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

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**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 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the
peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be
glorious.

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,
that through endurance and through the encouragement of the
Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and
encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in
accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one
another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to
show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the
patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his
mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

[C] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (sung)**

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of
Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he
who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the
Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his
waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all
Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and
they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for
baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee
from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And
do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,'
for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for
Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree
therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming
after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork
is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat
into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord

[C] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (sung)**

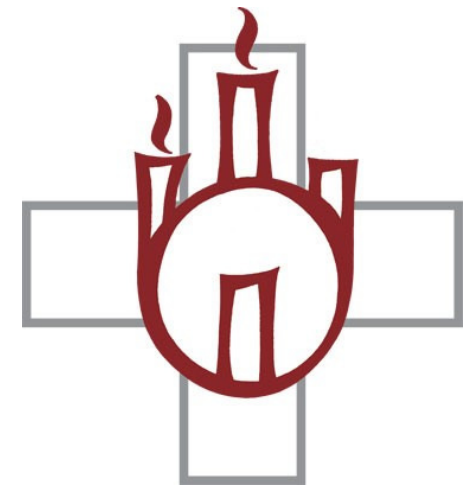
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WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS. During the season of Advent we “welcome” Christ to the earth, long after the fact, of course. Your being here, dear visiting friend, gives us opportunity to welcome you as well. Welcoming Christ into our lives fill us full, yet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

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service: 120; Holy Communion: 79; Visitors: 15,
Bible Class: 20, Sunday School: 21.
Dual Parish Mid-Week Advent Service at Holy Cross: 45.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK December 8 thru December 15

TODAY: 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.; music in the sanctuary 7-8PM
TUE.: Dual Parish Elders’ Meeting at Pastors’ office, 6:30 p.m.
Holy Cross Ladies’ Aid Christmas Celebration at Ambrose, 7:00 p.m.
WED.: LSA Chapel Service held at Trinity, 8:35 a.m. All are invited!
Advent Supper at St. John’s, 6PM – please come! Serving breakfast for supper
Dual Parish Joint Advent Service at St. John’s, 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.
St. John’s Ladies’ Aid Christmas Party and Potluck at the Oelrichs home at
711 S Oak, Cole Camp, 6:00 p.m. Husbands and Men’s Club invited!
CCRM Joint Men’s Club Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.
SAT.: 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.
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 Program practice at Holy Cross, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Christmas Cantata Choir Practice, 4:00 p.m. in Trinity’s choir loft

ACOLYTES: Dec 8–Lille Douglas; Dec 15—Kadence Hargrave; Dec 22—Tyler Howard; Dec 29—Dylana Stoppel; Jan 5—Emily Burdick.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: December 22 - Randy Harms and Randy Meyer.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: December – Randy Meyer.

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

HOLY CROSS BUDGET for 2019 is \$13,042.50 per month. November donations were \$12,800.00. Budget was short by \$242.50 and October was short by \$729.17. Our loan balance is \$7398.60.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICES are being held each Sunday afternoon in the choir loft at Trinity, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Cantata will be on December 29th.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES are being held each Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and there’s always room for more children, if you know of someone who would like to join in! The Children’s Christmas Eve Program will be held at Holy Cross at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, December 24th. There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. John’s at 7:30pm.

HOLY CROSS LADIES’ AID will be meeting December 10th at 7:00 p.m. 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.

OUR SECOND MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE will be held at St John’s this Wednesday evening, December 11th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will join together and continue looking at the “Great O Antiphons” as we prepare for the coming of the Savior, who is Christ, the Lord! Come early for an Advent supper in the church basement, beginning at 6:00 p.m. as the ladies of St. John’s are planning a “breakfast for supper”.

2020 DIRECTORY: It’s time, once again, to update our church directory. If you have had a change of address, have an email address you like to use, gotten a new cell phone, or deleted your landline phone, please let Karen Oelrichs know, so we can have a current and up-to-date church directory. Karen’s email is karen.oelrichs@gmail.com, mailing address is 711 S Oak, Cole Camp, MO 65325, call her at 660-668-2425 and leave a message or text her at 660-281-9796. The deadline is Sunday, December 29th. Thanks!

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.

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.

MT. HULDA’S LIVING NATIVITY will be THIS EVENING, 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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA presented by the Cole Camp Community Choir will be held on Sunday evening, December 29th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we experience through reflective readings and joyous songs a Celtic Christmas Celebration, entitled “Have You Heard?” with music by Joel Raney and orchestration by Ed Hogan. This event is sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry and EVERYONE is invited! There will be a free-will offering taken at the door to help fund future regional ministry events for the Cole Camp Community.

Second Sunday in Advent

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Hymn 347

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

The Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen. (sung)

Hymn of Praise is omitted during Advent

The Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10—The Righteous Branch
Romans 15:4-13—Christ Our Example
Matt. 3:1-12—John the Baptist

Hymn of the Day 344

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

The Sermon

Text: Matthew 3:1-12
Title: “God’s Reign for Us ”

Closing Hymn: 354

“Arise, O Christian People ”