

Introit for First Sunday after Christmas

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holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

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: 2 Samuel 7:1-16 ¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶And your

house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7 ¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 ²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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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.

HOLY CROSS 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 use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and place it in the basket at the back of the church at Holy Cross.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE AT OUR SERVICE LAST WEEK

Worship Service at Holy Cross – 124, with 78 taking communion
Worship Service at St. John's – 18, with 16 taking communion.
Bible Class at Holy Cross: 8; Bible Class at St. John's: 10.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of December 30 – January 6

TODAY: Community Christmas Cantata, "Night of the Father's Love", sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry, at Trinity, beginning at 4:00 p.m.
WED.: St. John's Ladies' Aid Quilt Tying Day at Elaine's, 9AM (Bring sack lunch)
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)
SAT.: Evening Worship with Communion at Trinity, 6:30 pm; Bible Class at 7:30 pm
NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Installation of Officers at St. John's, 8:00 .m.
Quarterly Voters' Meeting at St. John's, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service with Installation of Officers and Holy Communion at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Cross Church Council Meeting after worship service
CCRM Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eileen Brandes, Ethelene Jagels, Alice Borchers, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Ronnie Schnakenberg, (on Hospice, nephew of Florine Hobein), 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.

UPDATES are needed for the 2019 Church Directory. Submit any mailing address, email address, or phone number changes to Karen Oelrichs by **TODAY**. 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. Thanks!

"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. THIS AFTERNOON, December 30th, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, MO. Please be sure to join us as we celebrate the Savior's birth through readings and songs!

WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR, our Worship Service and Sunday School and Bible Class times will be changing. Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, January 6th, 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.

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 colecamlutheran@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Our first voters' meeting of 2019 will be held at St. John's next Sunday, January 6th following our worship service.

THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL will meet next Sunday morning, January 6th following the worship service at Holy Cross. The Holy Cross Quarterly Voters' Assembly will be held on Sunday, January 13th, following the worship service.

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.

OUR SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED on YouTube on our Holy Cross website (the address is printed on the front of the bulletin). When you go to the website, on the list to the left of the picture of the church, hover over or click on "gallery", then click on "videos". You may click on the date of the service that you would like to view. A special thank-you to our videographers, Marvin Dieckman and Art Heimsoth for making this valuable service available to us!

THE WEBSITE FOR THE COLE CAMP REGIONAL MINISTRY CHURCHES can be found at <http://colecampregionalministry.org> and it contains the calendars for the four churches. There also are links to find the four church websites and the LSA School from the Regional Ministry site. Check out the website and let the webmaster know of any suggestions you may have to make it better. The webmaster can be contacted at webmaster@colecampregionalministry.org.

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

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Hymn of Invocation: 379

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Old Testament Cantic Hymn 368

"Angels We have Heard on High"

The Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-6—God's Covenant
with David
Galatians 4:1-7—God sent forth
His Son
Luke 2:22-40—Simeon and Anna

The Introit

(Printed on the back of the bulletin)

Hymn of the Day: 372

"O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is"

Sermon

Text: Matthew 2;
Title: "Jesus Made Known"

The Collect of the Day

☩ O God, our Maker and Redeemer,
You wonderfully created us and in the
incarnation of Your Son yet more
wondrously restored our human
nature. Grant that we may ever be
alive in Him who made Himself to be
like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☩ Amen.

New Testament Cantic Hymn 386

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

Closing Hymn: 367

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"