

Introit for The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

**My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!**

Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.**

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!

**I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!**

**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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and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

Old Testament Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

The Epistle Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister
and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,
⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have
toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the
sharing of your faith may become effective for the full
knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of
Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love,
my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command
you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal
to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ
Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I
became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you,
but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending
him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been
glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on
your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I
preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your
goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will.
¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while,
that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but
more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but
how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you
would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you
anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my
own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even
your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in
the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that
you will do even more than I say.

Holy Gospel Luke 14:25–35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned
and said to them,

²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother
and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build
a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has
enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is
not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man
began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to
encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate
whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against
him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way
off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any
one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be
restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is
thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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.

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: 92; Holy Communion: 69; Visitors: 2;
Bible Class: 8; Sunday School: 12

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 4 to September 11

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

CCRM High School Youth Gathering at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

MON.: Labor Day – No School at LSA – Trinity Office closed

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

LSA Volleyball at St. Paul, Sedalia, Gr 4,5,6 at 5PM, Gr 7-8 at 6PM

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.

Cole Camp Fair begins - Early Out at LSA

FRI.: Cole Camp Fair – No School at LSA

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

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

GREETERS: September – Jim Goosen.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Sept. 4 – Randy Meyer and Marvin Dieckman;
Sept. 25 – Marvin Dieckman and Charles Cordes.

ACOLYTES: Sept 4—Brooklyn Cross; 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 4—Florine Hobein; 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 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 WILL BE ON VACATION beginning on Sept. 4th. Pastor Leonard Poppe will be filling in for Pastor Hertwig for pastoral care and emergencies. Pastor Poppe's cell phone number is 660-287-6176. Rev. Bart Mueller will lead our worship service on Sept. 11 and Rev. Paul Mehl will lead our worship on Sept. 18.

SAVE THE DATE: Lutherans For Life will be getting together on Saturday, October 1st, at Trinity in Cole Camp, beginning at 2:30 p.m. You are invited to join us for a very interesting topic, "Life Technology".

LSA VOLLEYBALL will be held this Tuesday evening, Sept. 6th, at St. Paul's, Sedalia with grades 4,5,&6 playing at 5:00 p.m. Grades 7 & 8 will follow at 6:00 p.m. Come on out and support our Lady Black Knights!!!

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!

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.

FOR A QUICK SPIRITUAL PICK-ME-UP, Dial-a-Devotion is once again being offered by Trinity. If you would like to hear this brief, daily devotion, please dial 660-668-2364 and **press 1** to hear the devotion. Enjoy!

Today's Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 707
"Oh, That the Lord
Would Guide My Ways"

The Hymn of the Day: 857
"Lord, Help Us Walk
Your Servant Way"

The Readings:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-35

The Sermon:
Theme: "Conscious Commitment"
Text: Luke 14:25-27, 33

Distribution Hymns
621, "Let All Mortal Flesh
Keep Silence
750, "If thou But Trust in God
to Guide Thee"

Closing Hymn: 918
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"