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## *Cross Lutheran Church*

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### **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**February 28, 2016**

#### **Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Three**

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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** *Children of the Heavenly Father* James Pethel

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN** *There in God's Garden* ELW # 342

**\*GREETING** p. 138

**\*KYRIE/\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved* ELW # 602

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

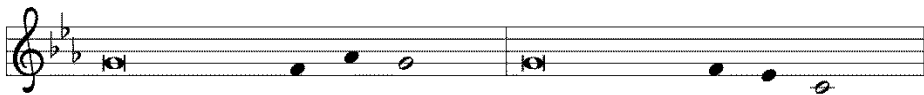
**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 55:1-9 O.T. p. 685

## PSALM – Psalm 63:1-8 – Is sung a capella and responsively

*Cantor sings the verses not in bold (Odd numbered verses.)*

*Congregation sings the **bold verses** (Even numbered verses.)*



O God, you are my God; eager-<sup>1</sup>ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there<sup>1</sup> is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your<sup>1</sup> holy place,  
that I might behold your power<sup>1</sup> and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than<sup>1</sup> life itself;  
my lips shall<sup>1</sup> give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long<sup>1</sup> as I live  
and lift up my hands<sup>1</sup> in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the rich-<sup>1</sup>est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with<sup>1</sup> joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you up-<sup>1</sup>on my bed,  
and meditate on you in<sup>1</sup> the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have<sup>1</sup> been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I<sup>1</sup> will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being<sup>1</sup> clings to you;  
your right hand<sup>1</sup> holds me fast.**

## SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 10:1-13

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### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Return to the Lord*

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### \*GOSPEL

\* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 13:1-9

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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

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

ELW # 588

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

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### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OFFERING** *Come and Go to That Land* arr. Leah Bergman

**\*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** p. 145

## **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.**

<b>LAMB OF GOD</b>	p. 146
<i>Seed That in Earth Is Dying</i>	ELW # 330
<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	ELW # 803
<i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i>	ELW # 337
<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	ELW # 781

## **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION** p. 146

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* ELW # 808

**\*DISMISSAL** p. 146

**In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during this season.**

**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**, February 28.....9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead of Maplewood  
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Tuesday, March 1 .....7:30pm Roca de Horeb

Wednesday, March 2.....5:45pm Soup Supper  
6:45pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service  
7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir

Thursday, March 3 .....3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View  
6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen  
7:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer Group

Friday, March 4 .....6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb

Saturday, March 5 .....6:00am – 4:00pm Roca de Horeb – Upper Classroom  
9:30am – 12:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists  
5:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb

Sunday, March 6 .....9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Adult Education Class “My Calling”  
3:30pm – 7:00pm 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:

Our health is given by this food; our food, dear Lord, comes by your grace.  
Our thanks we offer in return at every meal, in every place. Amen.

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Stewardship Verse  
Micah 6:6a, 8



*With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*



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!

