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**Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!**

May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

**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 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,

because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of

Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord. (sung)**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise to You, O Christ. (sung)

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WELCOME FRIEND. Greetings and a warm welcome to you as we come to worship together today. We pray that the Holy Spirit would grant you a rewarding spiritual experience through today's service.

COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS 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.

ST. JOHN'S WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during next Sunday's morning worship service. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to partake in Holy Communion at St. John's next Sunday and give it to the usher as you leave the church.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE AT OUR SERVICE LAST WEEK

Worship Service at Holy Cross – 75, with 12 visitors; no Sunday School or Bible Class.
Worship Service at St. John's – 36; Bible Class – 13.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of January 6 to January 13

TODAY: Installation of Officers for the new year

Quarterly Voters' Meeting at St. John's, 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at Holy Cross

Church Council Meeting at Holy Cross after today's worship service

CCRM Youth at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

MON.: Classes resume at Lutheran School Association

TUE.: Dual Parish Elders' Meeting at Pastor's Office, 6:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Ladies' Aid Meeting at Ambrose, 7:30 p.m. (note the time change)

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

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Trinity's Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Marriage & Family Conference Planning Meeting at Trinity, 11:30 a.m.

Bulletin Deadline, 12:00 noon (email to karen.oelrichs@gmail.com)

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

St. John's Ladies' Aid Fellowship, Topic, & Meeting at St. John's, 6:45 p.m.

CCRM Joint Men's Club Meeting at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

SAT.: Evening Worship with Communion at Trinity, 6:30 pm; Bible Class at 7:30 pm

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.

Holy Cross Quarterly Voters' Meeting after worship service

HOLY CROSS COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jan. 6 – Randy Meyer and Jim Goosen;
Jan. 27 – Jim Goosen and Randy Harms.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eileen Brandes, Ethelene Jagels, Alice Borchers, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Ronnie Schnakenberg, Gayle Hayden (former Holy Cross member), Bill Talbott, Bonnie Fitzpatrick (niece of Dorothy Holtzen), Greg Ives, and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who donated for the purchase of my new computer. It will help me be much more efficient at my work! - Pr. Poppen

WITH THE NEW YEAR, the Thrivent Action teams have been reset. There are countless ways in which St. John's and Holy Cross could use the money that Thrivent wants to give away. If you need help applying for an action team, or need help finding a way to use the money, please talk to Pastor. You can go to his office, and he will do the work for you to get our churches the Thrivent money.

ST. JOHN'S QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Our first voters' meeting of 2019 will be held at St. John's TODAY following our worship service.

THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL will meet TODAY following the worship service at Holy Cross. The Holy Cross Quarterly Voters' Assembly will be held next Sunday, January 13th, following the worship service.

HOLY CROSS LADIES' AID will meet at Ambrose this Tuesday evening, January 8th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (one half hour later than usual due to scheduling conflict)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: The average Financial Peace University Graduate saves \$1000 and pays off \$5300 in debt in 90 days. Would you like to be one of them? The Cole Camp Regional Ministry will be facilitating Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) class beginning January 9th, 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Trinity. This will be a 9 week course teaching budgeting, paying off debt, investing, insurance, and a host of other financial topics, but it will be taught using Biblical principles. If you would like more information or would like to reserve your spot for the class, please contact Pastor Poppen – phone 605-695-8043 – or email at colecampplutheran@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES' AID will have their January meeting this Thursday evening, January 10th, with fellowship and refreshments by Vicki, beginning at 6:45 p.m. The opening devotion and topic will be led by Elaine and can be found in the Winter Quarterly on page 18, "Shh! Peace, Be Still". The business meeting will follow. All ladies are invited, please join us at St. John's church basement on Thursday evening!!

ST. JOHN'S FOOD DRIVE for the Cole Camp Food Pantry continues on the second Sunday of each month. Please bring your non-perishable food items next Sunday and leave them in the back of the church at St. John's. Suggested items include canned fruits and vegetables, flour and sugar in small bags, soups, rice, mac & cheese, paper products, pancake mix and syrup.

SECRETARIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS are asked to submit an article of the happenings and events of their group for the past three months for the Quarterly Newsletter. Please email your article to karen.oelrichs@gmail.com or mail it to Karen at 711 S Oak St, Cole Camp, MO by Monday, January 21st. Thanks for your help!

Today's Service

The Epiphany of our Lord

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymn of Invocation: 397

"As With Gladness, Men of Old"

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

Hymn of Praise

At St. John's: "Gloria in Excelsis"

At Holy Cross: "This Is the Feast"

The Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6—Arise, shine, your Light has come

Eph. 3:1-12—The Gospel revealed

Matthew 2:1-12—the Magi

Hymn of the Day: 395

"O Morning Star"

Sermon

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Title: "God's Plan is Unrestricted"

Distribution Hymns (at Holy Cross)

400, "Brightest and Best"

412, "The People that in Darkness Sat"

625, "Lord Jesus Christ"

Closing Hymn: 388

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"