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Cross Lutheran Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2015

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

Emmanuel Shall Come What Child Is This? Dennis Eliot arr. by Ed Kerr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW # 257 **Vs. 1 and 2, solo; congregation join on refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!**

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*OPENING HYMN Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn ELW # 242

*GREETING p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

*HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God p. 99

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM – Luke 1:68-79

Cantor sings refrain (**R**). The congregation then repeats the refrain. Congregation responds with the **bold verses**.





Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,

you have come to your people and | set them free.

⁶⁹You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,

born of the house of your | servant David. R

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies, | ⁷¹from the hands of | all who hate us,

⁷²to show mercy to our forebears,

and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our ¹ father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our ¹ enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. R

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ¹ the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to pre- ¹ pare the way,

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- ow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R

SECOND LESSON Philippians 1:3-11

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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*GOSPEL

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

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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

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

ELW # 249

*APOSTLES' CREED

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERING

Keep Your Lamps!

Andre Thomas

ELW # 885

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

*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 p. 112

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You ELW # 241

(Sung to All Glory, Laud and Honor)

Savior of the Nations, Come ELW # 263 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW # 272

What Child Is This ELW # 296

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION p. 114

*CLOSING HYMN Wake, Awake For Night is Flying See insert

*DISMISSAL p. 115

POSTLUDE Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying Philipp Nicolai

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, December 6	9:30am Worship Service – Second Sunday of Advent 10:45am Sunday School Classes, Teen/High School Class 11:00am Adult Education Class 12:00pm Board of Church Properties Meeting 3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
Monday, December 7	7:00pm Board of Lay Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, December 8	7:30pm Roca de Horeb
Wednesday, December 9	6:45pm Midweek Advent Vespers Service 7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 10	10:30am Bible Study at The Shores of Lake Phalen 3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View 5:30pm Serve at the Family Service Center 6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen 7:30pm 7 th Day Adventist Prayer Group
Friday, December 11	6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
Saturday, December 12	6:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb 9:30am – 12:30pm 7 th Day Adventists 5:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
Sunday, December 13	9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School Classes, Teen/High School Class 11:00am Worship at The Homestead of Maplewood 12:00pm Youth Christmas Event 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:

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there. Amen.

Stewardship Verse II Corinthians 8:9







For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.



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!

