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Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**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: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

📖 This is the Word of the Lord.

📣 Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

📖 This is the Word of the Lord.

📣 Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

📣 Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (sung)

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord

📣 Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (sung)

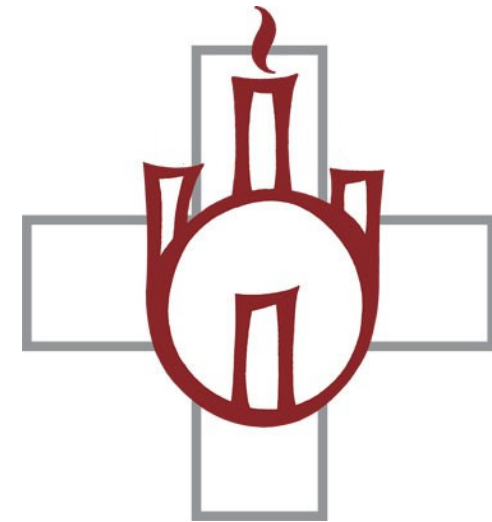
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday in Advent

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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 SUNDAY

Worship Service: 83; Holy Communion: 60; Visitors: 8,
Bible Class: 15, Sunday School: 16.

Thanksgiving Eve at St. John's: 62; Holy Communion: 39.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK December 1 thru December 8

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Children's Christmas Program Practice at Holy Cross, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice, 4:00 p.m. in Trinity's choir loft

WED.: LSA Chapel Service held at Trinity, 8:35 a.m. All are invited!

Dual Parish Joint Advent Service at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.

THUR.: Men's Bible Class at Classic, 7:00 a.m.

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

Communion at Good Samaritan, 2:30 p.m.; and at Ambrose at 3:30 p.m.

SAT.: LSA Christmas Program in the Schnell Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday evening worship at Trinity, 6:30 p.m., Bible Class at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service at St. John's, 8:00 AM.

Voters' Meeting to Elect Officers for 2020 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 Program practice at Holy Cross, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice, 4:00 p.m. in Trinity's choir loft

Mt. Hulda's Living Nativity, 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Dec 1—Gentry Dieckman; Dec 8--Lille Douglas.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: December 1 – Jim Goosen and Randy Harms,

HOLY CROSS GREETER: December – Randy Meyer.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eileen Brandes, Ethelene Jagels, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Bill Talbott, Greg Ives Fred Oelrichs, and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

OUR DUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL GROUP will be singing at Christkindlarket on Friday, Dec. 6. Let Pastor know if you plan to sing. Meet at 5:50 in front of Handle Haus.

ADVENT SERVICES SET FOR DECEMBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH. This year, the Dual Parish of Holy Cross and St. John's will be hosting their own midweek Advent services. The Dec. 4th and 18th services will be held at Holy Cross, while the Dec. 11th service will be held at St. John's. The Wednesday evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY CROSS BUDGET for 2019 is \$13,042.50 per month. October donations were \$12,313.33. First 2 weeks in Nov were \$6,254.00. Our loan balance went up to \$7398.60.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM PLANNING IS UNDERWAY! If you know of anyone age 3 - 8th grade who would like to participate, please let Crystal Stoppel know asap. Family and friends are more than welcome to participate! Christmas program practices will be on Sunday afternoons 1:30-3:30 p.m. starting with the first practice today. The Children's Christmas Eve Program will be held at Holy Cross at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. John's at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY CROSS LADIES' AID will be meeting December 10th at 7 at Ambrose Park for our December meeting and Christmas celebration. All ladies are invited to join us! Members, please bring a snack food item for the evening.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Lutheran School Association needs to hire a new head cook. The position is part-time with benefits included. Must be willing to work with children and able to serve large groups of people in an organized manner. Some paperwork and training are required since the school is part of the federal lunch program. Pay is based on experience. Please submit a resume to principal@lsaschool.com if you are interested. The potential candidate must submit to a background check. Job starts in January 2020.

LSA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Lutheran School Association students will joyfully tell you about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during the Christmas program Saturday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. You are invited – and bring a friend!

NEW BOOKS at the pharmacy, as part of the Holy Cross project, include The Lutheran Study Bible and Bible commentaries for some books of the Bible. Supplies are limited. Other Bibles and children's books are also part of our display.

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC will be presented by Cole Camp's German choirs this evening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp at 7 p.m. A special preconcert brass ensemble will present a Christmas medley at 6:45 p.m. All are welcomed to this concert and to refreshments in the fellowship hall following the concert. Free admission.

THE 9TH ANNUAL CHRISTKINDLMARKET will be held in downtown Cole Camp on Friday, Dec. 6, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Enjoy Wagon rides, Cookie Booth, Carolers, Bands, a Christmas Tree Lot, and Santa will be there for pictures. The Live Nativity will be in the Jaycee Gardens (7 to 8). Information and game cards for the Elf on the Shelf game will be found at the Shelter Insurance Office. Everyone is invited to join in front of the Handel Haus at 6:00 for the lighting of the Festbaum and carols. Don't miss this fun event sponsored by the Chamber. More information on the Christkindlmarket facebook page.

MEMBERS OF TRINITY, PYRMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH invite you to their 15th Annual Ole Tyme Christmas in the Country, on Saturday, Dec 7th, beginning at 6:45 with A Christmas Carol Sing-along; program begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments follow the program. An offering for the Stover and Cole Camp Food Pantries will be collected.

MT. HULDA'S LIVING NATIVITY will be next Sunday, Dec. 8, with viewing from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please enter Hwy B onto Mt. Hulda Ave to view the 7 scenes telling the story of our Savior's birth, and exit going out to Hwy AE. The last scene at the manger will be at the church. You are invited to stop, have refreshments and sing carols in the sanctuary. At 8pm, please join us at the manger for the Christmas Prayer and singing Silent Night.

ON "GIVING TUESDAY", DEC. 3, the Lutheran School Association asks you to help us educate and reach MORE children and families with the love of Jesus. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to help us spread the love of Jesus to the Cole Camp region. Please help on Dec 3rd. Donations can be made in-person at LSA or online at www.lsaschool.com.

ON GIVING TUESDAY, Dec 3, you may donate toward the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Grants by using LWML Facebook, lwml.org/givingtuesday. Your donation will be doubled on that day, thanks to the commitment of two generous donors. You may also send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note Giving Tuesday with your contribution.)

First Sunday in Advent

Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three

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Hymn 332 vv.1-4

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

The Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen. (sung)

Hymn of Praise is omitted during Advent

The Readings:

Isaiah 2;1-5—The Mountain of God

Romans 13:8-14—Law Fulfilled in Love

Matt. 24:36-44—No One Knows the End

Hymn of the Day 332 vv. 5-8

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Distribution Hymns

515 “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

622 “Lord Jesus Christ,

You Have Prepared”

508 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Closing Hymn: 331

“The Advent of Our King ”