



Introit for The Nativity of our Lord

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done
marvelous things!**

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for
him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to
the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**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 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;

for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Epistle - Hebrews 1:1–6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to
our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has
spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all
things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the
radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After
making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the
Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."

Holy Gospel - John 1:1–14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All
things were made through him, and without him was not any
thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the
light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all
might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to
bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into
the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made
through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his
own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who
did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of
the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we
have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

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WELCOME! “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son.” May the Spirit of God abide with you this Christmas and His love bless you in the coming year!

HOLY CROSS WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER during their Worship Service next Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and give it to the usher as you leave church.

COMMUNION TODAY: If anyone has difficulty going to the altar today 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:

No services were held on December 18, due to poor weather conditions.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of December 25 to January 1

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

MON.: CCRM Christmas Cantata Practice at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

TUE.: CCRM Christmas Cantata Practice at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

WED.: Cole Camp Regional Ministry presents “Fantasia Noel” performed by the Community Choir at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, 7:00 p.m.

SAT.: Wedding Ceremony of Ashley Meyer and Jeremy Stone at Holy Cross, 4PM
Saturday evening worship service at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

LYF (High School Youth) Lock-in 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. at Trinity

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Installation of Officers 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 and Installation of Officers at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.

Church Council Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Holy Cross

HOLY CROSS GREETER: January – Marvin Dieckman.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTE: January 1—Brooklyn Cross.

ST. JOHN’S ACOLYTES: December 25 – Dayton Oelrichs; January 1 – Zachary Fox; January 8 – Marshall Doogs.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS The Family of LaRuth Vajen; Matthew Kurz; members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including Wilbert Meyer, Marge Burdick, Helen Harms.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGES FOR THE NEW YEAR will begin on New Year’s Day, Jan. 1st. During 2017, St. John’s will have the early service beginning at 8:00 a.m. with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.; and at Holy Cross, Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICES THIS WEEK, are Monday, Dec. 26th at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity.

THE COLE CAMP REGIONAL MINISTRY invites you to attend the presentation of “Fantasia Noel”, a Christmas Cantata, as performed by the Community Choir on Wednesday, December 28th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. Please join us for a delightful evening of choral Christmas music!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS for the coming year will be held next Sunday, January 1st at 8:00 a.m. at St. John’s and at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross.

THE QUARTERLY VOTERS’ MEETINGS of both congregations will be held on January 8th, the second Sunday in January, following the worship service. The Church Council of Holy Cross will meet after the worship service on January 1st.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE for LaRuth Anna Katherine Vajen will be held at Holy Cross on Wednesday, Dec. 28, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Visitation will be on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at Fox Funeral Home from 5 to 7PM with a Prayer Service at 7.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS are again \$15.96. Holy Cross members, please make checks to Holy Cross. You can use the LW envelope from your offering box or speak to Wanda or Vickie by Jan. 22 for a renewal or a new subscription. St. John’s members, please make checks payable to St. John’s. Using the LW envelope from your offering box helps defray the cost of St. Johns’ “blanket subscription”.

CONGRATULATIONS and God’s richest blessings to Ashley Meyer and Jeremy Stone who will be married on Saturday, December 31st at Holy Cross.

HELP NEEDED: LSA is looking for someone to referee Home Girls and Boys basketball games during the months of January and February. This is a paid job and if you are interested, please contact Mr. Andersen at school or Beth Viebrock at 660-287-2045.

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.

Today’s Service

Divine Service Setting Four

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Hymn of Invocation: 367
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

The Introit
(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Readings:
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-14

Hymn of the Day: 370
“What Child Is This”

The Sermon
Theme: “Declaring the Baggage”
Text: Luke 2:1-7

Distribution Hymns
637: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
358: “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Closing Hymn: 364
“Away in a Manger”