

Introit for The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

**Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.**

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

**My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.**

Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

**Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.**

*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 Amos 8:4–7

4Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

6that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

7The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

The Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1–15

1First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2for kings and all who are in
high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and
dignified in every way. 3This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of
God our Savior, 4who desires all people to be saved and to come to the
knowledge of the truth. 5For there is one God, and there is one
mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6who gave
himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper
time. 7For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling
the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy
hands without anger or quarreling; 9likewise also that women should
adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-
control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10but
with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good
works. 11Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12I do not
permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather,
she is to remain quiet. 13For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14and
Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a
transgressor. 15Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they
continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Holy Gospel Luke 16:1–15

1[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who
had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was
wasting his possessions.

2And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear
about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can
no longer be manager.’ 3And the manager said to himself, ‘What
shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from
me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I
have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from
management, people may receive me into their houses.’ 5So,
summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first,
‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6He said, ‘A hundred
measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down
quickly and write fifty.’ 7Then he said to another, ‘And how much
do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to
him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8The master commended
the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this
world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than
the sons of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by
means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may
receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much,
and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.
11If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who
will entrust to you the true riches? 12And if you have not been
faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is
your own? 13No servant can serve two masters, for either he will
hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one
and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

14The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these
things, and they ridiculed him. 15And he said to them, “You are
those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your
hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the
sight of God.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cole Camp, Missouri

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

*The **Eighteenth** Sunday After Pentecost*

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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.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during our worship service next Sunday morning. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and place it in the basket at the back of the church.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK:

Worship Service: 64; Visitors: 2;
Bible Class: 7; Sunday School: 13

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 18 to September 25

TODAY: Register for Holy Communion

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

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

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

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

Communion at Good Samaritan, 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball at LSA vs. High Point Gr 4,5,6 at 6PM, Gr 7-8 at 7PM

CCRM Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

SAT.: St. John's Ladies' Aid Crafting Day, 8AM to 5PM at LSA Gym

Gr 7-8 Volleyball Tournament at St. Peter, Marshall

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

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

Mt. Hulda's Annual Fish Fry, Serving begins at 4:30 p.m.

GREETERS: September – Jim Goosen.

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

ACOLYTES: 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 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 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.

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. Paul Mehl** for leading our worship service TODAY. May the Lord bless the proclamation of His Word.

LIFE IN A PETRI DISH? ATTACK OF THE CLONES? WHAT DOES SCIENCE HAVE TO DO WITH OUR LIFE IN THE CHURCH? Come join the conversation with Francis Szarejko, who will discuss the increasingly important matter of bioethics and genetic engineering. A speaker with Lutherans for Life, Szarejko will be at Trinity-Cole Camp on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. He 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. This conversation matters! Make plans to be with us! *(And refreshments will be available following the presentation.)*

VOLLEYBALL AT THE LSA GYM will be held this Thursday evening, Sept. 22nd, with grades 4,5,&6 playing against High Point at 6:00 p.m. with the 7th and 8th grade match following at 7:00 p.m. Come on out and support our Lady Black Knights!!!

CRAFTING DAY by ST. JOHN'S LADIES AID at the Lutheran School gym on September 24th, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00. Baby-sitting available. Includes breakfast, lunch, drinks and desserts. Vendors, Silent Auction, and quilting and scrapbooking demo's. Contact Mary Talbott at [660-827-4583](tel:660-827-4583) or Jeana Eckhoff at [660-668-3237](tel:660-668-3237) or Alice Miesner [660-221-6686](tel:660-221-6686). Proceeds will all be used for our mission Christmas fund.

SMOKED PORK DINNER: The Cole Camp pool will be having its annual smoked pork dinner TODAY, 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@csel.edu.

Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 686

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Readings:

Amos 8:4–7

1 Timothy 2:1–15

Luke 16:1–15

The Hymn of the Day: 557

“See Where You May to Find a Way”

The Sermon:

Theme: “The ‘Good’ Life”

Text: Luke 16:9-10

Closing Hymn: 783

“Take My Life and Let It Be”