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Cross Lutheran Church

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Lenny Seidel
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		p. 94 (red tab)
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	ELW # 855
*GREETING		p. 138
*KYRIE		p. 138
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>This is the Feast</i>	p. 140
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

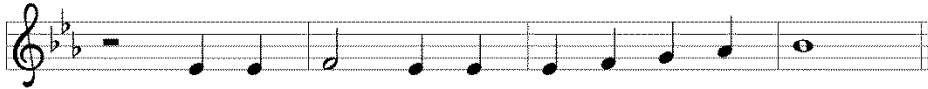
FIRST LESSON Acts 16:9-15

N.T. p. 136

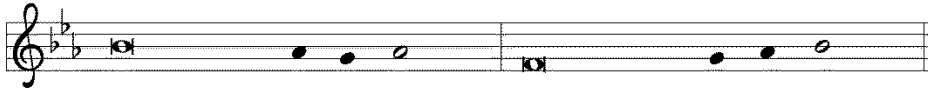
PSALM – Psalm 67

Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.

*Congregation responds with the **bold verses**.*



Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.



May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹ shine upon us.

**²Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

**⁴Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- ¹ tions on earth. R**

⁵Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

**⁶The earth has brought ¹ forth its increase;
God, our own ¹ God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God ¹ give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe. R

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to John 5:1-9

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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**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW # 843

***NICENE CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING

Jesu Kwetu ni Rafiki

arr. Mark Burrows

***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.

LAMB OF GOD

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Blessed Assurance

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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ELW # 638

ELW # 632

ELW # 767

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW # 763

***DISMISSAL**

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***POSTLUDE**

We Have Seen the Lord

arr. Mark Sedio

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, May 1	9:30am Worship Service – Youth Offering 11:00am “Beyond the Cross” An Easter Drama 3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventists
Monday, May 2.....	7:00pm Lay Ministry Meeting 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventists
Tuesday, May 3	7:30pm Roca de Horeb
Wednesday, May 4	6:30pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventists
Thursday, May 5.....	8:30am Garden Club in the Cross Lutheran Rain Gardens 10:30am Ascension Day Worship Service 11:30am Luncheon 3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View 6:00pm United Sisters Dinner and Meeting 6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventist Prayer Group 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventists
Friday, May 6	6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
Saturday, May 7.....	6:00am – 4:00pm Roca de Horeb – Upper Classroom 8:00am Take a Chance Breakfast 9:00am Spring Work Day 9:30am – 12:30pm 7 th Day Adventists 5:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb
Sunday, May 8.....	9:30am Worship Service 3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventists

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 (To the tune of Our God, Our Help in Ages Past)

Dear God, we thank You for this food, through which we see Your care. Help us to grow more kind and good, our blessings gladly share. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
II Corinthians 9:6-7



The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.