

### **Introit for First Sunday in Advent**

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**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.**

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait all the day long.**

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for you.

**Redeem Israel, O God,**

**out of all his troubles.**

**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 - Jeremiah 23:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

<sup>7</sup> "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' <sup>8</sup> but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

### **The Epistle - Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **The Gospel - Matthew 21:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

<sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

## **HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

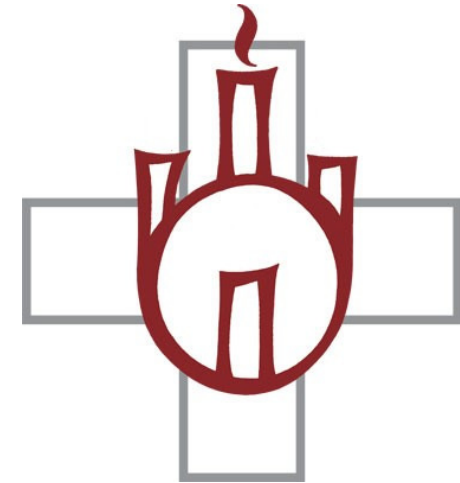
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**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS.** During the season of Advent we “welcome” Christ to the earth, long after the fact, of course. Your being here, dear visiting friend, gives us opportunity to welcome you as well. Welcoming Christ into our lives fill us full, yet leaves room and to spare 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 BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE AT HOLY CROSS LAST SUNDAY**

Worship Service: 100; Holy Communion; 68; Visitors: 4;  
Bible Class: 10; Sunday School: 13

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of December 3 – December 10**

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Children’s Christmas Eve Program Practice at Holy Cross, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
CCRM Youth Group Gathering, 6:30 p.m.

MON.: CCRM Christmas Cantata Practice, Men at 6:30 p.m.; Women join in at 7PM

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

Advent Supper, 6PM at St. John’s Church basement followed by  
Advent Worship Service at 7PM – LSA students will be singing

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

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

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

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

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John’s, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Children’s Christmas Eve Program Practice at Holy Cross, 1:30-3:30

**HOLY CROSS GREETER:** December – Randy Meyer.

**HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES:** Dec 3—Morgan Mummert; Dec. 10—Brooklyn Cross;  
Dec 17—Gage Cross; Dec 24—Tyler Hickman; Dec. 25—Destiny Kestner.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Dec 3 – Randy Harms and Marvin Dieckman  
Dec. 24 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Meyer.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** David Wilshusen and family at the death of his wife Patty, Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Milton Harms, Ruby Hemme (Mary Talbott’s mother) and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

**ADVENT SERVICES** this year will be joint Cole Camp Regional Ministry services with the first one being held at St. John’s this Wednesday evening, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us for “brupper” (breakfast for supper) in the basement at St. John’s, beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Advent Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. The children from the Lutheran School Association will be singing in the worship service.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

Christmas Eve Children's Program at Holy Cross - 5 PM

Christmas Eve Service at St. John's - 6:30 PM

Christmas Day Joint Service at St. John's with Communion - 9 AM

**OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM** Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons: December 3, 10, and 17 from 1:30 - 3:30pm.

**THE 2017 CCRM CHRISTMAS CANTATA** will be on Sunday afternoon, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity. We will sing a nice variety of old and new Christmas songs. If you like to sing and would like to join the choir, the next rehearsal is scheduled for Monday evening, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> in the choir loft at Trinity; men at 6:30 p.m., women join in at 7PM. Other practice dates will be determined. Please join us!

**THE BI-ANNUAL MT. HULDA LIVING NATIVITY DISPLAY** will be presented on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Seven scenes will tell the story of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. Please ENTER ONLY from Highway B onto Mt. Hulda Ave west; you will exit onto AE Hwy. Stop at the church for refreshments, and enjoy singing Christmas carols and Christmas music in the Sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:00. For information call 668-9981. Cancellation due to weather will be posted on Facebook and on Sedalia Radio KDRO, KSIS and Warsaw, KAYQ.

**CCRM JUNIOR YOUTH:** Starting with the month of December Junior Youth will start meeting at Trinity on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 6:30 pm to 8 pm (times will remain the same). Also, as a reminder to parents and youth, Trinity has a Facebook page that is full of great information. Please check it out on Facebook-Trinity LYF

**AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC** will be presented by Cole Camp's German choirs THIS EVENING, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, at 7 p.m. A special preconcert brass ensemble will present a Christmas medley at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is cordially welcomed 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.

**Today’s Service**

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***Divine Service, Setting Three***

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**Hymn of Invocation: 331**

“The Advent of Our King”

**The Introit**

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**The Readings:**

Jeremiah 23:5-8 – A Righteous  
Branch from David

Romans 13:8-14 – Fulfilling the  
Law through Love

Matthew 21:1-9 – Jesus’  
Triumphal Entry

**Hymn of the Day: 341**

“Lift Up Your Heads,  
Ye Mighty Gates”

**The Sermon**

Title: “Prepare for the King”

Text: Matthew 21:1-9

**Distribution Hymns:**

**334** -“O Lord, how Shall I Meet You”

**332** -“Savior of the Nations, Come”

**Closing Hymn: 343**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”