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again I will say, Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes
of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the
LORD loves the righteous.**

**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 Reading Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

The Epistle Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Holy Gospel Luke 7:18–28

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” ²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

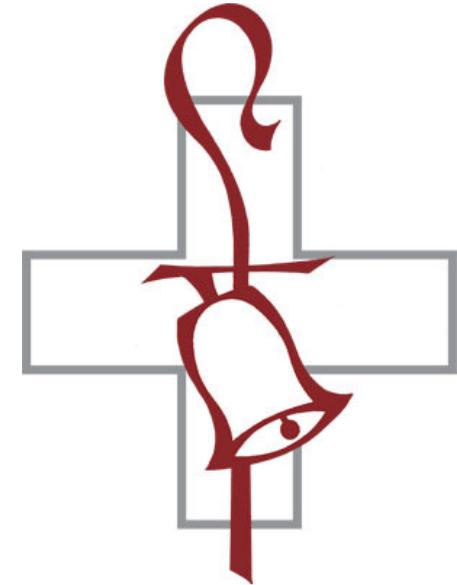
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WELCOME. During the season of Advent we “welcome” Christ to the earth, long after the fact, of course. Your being here, dear visiting friend, gives us opportunity to welcome you, too. Welcoming Christ into our lives fills us full, yet leaves room for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

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK:

Worship Service: 115; Holy Communion : 75; Visitors: 8;
Children’s Sermon: 21; Adult Bible Class: 21; Sunday School: 19.

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of December 13 – December 20

TODAY: Sunday School Christmas Eve Program Practice, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Live Nativity at Mt. Hulda, 6:30–7:30 pm with music in the church 7–8 p.m.
MON: Pastor Mike’s Day of Rest
CCRM Cantata practice at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity’s balcony
WED: LSA Chapel Service, 8:05 a.m. (all are invited!)
PIE’s Soup & Salad Supper at **Trinity’s Fellowship Hall**, 500-6:30 p.m.
CCRM Advent Service at **LC Schnell Auditorium**, 7:00 p.m.
Advent Cantata Practice at Trinity, 8:00 p.m. (following the Advent Service)
THUR.: Bulletin deadline, 12:00 noon
Communion at Good Samaritan, 2:30 p.m.
LSA 7th and 8th Grade Basketball at Tipton, 6:30 p.m.
Dual Parish Elders’ Meeting at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
FRI.: LSA End of 2nd Quarter – Early Out at 12:30 p.m.
SAT.: Advent Cantata presented by the CCRM Choir at Trinity, 6:00 p.m.
NEXT SUN.: Worship Service at St. John’s, 8:00 a.m.
Bible Class and St. John’s Sun. School Christmas Eve 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.
Choir Practice at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Dec. 13--Grant Louiselle; Dec. 20--Morgan Mummert; Dec. 24--
Casey Bahrenburg; Dec. 27—Brooklyn Cross. .

DECEMBER GREETER: Randy Meyer.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 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 PROGRAM PRACTICE will be held TODAY from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will also practice next Sunday, Dec. 20, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

HOLY CROSS / ST. JOHN’S COMBINED CHOIR will be practicing this evening, at 7:00 p.m. We will also practice next Sunday evening, Dec. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

OUR CCRM MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE 3 will be held at the LC Schnell Auditorium at the Lutheran School this Wednesday evening, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. The Parnters In Education will serve an Advent Supper featuring Cheesy Hashbrown Soup and/or Taco Soup with sides/salads and desserts in the Trinity Fellowship Hall, serving from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. (Note the different serving time!)

HOLY CROSS CHOIR will practice next Sunday morning, at 8:30 a.m.

ADVENT CANTATA rehearsals this week will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m. and also on Wednesday evening, December 16th, following this week’s Advent Service. Both practices will be held in the balcony at Trinity. The Cole Camp Regional Ministry Choir will perform *Longing for the Light!* at Trinity, Cole Camp, on Saturday, December 19th. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. All are invited!

LIVING NATIVITY DISPLAY presented by Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church will be held THIS EVENING 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.

LSA BLACK KNIGHTS first basketball game of the season will be played this Thursday evening, December 17 at Tipton. The 7th & 8th Grade girls will play at 6:30 p.m. and the 7th & 8th Grade boys’ game will follow at 7:30 p.m. Support the Knights!

BENEFIT LASAGNA DINNER and Silent Auction for cancer patient, Pam Hunsaker, sponsored by the Cole Camp Senior Center, will be held TODAY 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.

PLEASE JOIN THE MUEHLER FAMILY in celebrating Rev. Gary and Elois’ 55th Wedding Anniversary from 1-4 PM on Dec. 26th 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.

Today’s Service
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE
on page 151

Hymn of Invocation: 341

“Lift Up Your Heads,
Ye Mighty Gates”

Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast” on page 155

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen (sung)

The Hymn of the Day: 345

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice
Is Sounding”

The Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14–20
Philippians 4:4–7
Luke 7:18–28

Closing Hymn: 350

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom,
Come”