

Introit for Third Sunday in Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand.

LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**

Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let
them not turn back to folly.**

**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 - Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

The Gospel - Matthew 11:2–10

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷ As they went away, 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? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

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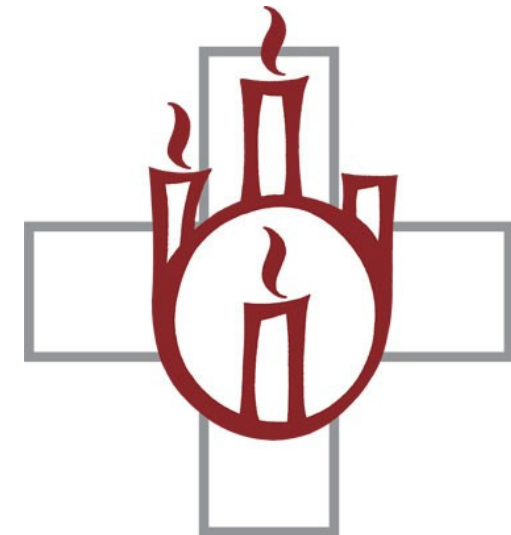
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WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS. During the season of Advent we “welcome” Christ to the earth, long after the fact, of course. Your being here, dear visiting friend, gives us opportunity to welcome you as well. Welcoming Christ into our lives fill us full, yet leaves room and to spare for you!

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER during our worship service next Sunday and also on Monday, Christmas Day at St. John’s. Please fill out a communion registration card today and indicate the date(s) if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith. Please place it in the basket in the back of the church as you leave. Thank you.

THOSE BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE AT HOLY CROSS LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service: 104 Children’s Sermon: 13; Visitors: 8;
Bible Class: 15; Sunday School: 17. Mid-week Advent Service at Mt. Hulda: 88.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of December 17 – December 24

TODAY: Children’s Christmas Eve Program Practice at Holy Cross, 1:30-4:30

Christmas Open House at Pastor & Katie Poppen’s house, 2-4PM

CCRM Junior Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

LSA School Board meeting, 7pm at the school

MON.: CCRM Cantata Practice, at Trinity, women at 6:30; all sing at 7PM.

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

Advent Supper, 6PM at Trinity’s Church basement followed by

Advent Worship Service in their sanctuary at 7PM

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 with Holy Communion at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.

Children’s Christmas Eve Program at Holy Cross, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. John’s, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT MON.: Dual Parish Joint Christmas Morning Worship Service

with Holy Communion at St. John’s, 9AM

HOLY CROSS GREETER: December – Randy Meyer.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Dec 17—Gage Cross; Dec 24 (AM)—Jenna Harms;
Dec 24 (PM)—Tyler Hickman; Dec. 31—Grant Louiselle.

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

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM PRACTICE will be held this afternoon from 1:30 - 4:30pm. **Please note the time!**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family of Leticia and Scott Harms at the death of Leticia’s father, Arturo Gonzalez; 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.

THE L.S.A. SCHOOL BOARD will meet this evening at the school at 7:00 p.m.

ADVENT SERVICES this year are joint Cole Camp Regional Ministry services with the third one being held at Trinity this Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th. Join us for a light supper in the basement at Trinity, beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Advent Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

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

A CHRISTMAS/PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE is being planned by the Poppen Family from 2:00 to 4:00 this afternoon. All are invited to come to the parsonage at 208 N Pine in Cole Camp for fellowship and refreshments!

CHOIR PRACTICE for the Cole Camp Regional Choir’s Christmas Cantata will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 18th at Trinity. The women are asked to come and practice at 6:30 p.m. with the men joining in at 7:00 p.m.

HELP NEEDED: Another person is needed to help serve on the Altar Guild. Please contact Dorothy Holtzen if you would be willing to help out.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – DEC. 31st @ 4:00 p.m.: Mark your calendars and plan to attend this joyful Christmas concert hosted by the congregations of the Cole Camp Regional Ministry. Under the leadership of Barb Schnakenburg, Sam Cole, and Amanda Poindexter, Cole Camp singers will help us continue celebrating the birth of Christ during this Christmas season. The concert will include a beautiful combination of classic Christmas favorites, as well as joyful new selections, interspersed with brief readings. Everyone is invited to join us. A free will offering will be collected. The Christmas Cantata will be held in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church.

CCRM JUNIOR YOUTH: Starting with the month of December Junior Youth will start meeting at Trinity on the 3rd 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

Today’s Service

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Hymn of Invocation: 347

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-8 – Comfort for
God’s People

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 – Stewards of
the Mysteries of God

Matthew 11:2-10 – Jesus’ Message
to John the Baptist

Hymn of the Day: 345

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

The Sermon

Title: “Isaiah’s Advent Sermon”

Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

Closing Hymn: 344

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”