

Cross Lutheran Church



 We Gather Together

 to Ask the Lord’s Blessing

Thanksgiving Day Service

November 27, 2014 – 10:00am

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

 \* – please stand as able

**PRELUDE** *Song of Gratitude* Eugene Thayer

\*OPENING HYMN Now Thank We All Our God ELW # 840

\*INVOCATION

 P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 C. Amen

 P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

 C. Who made Heaven and Earth

\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

 P. I confess to God Almighty, in the communion of saints of heaven and earth, and to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed; through my fault, my own fault, my own great fault; wherefore I ask you, my brothers and sisters, in the communion of the saints of heaven and of earth, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

 C. May the Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

 P. Amen.

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 P. May the Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

 **C. Amen.**

**\*INVITATORY**

 P. O come let us worship the Lord.

 **C. For He is our maker.**

 **C. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; and make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms. For the Lord is a great God: and a king above all gods. In His hands are the deep places of the Earth, the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

*(Congregation may now be seated)*

**THANKSGIVING HYMNS** *(Please remain seated)*

 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ELW # 886

 *My Country, ‘Tis of Thee* (see page 6)

 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* ELW # 681

 *Let All Things Now Living*  ELW # 881

**LESSONS** Philippians 2:1-13 N.T. p. 197

 Matthew 5:14-16 N.T. p. 4

**THE SERMON**

**\*HYMN** *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW # 679

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

 P. Show us your mercy, O Lord.

 **C. And grant us your salvation.**

 P. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world.

 **C. For only in you can we live in safety.**

 P. Lord, keep this nation under your care.

 **C. And guide us in the way of righteousness and**

 **truth.**

 P. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.

 **C. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

 P. Create in us clean hearts, O God.

 **C. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

 P. O gracious Father,

 **C. When you open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Bless the land and the waters and give the world a plentiful harvest; Let your spirit go forth to renew the face of the Earth. As you show us your love and kindness in the bounty of the land and sea, save us from selfish use of your gifts, so that people everywhere may give you thanks; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *America the Beautiful* (see page 7)

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude* Charles Collin

PREACHER: Pastor Robert Preuss

LITURGIST: Pastor Amy Oslund

LAY MINISTER: Jamie Gudknecht

ACOLYTE: Rose Border

USHERS: Jim Border – Captain, Diana Border,
Allen Stack, Duane Gudknecht

GREETERS: Coreen Johnson

MUSICIANS: Dan Woolley

***![so02851_[1]]() Happy Thanksgiving!***

**Mid-week Advent Services begin Wednesday December 3rd at 6:45**

**My Country, ‘Tis of Thee**

**“America the Beautiful”**

O beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet

Whose stern impassion’d stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat

Across the wilderness.

America! America!

God mend thine ev’ry flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control,

Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes prov’d

In liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved,

And mercy more than life.

America! America!

May God thy gold refine

Till all success be nobleness,

And ev’ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream

That sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam

Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!

God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

Christmas Decorating

TOMORROW at 9:00am

Come and help us decorate the church for the Christmas season. We will have hot chocolate and treats! Please come and help!

Rehearsals for our Christmas pageant begin during Education on Sunday 11/30 and 12/7. Please make sure your children are here if they can be a part of our Christmas Program. ALL children Preschool – 12th grade are welcome to participate!

**Christmas Youth Event**

**Sunday December 7th 6:00 – 9:00pm – Meet at Church**

**We will go to The Shores of Lake Phalen and sing Christmas carols with the residents. Then we’ll go shopping for others, wrap presents, and have snacks together. All 6th–12th Graders & FRIENDS!**

*A Time for Giving*

*On November 30th the lists of families and their needs will be posted in the Narthex for members to sign up to purchase Christmas gifts. We will be helping families from John Glenn Middle School. Gifts should be wrapped and returned by December 21. Thank you for your overwhelming response to this outreach!*

The Altar Guild will be accepting orders for Christmas plants Nov.30th – Dec. 14th. There are several plants available – Poinsettias, Azaleas, Cyclamen, and White Mums from $9.00-$21.00. These plants will be used to decorate the altar for our Christmas services. Order envelopes are in the basket on the shelf in the narthex. Please indicate the type, color and size of plant and enclose your check made out to: Cross Lutheran Altar Guild.

**Sunday School Christmas Program**

**December 14, 2014**

**Everyone is invited to join us on this very special day when the children share the Christmas message with us. We worship at 9:00am and then we will have a brunch served by the United Sisters immediately following the service. About 11:15 the children will present the Christmas Program. Please join us for this special day!**

We can use lots help getting ready for the Brunch on Saturday December 13. Everyone interested in helping please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

**The Board of Stewardship has set December 7th as our 53rd Offering Sunday. we look at it as our chance to “catch up” on pledged income shortfalls for the year. We ask you to please consider adding your weekly pledged amount to the envelope and returning it in the offering plate.**

**REMINDER:** All contributions for 2014 must be postmarked or received in the church office by December 31 to be included in your 2014 giving.