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**Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!**

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could
hide from him.

**But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.**

We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God's house we walked in the throng.

**But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.**

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Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran;

I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have

proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off?”

²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.

²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

The Epistle Hebrews 11:17–31, 12:1–3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Holy Gospel Luke 12:49–53

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!

⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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August 14, 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.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK:

Worship Service: 81; Holy Communion: 62; Visitors: 2;
Bible Class: 6; Sunday School: 12

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of August 14 – August 21

TODAY: CCRM Junior Youth Group Gathering at Trinity, 3:30 p.m. (5th-8th Graders)

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.

SAT.: Saturday Evening Worship Service 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.

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

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

Couples' Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Dual Parish Meeting at Lutheran School, 7:00 p.m.

GREETERS: August - Scott Brandes.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: August 28 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer.

ACOLYTES: Aug 14—Destiny Kestner; Aug 21—Grant Louiselle; Aug 28—Morgan Mummert; Sept 4—Brooklyn Cross; Sept 11—Jenna Harms; Sept 18—Tyler Hickman; Sept 25—Destiny Kestner.

ALTAR FLOWERS: August 14—Marilyn Heimsoth; August 21—Ruby Heimsoth; August 28—Gayla Hickman; September 4—Florine Hobein; September 11—Margo Holtzen; September 18—Ethelene Jagels.

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR can be heard on Sunday mornings on KSIS radio, 1050 AM, at 10:15 a.m. Our Savior Lutheran Church also broadcasts their Sunday morning worship service on KSIS, 1050 AM at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION opening day is Monday, August 22. We will begin the school year with our opening chapel service at Trinity, beginning at 8:05 a.m. Everyone is invited to worship with us!

IMPORTANT DUAL PARISH MEETING will be held next Sunday evening, August 21st at the Lutheran School gym, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to choose a candidate from the Call Committee's list to be our next pastor.

THE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP MEETING TODAY, will be at 3:30 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. This gathering will be held at Trinity and all of the kids in the 5th-8th grade in the 2016-17 school year are invited to attend.

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!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLE CAMP invites you to our Pulled Pork Dinner on Sunday, August 28th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This fundraiser dinner will be held at the Lutheran School Gym in Cole Camp, MO. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to COLE CAMP AREA MISSIONS.

THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL is looking for a volleyball referee for home games. If interested please contact Mr. Andersen at the school or call Beth Viebrock at 660-287-2045.

A HEART-FELT THANK YOU to Holy Cross on behalf of the Church Alliance for the work done on the Back-to-School Clothing Drive! There were many volunteers who spent many hours prepping, setting up, and working the sale - THANK YOU! There was more clothing donated this year than in years past - THANK YOU! The undies collection and the shoe vouchers appeared to be a complete success - THANK YOU! And by initial estimates, more families walked through the doors on Saturday, and more bags of clothing went out the door. All in all, thank you, and thank you on behalf of the Church Alliance!

PLEASE BE SURE TO SAVE the following items for the Lutheran School: Cash's Thriftway receipts, Campbell's Soup labels and Campbell's for Education, Best Choice bar codes, Box Tops for Education, and Tyson A+ labels. Please drop them off at the school. Thank you for your support of the school!

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Hymn of Invocation: 550
"Lamb of God"

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(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Hymn of the Day: 655
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast
in Your Word"

The Readings:
Jeremiah 23:16-29
Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3
Luke 12:49-53

The Sermon:
Theme: "Wheat, Fire, Hammer"
Text: Jeremiah 23:28-29

Closing Hymn: 748
"I'm But a Stranger Here"