

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2015 10:00 AM



*“Look, the virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son,  
and they shall name him  
Emmanuel”  
which means, “God is with us.”  
Matthew 1:23*

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## CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

*Away In a Manger  
Angels We Have Heard on High*

James R. Murray  
arranged by Cindy Berry

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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### \*OPENING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

ELW # 267

### \*GREETING

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### \*KYRIE

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### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

ELW # 289

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON Isaiah 62:6-12

O.T. p. 693

### SECOND LESSON Titus 3:4-7

N.T. p. 215

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

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### \*GOSPEL

\* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:1-20

N.T. p. 58

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

\* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

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

### \*CAROL

*Your Little Ones, Dear Lord*

ELW # 286

## THE SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *What Child Is This* ELW # 296

**\*NICENE CREED** p. 126 (blue tab)

## \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**OFFERING** *The Desert Shall Rejoice* Patterson/Grindal

**\*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.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 107

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION** p.108

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** p.112

### 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 Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW # 283

*Away in a Manger* ELW # 277

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW # 270

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* ELW # 290

**POSTLUDE** *The Joy of Christmas* Lani Smith

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**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 direction of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***For 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 25**.....10:00am Worship Service  
11:45am Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen  
12:00pm Coffee Room Reserved  
6:00pm Roca de Horeb

**Saturday, December 26** .....6:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb  
9:30am –12:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist  
3:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb

**Sunday, December 27** .....9:30am Worship Service  
12:00pm Coffee Room Reserved  
3:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb  
5:00pm Seventh Day Adventist

**Monday, December 28** .....10:00am – 1:00pm ***Church Office OPEN***

**Tuesday, December 29** .....10:00am – 1:00pm ***Church Office OPEN***  
7:30pm Roca de Horeb

**Wednesday, December 30**.....10:00am – 1:00pm ***Church Office OPEN***

**Thursday, December 31** .....10:00am – 1:00pm ***Church Office OPEN***  
7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists Prayer

**Friday, January 1** .....***Church Office CLOSED***  
6:00pm Roca de Horeb

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**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.

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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!

