

## Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-7b

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’



## The Epistle Philippians 1:2-11

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with

knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.



## Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”

<sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME.** During the season of Advent we “welcome” Christ to the earth, long after the fact, of course. Your being here, dear visiting friend, gives us opportunity to welcome you, too. Welcoming Christ into our lives fills us full, yet leaves room for you!

**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:**

Sunday Worship Service: 90; Visitors: 2; Children’s Sermon: 21;  
Adult Bible Class: 21; Sunday School: 15.

**HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of December 6 – December 13**

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday School Christmas Eve Program Practice, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MON: Pastor Mike’s Day of Rest

Trinity Choir’s Christmas Caroling, 6PM, followed by Cantata practice at 7.

TUE.: Pre-school Christmas Program at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

WED: LSA Chapel Service, 8:05 a.m. (all are invited!)

Pre-School’s Advent Spaghetti Supper at Trinity’s Fellowship Hall, 5:30 p.m.

CCRM Advent Service at Trinity, 7pm / Advent Cantata Practice, 8pm at Trinity

THUR.: Bulletin deadline, 12:00 noon

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

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John’s, 8:00 a.m.

St. John’s Sunday School Christmas Eve Program Practice, 9AM

Holy Cross Choir Practice, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.

Live Nativity at Mt. Hulda, 6:30–7:30 pm with music in the church 7–8 p.m.

Choir Practice at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.

**ACOLYTES:** Dec. 6--Garrett Louiselle; Dec. 13--Grant Louiselle; Dec. 20--Morgan Mummert; Dec. 24--Casey Bahrenburg.

**DECEMBER GREETER:** Randy Meyer.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** December 6 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer.  
December 25 – Randy Meyer and Randy Harms;  
December 27 – Randy Harms and Charles Cordes.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM PRACTICE** will be held TODAY from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will also practice next Sunday, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, with rehearsals from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**HOLY CROSS / ST. JOHN’S COMBINED CHOIR** will not be practicing this evening. However, choir practice will resume at Holy Cross, next Sunday evening, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also practice on Sunday evening, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Both practices begin at 7:00 p.m.

**OUR CCRM MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE 2** will be held at Trinity this Wednesday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The Pre-School will serve an Advent Supper featuring Spaghetti with all the fixin’s in the Trinity Fellowship Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**HOLY CROSS CHOIR** will practice each Sunday morning until Christmas, at 8:30 a.m.

**AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC** will be presented by Cole Camp’s German choirs this evening, Dec. 6, at St. Paul’s Church in Cole Camp at 7 p.m. A special pre-concert instrumental ensemble will present a Christmas medley at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this concert which will include many of the familiar Christmas carols (German and English) that were sung in our churches for many years by our ancestors. Following the concert, all are welcomed to refreshments in the fellowship hall. Admission is free.

**ADVENT CANTATA** rehearsals this week will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (following Trinity’s Christmas Caroling at 6PM) and also on Wednesday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>, following this week’s Advent Service. Both practices will be held in the balcony at Trinity. Please join in, we’d love to have you! The Cole Camp Regional Ministry Choir will perform *Longing for the Light!* at Trinity, Cole Camp, on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. All are invited!

**LIVING NATIVITY DISPLAY** presented by Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church will be held next Sunday, Dec. 13, with drive-through viewing from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. You are asked to enter only from Highway B onto Mt. Hulda Ave. west. You will exit onto Highway AE. Stop at the church for refreshments, then enjoy Christmas caroling and special guests singing Christmas music in the Sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:00. To end the evening we will join at the manger for a special Christmas Prayer and the singing of Silent Night. For information call 668-9981. Cancellation due to weather will be posted on Facebook and on Sedalia radio KDRO, KSIS and Warsaw KAYQ.

**THE ADVENT SUPPER** of cheesy hashbrowns soup and/or taco soup with sides/salads, and desserts will be served by the P.I.E. on Dec. 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. L.S.A. Families are asked to go to [www.lsaschool.com/pie](http://www.lsaschool.com/pie) ASAP and sign up by Friday, Dec. 11. You’ll have the option to bring something and/or help that evening. Please note that some items need to be brought to the school on Monday.

**SCRIP (GIFT CARDS) through PIE will be ordered at NOON on Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Scrip are plastic/printable gift cards that you purchase at their full face-value through PIE; PIE is able to purchase them at a discount and keep the difference to use for educational supplies at LSA. Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to order gift cards this December through PIE (enrollment code 83F8F6A338714), or use a paper order form from the back of the church. Your cards will be available at the LSA office for you to pick up on Thursday, Dec. 17. Please call/email Crystal Stoppel (scrip coordinator) if you have any questions ([cstoppel126@gmail.com](mailto:cstoppel126@gmail.com), 287-5728). **Gift cards make great Christmas presents!**

**BENEFIT LASAGNA DINNER** and Silent Auction for cancer patient, Pam Hunsaker, sponsored by the Cole Camp Senior Center, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, with serving from 11AM to 1PM. 100 % of the proceeds will go to help Pam. There will be a free-will donation taken for the lunch.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to “Handel’s *Messiah*” under the direction of Sandy Cordes TODAY, at 3:00 p.m. at the Broadway Presbyterian Church, 209 W Broadway in Sedalia.

**PLEASE JOIN THE MUEHLER FAMILY** in celebrating Rev. Gary and Elois’ 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary from 1-4 PM on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> in Biltz Hall at Saint Paul High School in Concordia, MO. No gifts, please, just share your thoughts and memories with A. Muehler at 13136 Siegel Ave, C.C. MO 65325 or email her at [amyjm24@juno.com](mailto:amyjm24@juno.com).

**Today’s Service**  
***DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3***  
*on page 184*

**Hymn of Invocation: 343**  
“Prepare the Royal Highway”

**Introit**  
Psalm 67

**Collect of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*Amen (sung)*

**The Hymn of the Day: 344**  
“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

**The Readings:**  
*Malachi 3:1–7b*  
*Philippians 1:2–11*  
*Luke 3:1–14*

**Distribution Hymn: 332**  
“Savior of the Nations, Come”  
**Distribution Hymn: 936**  
“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

**Closing Hymn: 349**  
“Hark the Glad Sound”