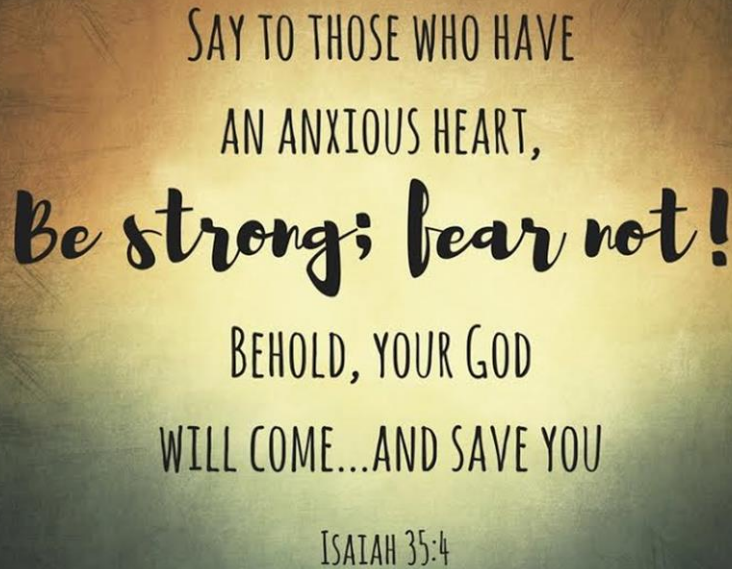


# +THE SERVICE OF VESPERS+

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THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT + 14 DECEMBER 2022



SAY TO THOSE WHO HAVE  
AN ANXIOUS HEART,  
**Be strong; bear not!**  
BEHOLD, YOUR GOD  
WILL COME...AND SAVE YOU  
ISAIAH 35:4

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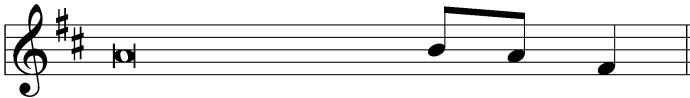
## ***Savior of the Nations, Come***

Stanza 5 tells us that Jesus was sent from the Father and will return to “His throne and crown.”

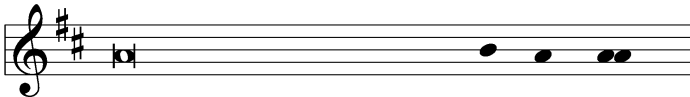
Stanza 6 speaks of Christ’s victory over our fallen flesh, death, hell, and the devil, thus earning salvation for us.

*Stand*

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

## Psalmody

**Revive Us Again**

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable | to your land;\*  
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>**You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\*  
you covered | all their sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>You withdrew | all your wrath;\*  
you turned from your hot | anger.
- <sup>4</sup>**Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,\*  
and put away your indignation | toward us!**
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us for- | ever?\*  
Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
- <sup>6</sup>**Will you not revive | us again,\*  
that your people may re- | joice in you?**
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to | folly.**
- <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>**Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet,\*  
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.**
- <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
- <sup>12</sup>**Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\*  
and our land will yield its | increase.**
- <sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.

*Sit*

## Office Hymn

## 355 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice  
2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.  
3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;  
4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;  
5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.  
Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.  
To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.  
Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

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## Readings

### Reading

*Isaiah 35*

- <sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;  
<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.  
<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Responsory (Advent)



- L** 1 Behold, the days  
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise  
up for David a right-teous Branch.
- 2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will  
dwell se - cure - ly.
- 3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

*Refrain*

This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Right-teous-ness.

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn**

**332 Savior of the Nations, Come**

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,

That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76; (sts. 3, 6): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 4–5, 8): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (st. 7): tr. Gifford A. Grobrien, 1973

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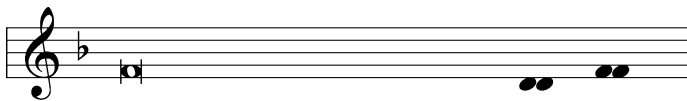
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**Sermon**

*Pastor Edward Killian*

# Canticle

*Stand*



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## Magnificat

*933 My Soul Rejoices*



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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**Offering** *Collected after service in the back of the church.*

## Prayer

### Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



## 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.

## Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Collect for Peace

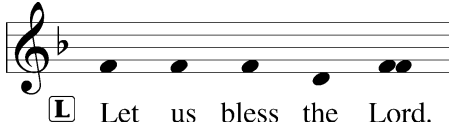
**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Stand*

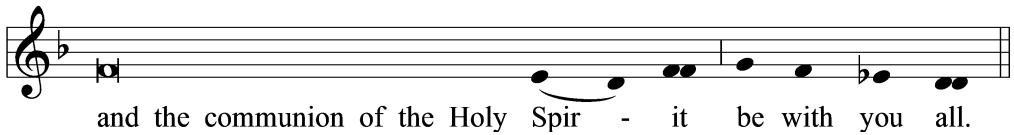
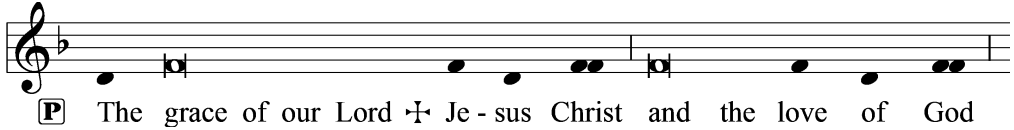
### Benedicamus

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### Benediction

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## Hymn to Depart

## 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:  
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”  
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,  
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
And ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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## Savior of the Nations, Come

Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

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### **Upcoming Advent Services**

Advent IV Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm

*Advent Suppers will begin at 6pm each Wednesday before service.*

### **Christmas Services**

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm

Service of Lessons and Carols beginning with  
a Christmas Organ Recital @ 3:30pm



Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Divine Service @ 10am

### **Poinsettias!**

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia to help decorate the church for Christmas, place your order with Moira by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Each Poinsettia is \$10.

