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CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ADVENT VESPERS

December 14, 2016 – 6:45 P.M.

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

** - indicates congregation should stand as able*

PRELUDE *What Child Is This?* arr. Ed Kerr

***OPENING HYMN** *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* ELW # 284

***INVOCATION**

P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the Name of the Lord.

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

P: I will hear what the Lord God has to say –

C: **a voice that speaks for peace.**

P: Peace for all people and for his friends

C: **and those who turn to him in their hearts.**

P: His help is near for those who fear him,

C: **and his glory will live in our land.**

P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the Name of the Lord.

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

LESSON Zechariah 13:1-5; 14:1-2a, 5b-11, 20-21 O.T. p. 887

THE SERMON

***HYMN** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* ELW # 250

OFFERING

***PRAYERS**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** Pg. 112

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *What Child Is This* ELW # 296

POSTLUDE *The First Noel* arr. Marilyn White