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Cross Lutheran Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 17, 2016 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		You Are Mine	p. 1
*OPENING HYMN	Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!		RB # 22
CALL TO WORSHIP	O God in Heaven		p. 2
*GOD'S CALL TO US	Go, Mak	ce Disciples	p. 3

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

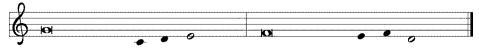
O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM – Psalm 23

Cantor sings refrain (\mathbf{R}) . The congregation then repeats the refrain. Congregation responds with the **bold verses**.



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.



The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be- side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. R

SECOND LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The God of Heaven Thunders

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*GOSPEL John 10:22-30

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THE SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

RB # 18

*APOSTLES' CREED

I Believe in God the Father

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH SUNG RESPONSE

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERING

In Remembrance of Him

Paul Taylor

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*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.

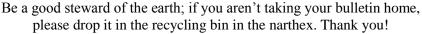
ANNOINTING

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.

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LAMB OF GOD	Now Behold the Lamb of God	p. 6
	Come, Let Us Eat	RB # 38
	Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us	RB # 84
	Listen, God Is Calling	RB # 92
	Jesus Loves Me!	RB # 31
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*BENEDICTION		p. 6
*CLOSING HYMN	We Know That Christ is Raised	RB # 36
*DISMISSAL		p. 7
*POSTLUDE	You Are Mine	p. 7

<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, 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 7 th 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 7 th 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 7 th 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"