



Cross Lutheran Church



We Gather Together
to Ask the
Lord's Blessing

Thanksgiving Day Service

November 24, 2016 – 10:00am
CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole
* – please stand as able

PRELUDE *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* Paul Taylor

***OPENING HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God* ELW # 840

***INVOCATION**

P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C. Who made Heaven and Earth

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P. I confess to God Almighty, in the communion of saints of heaven and earth, and to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed; through my fault, my own fault, my own great fault; wherefore I ask you, my brothers and sisters, in the communion of the saints of heaven and of earth, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

C. May the Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

P. Amen.

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***INVITATORY**

P. O come let us worship the Lord.

C. For He is our maker.

C. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; and make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms. For the Lord is a great God: and a king above all gods. In His hands are the deep places of the Earth, the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

(Congregation may now be seated)

THANKSGIVING HYMNS *(Please remain seated)*

<i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	ELW # 886
<i>My Country, 'Tis of Thee</i>	(see page 6)
<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	ELW # 681
<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	ELW # 881

LESSONS	Psalm 111	O.T. p. 562
	Colossians 1:1-6, 9-14	N.T. p. 199

THE SERMON

*HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* ELW # 678

OFFERING *This Is My Song* music by Jean Sibelius
text by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness

*OFFERTORY

- P. Show us your mercy, O Lord.
- C. **And grant us your salvation.**
- P. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world.
- C. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- P. Lord, keep this nation under your care.
- C. **And guide us in the way of righteousness and truth.**
- P. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.
- C. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- P. Create in us clean hearts, O God.
- C. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

P. O gracious Father,

C. **When you open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Bless the land and the waters and give the world a plentiful harvest; Let your spirit go forth to renew the face of the Earth. As you show us your love and kindness in the bounty of the land and sea, save us from selfish use of your gifts, so that people everywhere may give you thanks; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *America the Beautiful* (see page 7)

POSTLUDE *Sounds of Thanksgiving* Richard Blake

PREACHER: Pastor Robert Preuss

LITURGIST: Pastor Amy Oslund

LAY MINISTER: Duane Gudknecht

ACOLYTE: Perri Linroth

USHERS: Matt Wickoren – Captain, Sherry Batterman,
Karen and Jim Fitz

GREETERS: Sharon Crist

MUSICIANS: Chelsey Christ; Tyler Forsythe;
Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir



Happy Thanksgiving!

Mid-week Advent Services begin Wednesday November 30 at 6:45

My Country, 'Tis of Thee



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that
To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free-dom's



pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free-dom ring.
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

“America the Beautiful”

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.

America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Christmas Decorating
TOMORROW at 9:30am

Come and help us decorate the church for the Christmas season. We will have hot chocolate and treats! Please come and help!

A Time for Giving

On November 27th the lists of families and their needs will be posted in the Narthex for members to sign up to purchase Christmas gifts. We will be helping families from John Glenn Middle School. Gifts should be wrapped and returned by December 21. Thank you for your overwhelming response to this outreach!

REMINDER: The Cross Lutheran Book Club meets on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. We welcome everyone to join us!

Christmas Youth Event

Sunday December 11th 4:00 – 8:00pm – Meet at Church

All 6th – 12th Graders AND YOUR FRIENDS are welcome

Meet at Church and we will go shopping for a family in need. We will return to Church and wrap the presents. We will enjoy supper together, activities and a movie! Please let the Church Office, or Pastor Amy know how many will be attending so we know how many there will be for supper!

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 18, 2016

Everyone is invited to join us on this very special day when the children share the Christmas message with us. We worship at 9:30am and then we will have a brunch served by the United Sisters immediately following the service. About 11:30 the children will present the Christmas Program. Please join us for this special day!

We can use lots help getting ready for the Brunch on Saturday December 17th at 9:00am. Everyone interested in helping please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

Upcoming Youth Event

Overnight Retreat at Camp Onomia January 13-14, 2017

ALL 6th-12th Graders and YOUR FRIENDS

Cost \$25

Night Hike across the lake! Movie & Discussion! Scavenger Hunt! Food and More! Sign up by emailing the Church or call the Office.

REMINDER: All contributions for 2016 must be postmarked by December 31 or received in the church office on December 30 to be included in your 2016 giving. The Church Office will be closed on Monday December 26 and will be open Tuesday – Friday December 30 from 10:00am – 1:00pm if you want to drop off your offering.