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Cross Lutheran Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 27, 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 *Oh, Come, Emmanuel* Wilbur Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***OPENING HYMN** *The Bells of Christmas* ELW # 298

***GREETING** p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* ELW # 275

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

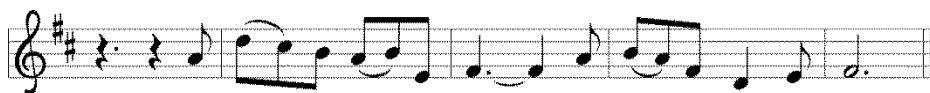
Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will, and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 O.T. p. 246

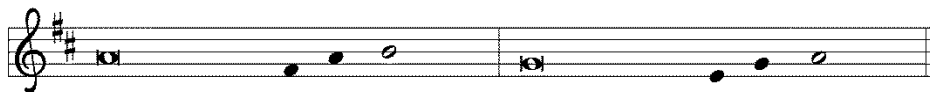
PSALM – Psalm 148

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

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



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.



Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

**²Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**⁴Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
**⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

**⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

**¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

**¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. R**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

**¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

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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**

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW # 294

***NICENE CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING

***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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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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***DISMISSAL**

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POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Wilbur Held

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.***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Today, December 279:30am Worship Service – Third Sunday of Advent
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Monday, December 2810:00am – 1:00pm *Church Office OPEN*

Tuesday, December 2910:00am – 1:00pm *Church Office OPEN*
7:30pm Roca de Horeb

Wednesday, December 3010:00am – 1:00pm *Church Office OPEN*

Thursday, December 3110:00am – 1:00pm *Church Office OPEN*
7:30pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group

Friday, January 16:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb

Saturday, January 2.....6:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb
9:30am – 12:30pm 7th Day Adventists
5:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Sunday, January 3.....9:30am Worship Service
10:30am 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:

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!

