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***Cross Lutheran Church***

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 22, 2015**

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

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*

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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Seed That in Earth Is Dying* ELW # 330

**\*GREETING** p. 138

**\*KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE** *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved* ELW # 602

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 31:31-34 O.T. p. 151

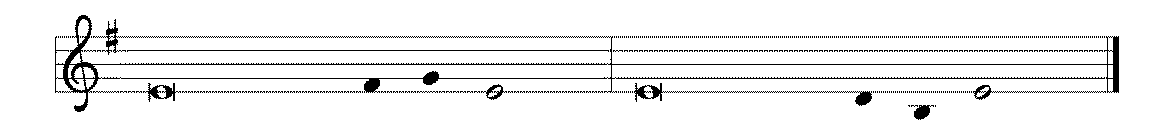
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**PSALM 119:9-16 – Is sung a capella and responsively**

*Cantor sings the verses not in bold (Odd numbered verses.)*

*Congregation sings the* ***bold verses (Even numbered verses.)***

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9How shall the young keep | their way clean?

By keeping | to your word.

10**With my whole | heart I seek you;**

**let me not stray from | your commandments.**

11I treasure your promise | in my heart,

that I may not | sin against you.

12**Blessed are | you, O LORD;**

**instruct me | in your statutes.**

13With my lips | I recite

all the judgments | of your mouth.

14**I take greater delight in the way of | your decrees**

**than in all man- | ner of riches.**

15I will meditate on | your commandments

and give attention | to your ways.

16**My delight is | in your statutes;**

**I will not for- | get your word.**

**SECOND LESSON** Ephesians 2:1-10 N.T. p. 192

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Return to the Lord*p. 142

\*(P) The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21 N.T. p. 94

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

\*(P) The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Borning Cry* ELW # 732

**\*SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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

**\*WORD OF WELCOME**

**Alejandra, Antulio and Adriana, we welcome you to the Lord’s family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Let the Vineyards* ELW # 184

**\*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. 145

**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. 146

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW # 324

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* ELW # 623

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling ELW # 608

*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* ELW # 777

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION** p. 146

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* ELW # 763

**\*DISMISSAL** p. 146

**In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during this season.**

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**

**Today**, March 22 **9:30am** **Worship Service**

**10:45am Sunday School, TEEN/High School**

**11:00am Adult Education Class**

3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Monday, March 23 6:30pm Parish Planning Council (PPC) Meeting

Tuesday, March 24 6:30pm New Member Milestone Class

7:30pm Roca de Horeb

Wednesday, March 25 5:45pm Soup Supper

6:45pm Mid-week Lenten Worship Service

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26 6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen

7:00pm – 8:30pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group

Friday, March 27 6:00pm – 10:00pm Roca de Horeb

Saturday, March 28 6:00am Roca de Horeb

9:30am 7th Day Adventists

5:30pm –8:30pm Roca de Horeb

Sunday, March 29 **9:30am** **Worship Service – Passion/Palm Sunday**

**10:45am Sunday School, TEEN/High School**

**11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead**

3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

5:00pm 7th Day Adventists

**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

God of all good gifts, bless this food, which fills up our empty stomachs. Bless our table talk which brings us closer to one another. Bless the events of the day – good, bad, happy or sad. Bless this together time, which helps us grow in love. Amen.

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*Mark 12:43-44*

*Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put it more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”*

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!