

## Old Testament Reading *1 Kings 3:4–15*

<sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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## The Epistle *Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise

of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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## Holy Gospel *Luke 2:40–52*

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day’s journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME!** As the holy family welcomed the Wise Men, this family called Holy Cross welcomes you. As they came to worship the Christ, so have you. And, as Christ was present for the Wise Men, so He is present for you and us. Welcome!

**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:**

Christmas Eve: 200;

Christmas Day Worship Service at Holy Cross: 88;

Christmas Day Communion: 68; Children's Sermon: 13; Visitors: 2.

Dec. 27 Worship Service: 81; Visitors: 6; Holy Communion: 45;

Children's Sermon: 12; Adult Bible Class: 10; Sunday School: 10.

**HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of January 3 – January 10**

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Installation of Officers

Church Council Meeting following our worship service.

MON: Pastor Mike's Day of Rest

Classes resume at The Lutheran School

TUE.: Holy Cross Ladies' Aid Meeting

WED.: LSA Chapel Service, 8:05 a.m. (Everyone is welcome!)

Cole Camp Regional Ministry Epiphany Service at St. John's, 7:00 p.m.

THUR.: Bulletin deadline, 12:00 noon

CCRM Men's Club Epiphany Supper at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

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

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service at Holy Cross, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Cross Quarterly Voters' Meeting after worship service

Sunday School 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.

St. John's Quarterly Voters' Meeting after worship service

Couples' Club Meeting at Holy Cross, 6:00 p.m.

**ACOLYTES:** Jan. 3 – Jenna Harms; Jan. 10 – Tyler Hickman; Jan. 17 – Destiny Kestner; Jan. 24 – Grant Louiselle; Jan. 31 – Morgan Mummert..

**JANUARY GREETER:** Marvin Dieckman

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Jan. 3 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer;  
Jan. 24 – Randy Meyer and Marvin Dieckman.

**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, Wilma Bahrenburg, Helen Harms.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016** will take place during our worship service today. If you are entering into a new office for the coming year, please come forward when indicated.

**A SPECIAL C.C.R.M. EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held at St. John's this Wednesday evening, January 6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Epiphany is a yearly festival where many Christian churches commemorate the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi and also the baptism of Jesus.

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet after our worship TODAY. Next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Quarterly Voters' Assembly, following our worship service.

**AN EPIPHANY SUPPER** will be held this Thursday evening, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Trinity's fellowship hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the CCRM Men's Club and all members, prospective members, and widows of members are invited to attend. Please bring a salad or side dish to share!

**THE COUPLES' CLUB** will meet next Sunday evening, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**WE WILL BE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY** in the next couple of weeks. If you have had any changes to your address, your email address, or your phone number(s), or if you would like to include any new information, PLEASE give Karen a call at 660-668-2425 or send her an email at [karen.oelrichs@gmail.com](mailto:karen.oelrichs@gmail.com). as soon as possible; no later than **JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**. Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated!

**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.

**SECRETARIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS** are asked to submit an article of the happenings and events of their group for the past three months for the Quarterly Newsletter by Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call Karen at 668-2425 or email your article to [karen.oelrichs@gmail.com](mailto:karen.oelrichs@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!

**Today's Service**  
*Divine Service Setting Three*  
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**Hymn of Invocation: 367**  
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

**Introit**  
Psalm 119:97-104

**Collect of the Day**  
Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* (sung)

**The Hymn of the Day: 384**  
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

**The Readings:**  
*1 Kings 3:4–15*  
*Ephesians 1:3–14*  
*Luke 2:40–52*

**Distribution Hymn: 362**  
"O Sing of Christ"

**Distribution Hymn: 556**  
"Dear Christians,  
One and All, Rejoice"

**Closing Hymn: 390**  
"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"