

- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**
- P** Prepare the way of the Lord.
C **Make His paths straight.**
- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **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.**

Old Testament Canticale

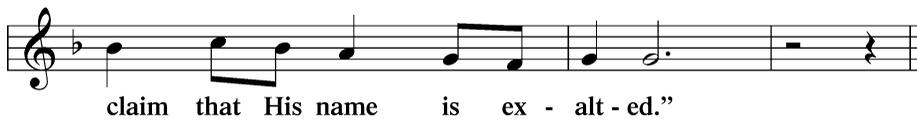
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Refrain

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



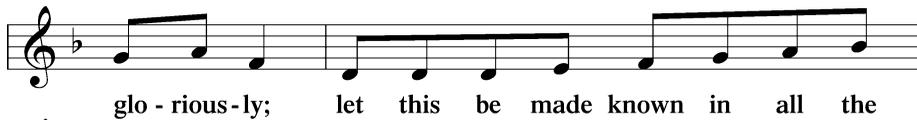
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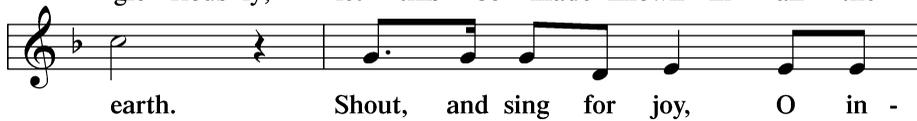
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Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



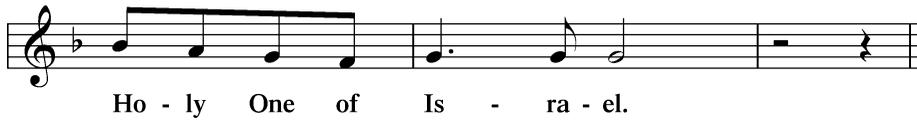
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Neath Vine and Fig Tree" Holy Cross Choir

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Ten Commandments

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C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The

third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

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- 1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,

The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Sermon

Romans 13:11

Prayer

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]. . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

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C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Cantic

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“The Advent of Our King”

331:1-4

1 The advent of our King
 Our prayers must now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing
 In strains of holy joy.

- 2 The everlasting Son
 Incarnate deigns to be,
 Himself a servant's form puts on
 To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
 To meet your lowly King,
 Nor let your faithless heart despise
 The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
 He soon will come again
 And His true members all unite
 With Him in heav'n to reign.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

November 28 – December 4, 2022

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| MONDAY | | FRIDAY | |
| AA | 7:00pm | Bulletin Assembly | 10:00am |
| TUESDAY | | SATURDAY | |
| TOPS | 8:30am & 6:00pm | Mae Ristau Memorial | 11:00am |
| WEDNESDAY | | New Hope Ministry Meeting | 10:00am |
| Advent Midweek Worship | 7:00pm | Communion Worship | 5:30pm |
| THURSDAY | | SUNDAY | |
| Prayer Group | 3:00pm | Adult Bible Class & Sunday School | 9:00am |
| Bells | 6:30pm | Communion Worship | 10:00am |
| Choir | 7:30pm | Church decorating | after worship |

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

ABOUT THE COVER **Behold** (Christ Incarnate was able to be seen with human eyes and will be seen again, God in the flesh!), **your King** (Jesus is King of kings, who reigns over all, and at the same time is our king!) **is coming** (Jesus came on Christmas, He came into His Holy City to die and rise, and He will come again!) **to you** (He has done it all for you for your forgiveness and eternal life!)

VOTERS' MEETING The date of our annual voters' meeting Sunday, December 11 after the worship service. On the agenda is the election of the 2023 Church Council Officers and the approval of the 2023 Budget. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

BEHOLD! CHRIST IS OUR PEACE

This year's Advent Midweek services are based on the theme "Behold." This word is everywhere in the Scriptures, calling on us to straighten up our heads and pay attention. We lift up the eyes of faith at the beginning of a new Church Year, remembering Christ's first advent among us and looking forward to His advent at the end of the world. Let us delight in His Word and "behold wondrous things out of your law" (Psalm 119:18).

Peace is found in the one sent by God to be the Savior. His name is Jesus, and He is God's own Son in human flesh. His death and resurrection paid for all sin and earned eternal life for all who believe in Him. Jesus forgives the sins of all who believe in Him.

Jesus' love gives peace to all who trust in Him. Christmas is the time of peace and joy, of singing and laughing all because of Jesus. This is the Good News of the Gospel and the true meaning of Christmas.

Advent Midweek services are Wednesdays at 7:00 pm: November 30—Jeremiah 33:14-16, December 7—Malachi 3:1-7b, December 14—Zephaniah 3:14-20. Quite communion following the worship service.

Join us as we learn of the true meaning of Christmas.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD) Thanks to everyone who helped in some way to complete the total of 600 sandwiches done this year! If you are interested in helping with any portion of this program, please contact Roberta Hanka (586-457-8135).

TELLERS NEEDED We are in need of additional tellers to count offering on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe at 248-320-6704. Thank you.

HOLY CROSS WOMAN OF THE YEAR Congratulations to **ROBERTA HANKA** our 2023 Woman of the Year. And thank you ALL for participating in this year's nominations and election process. The Council of Lutheran Women's 2023 Luncheon is on Tuesday, March 21 at Burton Manor. Reservations will begin in January.

CHURCH DECORATING Change in date for decorating the church for Christmas. Many people have suggested we decorate

the church earlier than previously stated. So, we'd like to decorate following the 10am service on Sunday December 4th. Let's all come and make our church look nice for this Christmas season.

MOTOWN SOUP Sunday School and Ladies Guild will be selling Motown Soup! Payment is made by cash or check when you place your order. **Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.** The Last Order Deadline is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11. Visit our Motown Soup Display Table or call Linda 586-337-2573; Roberta 586-486-5645 or Laurel at 248-331-5945. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS We would like to encourage members once again to buy flowers for the altar. The cost is \$20.00 for each bouquet, you can buy 1 or both. When you purchase a bouquet you can take it home after the Sunday service. There is a signup sheet in the narthex so you can pick the week you would like to buy flowers.

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