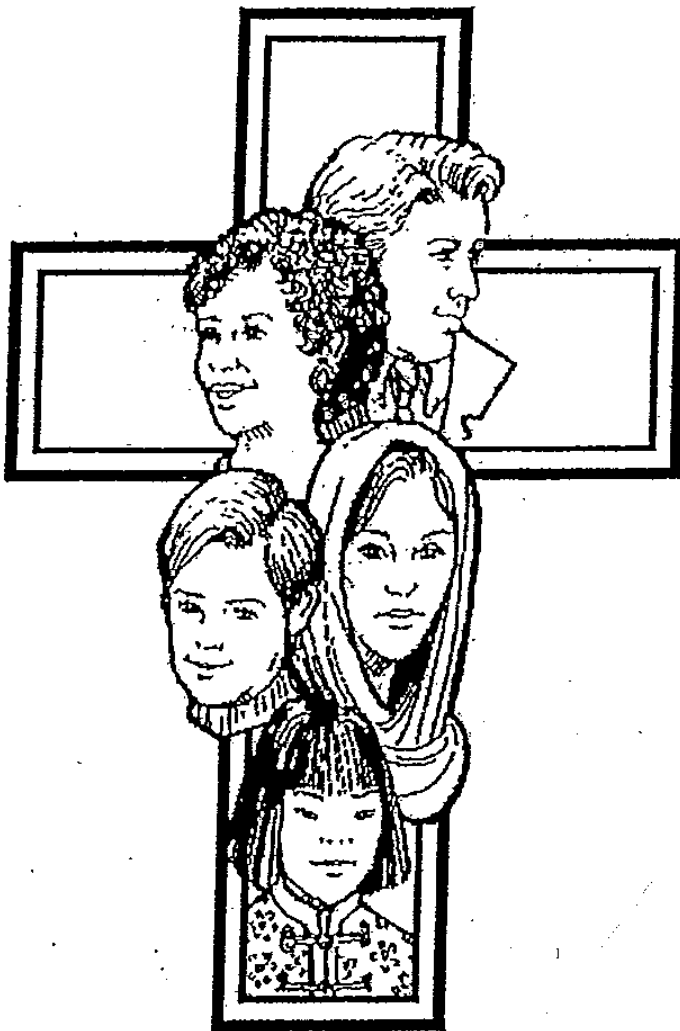


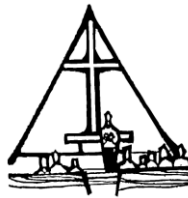
REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2015



*“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free.” John 8:31*

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REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

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

*The Church's One Foundation
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Samuel S. Wesley
John Zundel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***OPENING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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***HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the Feast

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all our enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

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PSALM – Psalm 46

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SECOND LESSON Romans 3:19-28

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*(P) The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36

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

*(P) The Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

ELW # 767

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

LAY MINISTER: The following persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Amelia Ruby Haagensen

Lily Belle Pfefferle

Paige Ann Stepnick

PASTOR: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God’s people, you have learned from his Word God’s loving purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

CANDIDATES: I do.

PASTOR: Let us confess the faith of the church into which we have been baptized.

***ALL:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTOR: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,
To hear his Word and share in his supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The candidates will answer:

"Yes, by the help of God."

PASTOR: Let us pray...Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

***ALL:** **AMEN.**

PASTOR: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS Roxy Horrisberger

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING *O Sing to the Lord a New Song* William H. Bates

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings 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**

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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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
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***CLOSING HYMN**

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POSTLUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

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.

Worshippers 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.

PREACHER: Pastor Robert Preuss
CELEBRANT: Pastor Amy Oslund
LAY MINISTERS: #1 Jim Border #2 Allison Hawley March
ANOINTING MINISTER: Sherry Batterman
ACOLYTE: Tyler Pomorin
YOUTH READER: Nora Oslund
USHERS: Jim Border – Captain, Diana Border, Allen Stack, Duane Gudknecht
GREETERS: Dorothy and Harry Linroth
MUSICIANS: Leah Bergman; Chelsey Christ; Hearts, Hands and Voices Choir
NURSERY: LuAnn Lund
COFFEE SERVERS: Myrna and Dick Schultz; Roxy Horrisberger

Today is Confirmation Sunday, a day for us to celebrate with Amelia Haagensen, Lily Pfefferle and Paige Stepnick along with their families – the Rite of Confirmation. On this day, their public confession of faith serves as a reaffirmation of their baptism into Christ and they become voting members of Cross Lutheran Church. Please join us after today's service to share in the celebration with our Confirmands as the guests of honor.

There are no Education classes today to allow our Confirmands and their families the opportunity to celebrate this Milestone in the lives of their daughters. November 1st and 8th, counselors Stephen Hjemboe and Cindy Walsh will be with us to talk about healthy relationships and commitment.

Wreath Sales continue through November 15th. Please help support our YOUTH for their 2016 Servant Summer Trip. Wreaths available are Balsam and Frasier for \$20. The Balsam is very fragrant and the Frasier are long lasting. Please see the Youth at the table to place your order before or after the service. Payment with your order is preferred. The wreaths come from a tree farm in Wisconsin so they are quite fresh and they will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving.

United Sisters Dinner and Meeting
November 5 at 6:00pm

We meet to review the Craft and Bake Sale and to plan for the Christmas Brunch. ALL confirmed women of the church are members of the United Sisters. Please come to enjoy the fellowship of our meal and to help plan for our church's activities. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen if you would like to provide a portion of our meal. Thanks!

The Coffee Hour on November 8th has been dedicated to help defray the cost of the meal served by several of our members each month at the Ramsey County Family Service Center. Monies that had been counted on from Thrivent Financial have been reduced for the coming year. Your **GENEROUS SUPPORT** will make it possible that this service will continue. Please prayerfully consider any support you can provide for this outreach ministry.

*JOHN GLENN Middle School is in need of **BUTTONS**, any kind of extra buttons you may have lying around. Just place them in the "Button Jar" on the table in the narthex. They also need cotton fabric (any amount and color) as well as straight pins to be used in the Family and Consumer Science Class (FACS). Also, don't forget those **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELL PRODUCTS LABELS**. If you can help count these – sign up on the reverse side of this sheet! Students will also need **FOLDERS AND NOTEBOOKS**. A box is provided for these also. Thanks for your donations!*

The Board of Stewardship was set **NOVEMBER 29th** for **PLEDGE SUNDAY**. You will be receiving a letter and pledge card in the mail. We ask that you prayerfully consider providing a commitment for 2016 to our ministry and partnership. Please bring the pledge card with you on November 29th. If you can't attend the service that day, we ask that you make sure the card is turned into the office. Thank you.

It's not too soon to plan for Thanksgiving November 26th! All Kindergarten – 6th graders are asked to help with our Thanksgiving procession. During the service you will carry items we are thankful for to the altar while the congregation sings hymns. If you are interested, please let Pastor Bob know or sign up on the yellow sheet in today's bulletin. We rehearse for this on Wednesday November 25th at 5:30pm. Our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service is at 10:00am.

REMEMBER

Turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday October 31st. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 1st.



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!



THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Today, October 25	9:30am Reformation and Confirmation Worship Service 10:45am Coffee Hour in honor of our Confirmands 3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb 5:00pm 7 th Day Adventist
Monday, October 26	6:30pm Parish Planning Council (PPC) Meeting 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventist
Tuesday, October 27	6:30pm 5 th Grade First Communion Milestone 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventist 7:30pm Roca de Horeb
Wednesday, October 28	6:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 29	3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View 6:30pm 3 rd Grade Bible Milestone 6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventist
Friday, October 30	6:00pm – 10:00pm Roca de Horeb 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventist
Saturday, October 31	6:00am Roca de Horeb 9:30am 7 th Day Adventists 5:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb <i>TURN CLOCKS BACK – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</i>
Sunday, November 1	9:30am Worship Service All Saints Day 10:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Adult Education Class 12:00pm Board of Church Properties Meeting 3:30pm – 7:00pm 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:

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
John 15:16-17



“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”