

Introit for The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!

I will keep your statutes.

I call to you; save me,

that I may observe your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

O LORD, according to your justice give me life.

**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 Genesis 18:20–33

²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the LORD went his way,

when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

The Epistle Colossians 2:6–15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Holy Gospel Luke 11:1–13

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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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: 87; Visitors: 2; Bible Class: 6; Sun School: 12.

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of July 24 – July 31

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Undies Sunday

Madagascar Mission Presentation, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity

MON.: Holy Cross Pool Party, 6-8 PM, sponsored by the Board of Education

MON-THUR.: P.I.E. Float Work at LSA, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Cole Camp Regional Ministry Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

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

NEXT SUN.: Undies Sunday continues

Joint Mission Festival Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. at Trinity, sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry followed by a potluck brunch in the church basement and an LBT presentation. (No services will be held at Holy Cross or St. John's on July 31 – please join together at Trinity!)

GREETERS: July - Eileen Brandes; August - Scott Brandes.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: July 24 – Randy Meyer and Marvin Dieckman.
August 7 – Marvin Dieckman and Charles Cordes.

ACOLYTES: July 24—Brooklyn Cross; July 31—CCRM Mission Festival at Trinity; Aug 7—Tyler Hickman; Aug 14—Destiny Kestner; Aug 21—Grant Louiselle.

ALTAR FLOWERS: July 24—Lavera Harms; July 31—CCRM Mission Festival at Trinity; August 7—Sharon Harms; August 14—Marilyn Heimsoth; August 21—Ruby Heimsoth; August 28—Gayla Hickman; Sept. 4—Florine Hobein.

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.

OUR MISSION FESTIVAL, sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry is being planned for next Sunday, July 31. It will be a joint worship service of the four Regional Ministry churches to be held at Trinity in Cole Camp, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our focus will be on the work of Lutheran Bible Translators. Leading the morning worship service will be Rev. Richard Rudowske, LBT Director International Program Ministries. A potluck brunch will follow the service in the church basement, which will then be followed by a LBT presentation by Dr. Mike Rodewald. Please bring ONE brunch or breakfast dish to share. Invite your friends and plan to learn about the exciting mission work of Lutheran Bible Translators at Trinity on July 31st!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY! Rev. Jeffrey Kuddes will make a presentation about the mission opportunity in Madagascar THIS EVENING, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor. Kuddes has accepted a call to be the first LCMS Missionary to that country. He will talk about the needs of the people there and the work that he will be involved in. Come and hear about this mission opportunity.

THE COLE CAMP REGIONAL MINISTRY TEAM will meet this Thursday evening, July 28th, in the work room at Trinity. Please attend this important meeting!

POOL PARTY! The Holy Cross Board of Education is sponsoring a pool party for all Holy Cross children on Monday July 25th from 6 to 8 p.m.. You may each bring two guests! Please bring a snack to share. This event is being funded by the proceeds from the drive thru dinner.

P.I.E. WILL BE WORKING ON THEIR FLOAT Monday through Thursday this week, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. . Please stop by! We are working in the downstairs LSA classroom. Even if you've never worked on a float before, we can still use your help!

REMINDER! Undies Sunday, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance is July 24 AND July 31st. Please bring new socks and/or underwear for pre-school to high school students for the Church Alliance Back-to-School Clothing Sale on Aug. 6 at St. Paul's, Cole Camp. Many area families utilize this clothing sale to supplement the clothing needs for their children. Look for the donation receptacle for your donations here at church, or at Trinity at our Mission Festival on the 31st or contact Vicki Miller for more details. Thank you!!

Today's Service
Divine Service Setting Four
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Hymn of Invocation: 750

“If Thou But Trust in God
to Guide Thee”

Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Hymn of the Day: 527

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

The Readings:

Genesis 18:17-33

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

The Sermon:

Theme: “How Are We Thinking?”

Text: Colossians 2:6-10

Distribution Hymns:

639: “Wide Open Stand the Gates”

766: “Our Father, Who From
Heaven Above”

Closing Hymn: 701

“Draw Us to Thee”