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Cross Lutheran Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Our Mission Statement

Cross Lutheran Church is a community of believers united by our baptism into Christ Jesus. We are committed to proclaiming and teaching the Good News of God's love and sharing His love by serving our neighbors in all we do. We invite all to be a part of our fellowship as we grow in grace and follow Christ.

***Bold Print** – indicates congregation responds as a whole*

** – indicates congregation should stand as able*

GATHERING SONGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS	<i>You Are Mine</i>	p. 1
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!</i>	RB # 22
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>O God in Heaven</i>	p. 2
*GOD'S CALL TO US	<i>Go, Make Disciples</i>	p. 3

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 Acts 9:36-43

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***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* p. 5

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION** p. 6

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

ANNOINTING

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.

LAMB OF GOD	<i>Now Behold the Lamb of God</i>	p. 6
	<i>Come, Let Us Eat</i>	RB # 38
	<i>Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	RB # 84
	<i>Listen, God Is Calling</i>	RB # 92
	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	RB # 31

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER** p. 6


***BENEDICTION** p. 6

***CLOSING HYMN** *We Know That Christ is Raised* RB # 36

***DISMISSAL** p. 7

***POSTLUDE** *You Are Mine* p. 7

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.***

 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!



THIS WEEK AT CROSS

- Today, April 17** 9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Rehearsals for “Beyond the Cross” - Sanctuary
10:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Adult Education Class
3:00pm 7th Day Adventist Board Meeting
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
- Monday, April 18**..... 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting
- Tuesday, April 19**..... 7:30pm Roca de Horeb
- Wednesday, April 20** 10:30am Bible Study at Bel Rae of Mounds View
6:30pm Confirmation Class
7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir
- Thursday, April 21** 8:30am Garden Club – Cross Lutheran Rain Gardens
3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View
6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group
- Friday, April 22**..... 6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
- Saturday, April 23** 6:00am – 4:00pm Roca de Horeb - Upstairs Classroom
9:30am – 12:30pm 7th Day Adventists
5:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
- Sunday, April 24** 9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead of Maplewood
12:00pm 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



God bless this food we are about to enjoy. Bless our families, friends and bless the hands that prepare the food. Bless this food to our use, and bless our fellowship together. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Luke 12:32-34



“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”