

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 4, 2022**  
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**Prelude**      The Great 'O' Antiphons of Advent      Holy Cross Choir  
3. O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)    4. O Clavis David (Key of David)

**Opening Hymn**      "The Advent of Our King"      LSB 331

- 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.
  
- 5      Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.
  
- D6     All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

## **CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

## Introit

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.

C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.  
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.



## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>And 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, <sup>4</sup>but 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. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The 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. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They 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. <sup>10</sup>In 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For 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, <sup>9</sup>and 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." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia

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

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

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

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

<sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For 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.’<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But 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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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. <sup>11</sup>“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. <sup>12</sup>His 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.



### Nicene Creed

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**      “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”      LSB 344

- 1    On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2    Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3    We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.
- 4    Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.
- D5   All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

**Sermon****"The Kingdom is at Hand"**

Matthew 3:1-12

**Offertory**

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The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first line starting with a C. The lyrics are:

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Prayer of the Church**

P Heavenly Father, You stir the hearts of Your faithful to prepare us for the advent of Your Son. We implore You, feed us continually with Your Word and Sacraments as we look for His return. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, by the ministry of Your Holy Church prepare the way for Your Son's return in glory. Send forth faithful pastors to proclaim Your Law and Gospel, and grant hearers ears to listen and hearts to receive their words in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You preserved Jesse's faithful line by the incarnation of Your Son. Give families and individuals strength to faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, that we may be trained up in

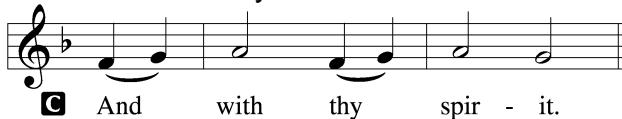
- Your fear, love and trust. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- Lord God, Your Son rules over creation with justice and righteousness.  
Endow those in authority with the desire and ability to protect the innocent,  
punish the wicked and work for the common welfare. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- Compassionate Lord, as we await the day when the wolf will dwell  
alongside the lamb and pain and destruction are no more, grant us  
patience, comfort and healing, according to Your will. Hear our prayers for  
all the sick, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] and give wisdom and skill to all  
medical professionals who care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and make ready the way of Your only begotten  
Son, who comes to us this day in His true body and precious blood for the  
forgiveness of our sins. May all who feast upon Him do so in repentance  
and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- Heavenly Father, grant that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope  
through every trouble and trial of this mortal 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

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The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

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P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.



**Agnus Dei**

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**Communion Hymn**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

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- 1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.

- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.
- ▲8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

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### Nunc Dimittis

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The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and common time. It features a melody primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and common time. It provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords. The lyrics are written below the notes, alternating between English and Latin text.

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
  
 C and His mercy endureth for - ev - - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for "The Lord be with you." in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of four measures. The first measure has a quarter note followed by three eighth notes. The second measure has two eighth notes followed by a quarter note. The third measure has a quarter note followed by a eighth note connected by a curved line. The fourth measure has a quarter note. Below the music, the text "C And with thy spir - it." is written in a square-shaped font.

### Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for "Bless we the Lord." in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of four measures. The first measure has a quarter note followed by three eighth notes. The second measure has two eighth notes followed by a quarter note. The third measure has a quarter note followed by a eighth note connected by a curved line. The fourth measure has a quarter note. Below the music, the text "C Thanks be to God." is written in a square-shaped font.

### Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Musical notation for the Benediction in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of four measures. The first measure has a quarter note followed by three eighth notes. The second measure has two eighth notes followed by a quarter note. The third measure has a quarter note followed by a eighth note connected by a curved line. The fourth measure has a quarter note. Below the music, the text "C A-men, a-men, a - men." is written in a square-shaped font.

### Closing Hymn

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

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1 The King shall come when morning dawns

And light triumphant breaks,

When beauty gilds the eastern hills

And life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child,

To bear and fight and die,

But crowned with glory like the sun

That lights the morning sky.

- 3     Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
        When Christ, victorious, rose  
        And left the lonesome place of death  
        Despite the rage of foes.
  
- 4     Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
        Shall dawn upon our race  
        The day when Christ in splendor comes  
        And we shall see His face.
  
- 5     The King shall come when morning dawns  
        And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
    Come quickly, King of kings!

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# THE SUNDAY HERALD

## December 5 - 11, 2022

| MONDAY                 |                 | FRIDAY                               |                |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| OFFICE HOURS           | 9:00AM-3:00PM   | Bulletin Assembly                    | 10:00am        |
| AA                     | 7:00pm          | SATURDAY                             |                |
| TUESDAY                |                 | Men's Breakfast & Bible Study        | 8:00am         |
| OFFICE HOURS           | 9:00AM-3:00PM   | Women's Bible Study                  | 9:15am         |
| Ladies Guild           | 1:00pm          | <b>Worship</b>                       | <b>5:30pm</b>  |
| Elders                 | 7:00pm          | SUNDAY                               |                |
| TOPS                   | 8:30am & 6:00pm | Adult Bible Class &<br>Sunday School | 9:00am         |
| WEDNESDAY              |                 | <b>Worship</b>                       | <b>10:00am</b> |
| Advent Midweek Worship | 7:00pm          | Voters' Assembly                     | after worship  |
| THURSDAY               |                 |                                      |                |
| Prayer Group           | 3:00pm          |                                      |                |
| Bells                  | 6:30pm          |                                      |                |
| Choir                  | 7:30pm          |                                      |                |

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Epistle: James 5:7-11

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

### ABOUT THE COVER

Earlier in Isaiah, God's people were compared to a great tree that had been felled, leaving only the stump. However, just as large roots draw their sustenance and nutrients from the earth, this stump of Jesse was rooted in the promises of God's Word. Christ is that promise that grew forth from these roots in order to bear the fruit of salvation, making the cross into a life-giving tree.

### 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, the approval of the 2023 Budget and the disposition of the bus. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

### FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

Interested in helping in some way with the lunch bag project in 2023? Would you like to purchase the chips, or the water, or how about the cookies for the 50 lunch bags we provide FOG? We will notify you of our 2023 dates in January - if a particular date works for you please contact Roberta Hanka (586-457-8135). It takes all of us working together to make this work - Thank YOU!!

## **BEHOLD! CHIRST 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: December 7— Malachi 3:1-7b, December 14—Zephaniah 3:14-20. Quiet communion following the worship service. Join us as we learn of the true meaning of Christmas.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

The Eisinger's are inviting Holy Cross members to an open house on New Year's Day from 2-6. Stop by for some homemade eggnog and a variety of apps. The address is 43681 Perignon in Sterling Heights.

## **THANK YOU!!**

We would like to thank our Holy Cross family for their cards, calls, thoughts and prayers over the last couple of weeks when my Mom passed. It has meant so much to our family during a rather difficult time. -Philip Green and Family