Bob Preuss and Amy Oslund, Pastors 1945 Prosperity Road

Leah Bergman, Director of Music Maplewood, MN 55109

Dan Woolley, Organist 651-777-1329

www.crosslutheranchurch.org [cross@pro-ns.net](mailto:cross@pro-ns.net)

***Cross Lutheran Church***

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 31, 2014**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Four**

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children’s Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

***Bold Print*** *– indicates congregation responds as a whole*

***\**** *– indicates congregation should stand as able*

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**  p. 94 (red tab)

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW # 834

**\*GREETING** p. 147 (yellow tab)

**\*KYRIE** p. 147

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast* p. 149

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

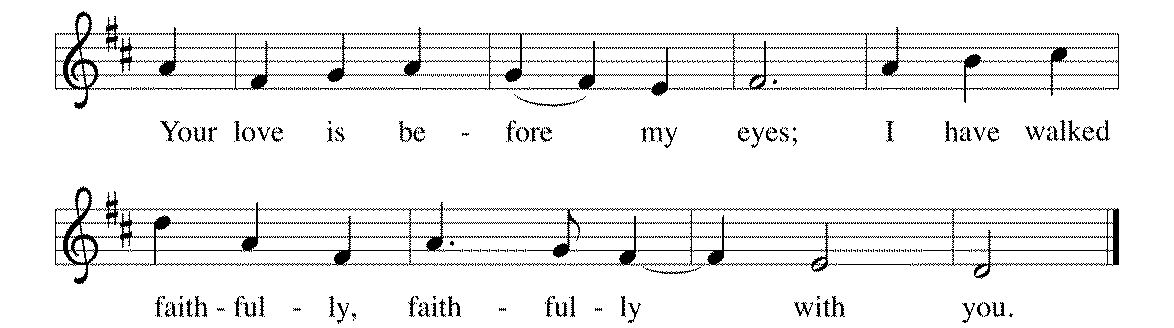
**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

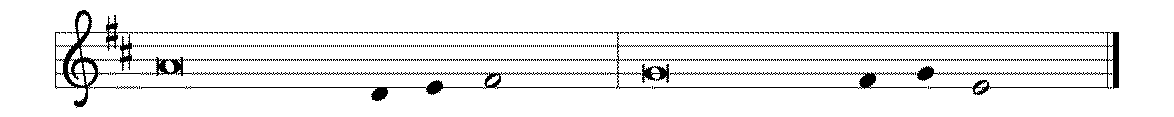
**FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 15:15-21 O.T. p. 717

**PSALM 26:1-8**

*Cantor sings refrain (****R****). The congregation then repeats the refrain.*

*Congregation responds with the* ***bold verses.***



****

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

2**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**

**examine my heart | and my mind.**

3For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

4**I have not sat | with the worthless,**

**nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R**

5I have hated the company of | evildoers;

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

6**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**

**that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

7singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

8**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**

**and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R**

**SECOND LESSON** Romans 12:9-21N.T. p. 162

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia*p. 151

\*(P) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-28 N.T. p. 18

**\*(C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*(P) The Gospel of our Lord.

**\*(C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* ELW # 722

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** p. 127 (blue tab)

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow*ELW # 884

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** p. 154

**DISTRIBUTION**

**To make the distribution of the Lord’s Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.**

**LAMB OF GOD**  p. 154

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW # 503 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ELW # 338

*Jesus Loves Me!* ELW # 595

*When Peace like a River* ELW # 785

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN***God Bless Our Native Land* ELW # 891

\***DISMISSAL** p. 155

**\*POSTLUDE**

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord’s Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that “in, with, and under” the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshipers unable to commune at the front of the church****…Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew*.

###### **THIS WEEK AT CROSS**

Sunday, August 31 9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service at The Homestead

3:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb

Monday, September 1 *LABOR DAY – Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, September 2 7:30pm Roca de Horeb

Wednesday, September 3 6:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, September 4 6:00pm United Sisters Dinner and Meeting

6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen

Friday, September 5 6:00pm – 10:00pm Roca de Horeb

Saturday, September 6 6:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb

9:30am –12:30pm 7th Day Adventist

5:30pm –8:30pm Roca de Horeb

Sunday, September 7 9:00am Worship Service

10:30am TOWN HALL MEETING

12:00pm Board of Church Properties Meeting

3:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb

**Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer**. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don’t pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.

Table Prayer

Lord, Bless this food and may it nourish our bodies. Bless the hands that prepared it. Bless this time we have together with family and friends. All this we ask in your name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Description: MCj03075560000[1]*Description: j0199727*

*Stewardship Verse*

*Luke 12:48b*

*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.*

Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren’t taking your bulletin home,   
please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!