

Introit for The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**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 Ezekiel 34:11–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the

weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

The Epistle 1 Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel Luke 15:1–10

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

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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.

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 11 to September 18

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

CCRM Jr. Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:00 p.m.

TUES.: Sedalia Circuit Pastor's Conference

Volleyball at LSA: Gr 4,5,6 vs Stover at 5PM, Gr 4,5,6 vs Santa Fe at 6PM,
Gr 7-8 vs Tipton at 7PM

WED.: LSA Mid-week Chapel Service, 8:05 a.m. at Trinity (ALL are invited!)

Vespers and Prayer Service for Disaster Victims at Zion, Lincoln, 7PM

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

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

Ladies' Aid Fellowship, Topic & Monthly Meeting, 6:45 p.m.

CCRM Men's Club Meeting and Topic at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

FRI.: Sedalia Circuit Forum at St. John's

SAT.: Gr 7-8 Small School Volleyball Tournament at Alma

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.

GREETERS: September – Jim Goosen.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Sept. 25 – Marvin Dieckman and Charles Cordes;
Oct. 2 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer.

ACOLYTES: Sept 11—Jenna Harms; Sept 18—Tyler Hickman; Sept 25—Destiny Kestner; Oct 2—Grant Louiselle; Oct 9—Morgan Mummert; Oct 16—Brooklyn Cross; Oct 23—Jenna Harms; Oct 30—Tyler Hickman

ALTAR FLOWERS: September 11—Margo Holtzen; September 18—Ethelene Jagels; September 25—Joleen Kullman; October 2—Wanda Meyer; October 9—Vickie Miller; October 16—Edna Simon; October 23—Delores Stelling; October 30—Lillie Stelling.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Rev. Matthew Johnson as he considers our Divine Call; 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.

WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INVITATION from Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln to join them for a vespers and prayer service for the victims of the latest disasters in Louisiana and California. It will be held at Zion on Wednesday evening, Sept. 14th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The offering goes to LC-MS Disaster Relief.

PASTOR HERTWIG IS ON VACATION and Pastor Leonard Poppe is filling in for Pastor Hertwig for pastoral care and emergencies. Pastor Poppe's cell phone number is 660-287-6176. **A special Thank You** to Rev. Bart Mueller for leading our worship service TODAY and Rev. Paul Mehl will be leading our worship next Sunday, Sept. 18.

WHAT DOES STEM CELL RESEARCH HAVE TO DO WITH MY LIFE? How might cloning and genetic engineering impact me personally? These might not be the sorts of questions you have been asking yourself lately, but you might be surprised at the answers! It is increasingly difficult to keep up with the rapid changes continually being made in medical and scientific procedures. It is even more difficult to assess the impact these changes might have upon our lives and our future. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity in Cole Camp. Mr. Fancis Szarejko, a speaker for Lutherans for Life who teaches regularly on apologetics, bioethics, and Christian living topics, will bring us up-to-date developments in biotechnology and the ethical challenges they bring. He will specifically address in vitro fertilization, stem cell research, cloning and genetic engineering. Make plans to be with us – Bring a friend! Light refreshments will be served. --Sponsored by the Northern Ozarks Lutherans for Life Chapter #342.

VOLLEYBALL AT THE LSA GYM will be held this Tuesday evening, Sept. 13th, with grades 4,5,&6 playing against Stover at 5:00 p.m. and against Santa Fe at 6:00 p.m. Grades 7 & 8 will take on Tipton at 7:00 p.m. Come on out and support our Lady Black Knights!!!

SMOKED PORK DINNER: The Cole Camp pool will be having its annual smoked pork dinner Sunday, September 18th from 11am-1pm in the Cole Camp R-1 School cafeteria. Proceeds from the free-will donation will help offset operating expenses and upgrades to the facility. Thank you for your support!!

A SPECIAL INVITATION: Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Michael Redeker from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at St. Paul Lutheran High School, 205 S Main St, Concordia, MO 64020 on Wednesday, Oct. 5th between 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rev. Redeker is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages—elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Redeker at 314-505-7225 or redekerm@csl.edu.

Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 587
"I Know My Faith Is Founded"

The Readings:
Ezekiel 34:11-24
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

The Hymn of the Day: 563
"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

The Sermon:
Theme: "What Have I Done?"
Text: Luke 15:1-10

Hymn 809
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Closing Hymn: 538
"Praise Be to Christ"