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# Cross Lutheran Church

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 24, 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	Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound	Mark Hayes
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CONFESSION AND I	FORGIVENESS	p. 94 (red tab)
*OPENING HYMN	Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing	ELW # 389
*GREETING		p. 138
*KYRIE		p. 138
<b>*HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	This is the Feast	p. 140

# **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18

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PSALM - Psalm 148

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



Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens; praise God<sup>+</sup> in the heights. <sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> sun and moon; sing praise, all you <sup>|</sup> shining stars. <sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heav-<sup>1</sup> en of heavens, and you waters a- bove the heavens. <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forev-<sup>1</sup> er and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. R <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth. you sea monsters | and all deeps; <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, <sup>1</sup> snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup> ing God's will; <sup>9</sup>mountains <sup>1</sup> and all hills, fruit trees | and all cedars; <sup>10</sup>wild beasts <sup>|</sup> and all cattle, creeping things and | flying birds; <sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; <sup>12</sup>voung | men and maidens, old and <sup>|</sup> young together. R <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>|</sup> earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all <sup>1</sup> faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah! R **SECOND LESSON** Revelation 21:1-6

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<ul> <li>*GOSPEL</li> <li>* (P) The Holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35</li> <li>*(C) Glory to you, O Lord.</li> <li>* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.</li> <li>*(C) Praise to you, O Christ.</li> </ul>		
THE SERMON		
<b>*HYMN OF THE DAY</b>	In Christ There Is No East or West	ELW # 650
*APOSTLES' CREED		p. 127 (blue tab)
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
<b>*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD</b>		

OFFERING	I Give You a New Commandment	Peter Aston
<b>*OFFERTORY RESPONSE</b>	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.

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#### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

# **\*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.

LAMB OF GOD		p. 146
	All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly	ELW # 461
	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	ELW # 631
	Lord, Whose Love in Humber Service	ELW # 712
	Amazing Grace	ELW # 779
*POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		p. 146
*CLOSING HYMN	Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	ELW # 886
*DISMISSAL		p. 146
*POSTLUDE	Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices	James Denton

<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 24	9:30am Worship Service
	10:30pm Board of Church Properties Meeting
	10:45am Rehearsals for "Beyond the Cross" - Sanctuary
	10:45am Sunday School Classes
	11:00am Worship at The Homestead
	3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
Monday, April 25	7:00pm Parish Planning Council (PPC) Meeting
Tuesday, April 26	.6:30pm Book Club
	7:30pm Roca de Horeb
Wednesday, April 27	.6:30pm Confirmation Class
	7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir
Thursday, April 28	<ul> <li>8:30am Garden Club in the Cross Lutheran Rain Gardens</li> <li>3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View</li> <li>6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen</li> <li>7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer Group</li> </ul>
Friday, April 29	6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
Saturday, April 30	.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, May 1	9:30am Worship Service – Youth Offering 11:00am "Beyond the Cross" An Easter Drama 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.

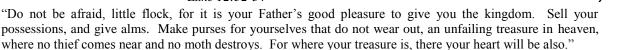


Table Prayer

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





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!