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Cross Lutheran Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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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 Joy of Christmas* Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***OPENING HYMN** *Brightest and Best of the Stars* ELW # 303

***GREETING** p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *The First Noel* ELW # 300

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through 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 31:7-14 O.T. p. 734

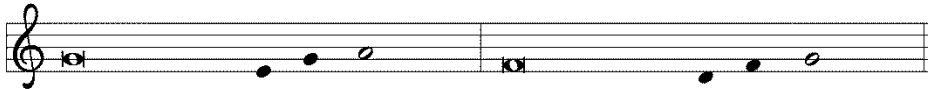
PSALM – Psalm 147:12-20

Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.

*Congregation responds with the **bold verses**.*



Wor - ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa - lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.



Worship the LORD, ¹ O Jerusalem;

praise your ¹ God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars ¹ of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹ dren within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace ¹ on your borders;
and satisfies you with the ¹ finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command ¹ to the earth,
a word that runs ¹ very swiftly. R**

¹⁶God gives ¹ snow like wool,
scattering ¹ frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters ¹ hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹ gainst God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹ word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹ waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the ¹ word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ ments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any ¹ other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. ¹ Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14

N.T. p. 192

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to John 1:10-18

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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**

What Child Is This

ELW # 296

***NICENE CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING

Love Came Down at Christmas

Benton Price

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

ELW # 885

***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

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Once in Royal David's City

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ELW # 286

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ELW # 272

ELW # 269

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW # 290

***DISMISSAL**

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POSTLUDE

The First Noel

arranged by Ed Kerr

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, January 3.....9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Board of Church Properties Meeting
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Monday, January 47:00pm Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, January 57:30pm Roca de Horeb

Wednesday, January 6.....6:30pm Confirmation Class
7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir

Thursday, January 73:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View
6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:30pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group

Friday, January 86:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb

Saturday, January 96:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb
9:30am – 12:30pm 7th Day Adventists
5:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Sunday, January 109:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Adult Education Class
12:00pm Parish Planning Council (PCC) 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:

Dear Father in Heaven, we thank you for this food. Bless it to our use and us to your service. In Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Ephesians 4:11-12



The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.



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!

