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Cross Lutheran Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2016

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Three

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 Eagle Suzanne Ciani

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*OPENING HYMN

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW # 777

*GREETING

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*KYRIE/*HYMN OF PRAISE

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

ELW # 602

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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 Joshua 5:9-12

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PSALM – Psalm 32 – **Is sung a capella and responsively**

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



Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven, and whose sin is | put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- ered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go; I will guide you | with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked;

but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice [|] in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are [|] true of heart.

SECOND LESSON II Corinthians 5:16-21

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord

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*GOSPEL

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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*(C) Glory to you, O Lord.

* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

*(C) Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*APOSTLES' CREED

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERING While I Keep Silence David Wright

*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.

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For the Breaa which You Have Broken	ELW # 494
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling	ELW # 608
What Wondrous Love Is This	ELW # 666
Rock of Ages	ELW # 623

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION p. 146

*CLOSING HYMN Jesus, Still Lead On ELW # 624

*DISMISSAL p. 146

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

<u>To Our Guests and Visitors Today:</u> 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, 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
Monday, March 7	7:00pm Board of Lay Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, March 8	7:30pm Roca de Horeb
Wednesday, March 9	5:45pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service 7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir
Thursday, March 10	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, March 11	6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
Saturday, March 12	6:00am – 4:00pm Roca de Horeb – Upper Classroom 9:30am – 12:30pm 7 th Day Adventists 5:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS – TURN CLOCKS AHEAD
Sunday, March 13	9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Adult Education Class "My Calling" 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

God of all good gifts, bless this food, which fills up our empty stomachs. Bless our table talk which brings us closer to one another. Bless the events of the day – good, bad, happy or sad. Bless this together time, which helps us grow in love. Amen.

Stewardship Verse Luke 14:27







"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."



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!

