

## **Introit**

Show, O heavens, from above,  
and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit;**

**let the earth cause them both to sprout.**

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

**In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,**

**and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

**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: Deuteronomy 18:15–19**

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle: Philippians 4:4–7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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## **Holy Gospel: John 1:19–29**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

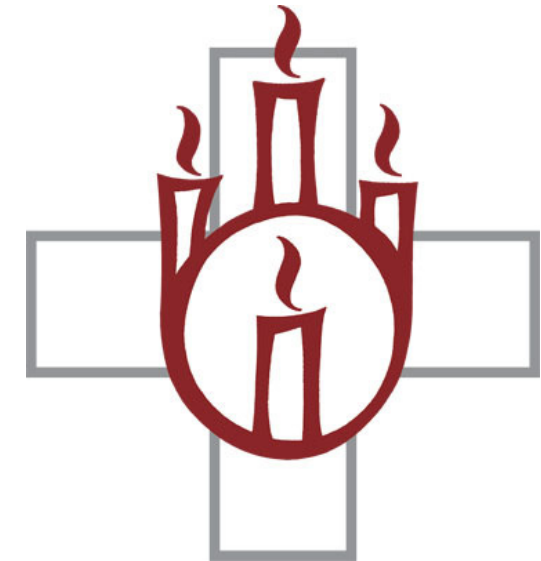
# **HOLY CROSS and ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN DUAL PARISH**

**Cole Camp, Missouri**

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

*Fourth Sunday in Advent – Rorate Coeli*

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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 at Christmas and His love bless you in the coming year!

**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 AT OUR SERVICE LAST WEEK**

Worship Service: 133; Bible Class: 20

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of December 2 – December 9**

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Christmas Cantata Practice at Trinity, 4:00 p.m.

Dual Parish Choir Practice at Holy Cross, 7:00 p.m.

MON.: Children’s Christmas Eve Program at Holy Cross, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Readings at St. John’s, 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service at Mt. Hulda, 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service at Trinity, 11:00 p.m.

TUE.: Christmas Day Worship Service at Holy Cross, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Cole Camp Regional Ministry Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity

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

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service at Holy Cross, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John’s, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at St. John’s, 10:30 a.m.

CCRM’s Community Christmas Cantata at Trinity, 4:00 p.m.

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

**THERE WILL BE A DOOR OFFERING** taken today for the purpose of purchasing a dual parish computer for Pastor Poppen’s office. Matching Funds are available, so your gift will be doubled for the first \$400. If you have any questions, please contact the dual parish treasurer, Marvin Dieckman.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE** will be TODAY at 4:00 pm in the choir loft at Trinity. The Cantata will be Sunday, Dec. 30th at 4:00 pm also at Trinity.

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICE** to prepare for Christmas Day for the Dual Parish choir this evening at Holy Cross, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**UPDATES are needed for the 2019 Church Directory.** Submit any mailing address, email address, or phone number changes to Karen Oelrichs by Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Also please check the 2018 Directory and make sure all your information is correct; if not, please let Karen know at 668-2425 or email her at [karen.oelrichs@gmail.com](mailto:karen.oelrichs@gmail.com). Thanks!

**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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 [colecamlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:colecamlutheran@gmail.com).

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** The Children’s Christmas Eve Service is scheduled to be held at Holy Cross on Monday evening, Dec. 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Service of Carols and Readings at St. John’s on Christmas Eve beginning at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight services are scheduled to be held at both Mt Hulda and Trinity, each beginning at 11:00 p.m. The Christmas Day Worship Services are scheduled to be held at Holy Cross, Mt. Hulda, and Trinity, each beginning at 9:00 a.m. Have a most blessed and meaningful Christmas season!

**“NIGHT OF THE FATHER’S LOVE”**, a Christmas Musical Celebration by Pepper Choplin will be presented by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry and performed by friends and neighbors in the Cole Camp Community. This presentation will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, MO. Please be sure to join us as with celebrate the Savior’s birth through readings and songs!

**ST. JOHN’S QUARTERLY VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY:** Our first voters’ meeting of 2019 will be held at St. John’s on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> after our worship service; 9:00 a.m.

**HOLY CROSS MEMBERS:** Donations to help pay for work on the sanctuary floor and pews may be made by placing it in the Sunday morning offering plate with a designation of SPECIAL ACCOUNT on the envelope or given directly to the treasurer Evelyn Brandes. If the donation is in memory of someone, please include that information in the envelope.

**WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR,** our Worship Service and Sunday School and Bible Class times will be changing. Beginning on January 6<sup>th</sup>, St. John’s will once again have the early service at 8:00 a.m. with Bible Class to follow at 9:00. Holy Cross will begin their Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., followed by their worship service at 10:30 a.m.

**Today’s Service**

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*Rorate Coeli*

***Divine Service Setting Four***

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**Hymn of Invocation: 357**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**The Introit**

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

**The Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**The Readings:**

Deuteronomy 18:15-19—A prophet like Moses is promised

Philippians 4:4-7—Rejoice in the Lord always!

John 1:19-29—John the Baptist makes way

**Hymn of the Day: 345**

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

**Sermon**

Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

Theme: “Comfort”

**Distribution Hymns:**

**370** “What Child Is This”

**379** “O Come, all Ye Faithful”

**384** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**Closing Hymn: 341**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”