Parish Executive Board Meeting with Dr. Hagen at Trinity, 9AM

Saturday Evening Worship at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Holy Cross Voters' Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

St. John's Voters' Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Jr. Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Apr 3—Tyler Hickman; Apr 10—Destiny Kestner; Apr 17—Grant Louiselle; Apr 24—Morgan Mummert.

GREETERS: April – Rusty Harms.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: April 3 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer.

April 24 – Randy Meyer and Marvin Dieckman

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.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be held next Sunday, April 10, after our worship service. **The Church Council** will meet after our worship service today.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NAMES TO SUBMIT to be considered for our next pastor, please give them to Randy Harms or Alice Miesner before this Saturday, April 9th. Thank you. The Dual Parish Executive Board will be meeting with Dr. Lee Hagen, Missouri District President on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity.

A DOOR OFFERING will be taken next Sunday, April 10th for our Cole Camp Regional Ministry for the purpose of sponsoring another Mission U witnessing event this coming November 5th, (This is being done now, to avoid a price increase which will be taking place on May 1st)

PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDS: Pastor Fred would like to have a short meeting after the worship services TODAY concerning confirmation examinations.

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.

THE LLL SEDALIA CIRCUIT SPRING RALLY will be held this evening 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.

TODAY, Trinity will be hosting a farewell for Pastor Jeffrey Kuddes who has taken a Call to serve as the Strategic Partnership Developer as a missionary to Madagascar. You are all invited to a potluck meal at the Lutheran School gym, beginning at 12:00 noon.

THE COLE CAMP REGIONAL MINISTRY WEBSITE has a completely new look! Be sure to check it out at colecampregionalministry.org. Zach Zimmer and Art Heimsoth have teamed up to revise the website to include links to all four of our Regional Ministry churches, the Lutheran School Association, as well as calendars, events, information, and worship services. Take a look! A big thank-you goes out to Art and Zach!

"GET TO KNOW YOU" EVENT: Our new neighbor, Lutheran Bible Translators, is hosting a "Get to Know You Event" on Friday, April 29, 2016. We encourage you to attend this event. Get to know them, while they get to know us. The event will be on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School at 205 S Main St, Concordia, MO. Social hour starts at 5:30, dinner and presentation at 6:30, and conversation following. Tickets are only \$10 per person. Make your reservation by April 22 online at lbt.org/events, or call 1-800-532-4253.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL in Concordia will be hosting their annual SOS Sausage Dinner TODAY, 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
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Hymn of Invocation: 465

"Now All the Vault
of Heaven Resounds"

Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Hymn of the Day: 532

"The Head That Once
Was Crowned with Thorns"

The Readings:

Acts 5:12-20
Revelation 1:4-18
John 20:19-31

The Sermon:

Theme: "Stand Your Ground"

Text: Acts 5:17-20

Distribution Hymn:

Hymn 470: "O Sons and Daughters of
the King"

Closing Hymn: 917

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear
Name We Raise"