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Cross Lutheran Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

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

In the Bleak Midwinter

music by Gustav Holst

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW # 240

Verses 1 - Cantor

Verses 2 - 3 - Congregation

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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***OPENING HYMN**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW # 242

***GREETING**

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***KYRIE**

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***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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	Isaiah 35:1-10	O.T. p. 663
PSALM	<i>Canticle of the Turning</i> Based on the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55)	ELW # 723
SECOND LESSON	James 5:7-10	N.T. p. 231
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia</i>	p. 102
*GOSPEL		
* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11		N.T. p. 11
*(C) Glory to you, O Lord.		
* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.		
*(C) Praise to you, O Christ.		
THE SERMON		
*HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	ELW # 254
*APOSTLES' CREED		p. 127 (blue tab)
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD		
OFFERING	<i>We Will Walk In The Light</i>	Don Besig
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	<i>Let the Vineyards</i>	ELW # 184
*OFFERING PRAYER		p. 107
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		p. 112

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

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<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	ELW # 490
<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	ELW # 244
<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	ELW # 294
<i>That Boy-Child of Mary</i>	ELW # 293

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

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*CLOSING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound! ELW # 239

*DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice arr. Jan Sanborn

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.*

Everyone Invited!
Sunday December 18th
Worship Service 9:30am
United Sisters Christmas Brunch 10:45am
Sunday School Christmas Pageant
"Joseph's Visions"

Please join us next Sunday for our Christmas Brunch and Sunday School Pageant. All are welcome and we invite you and your friends to join us for this wonderful celebration of Christmas! Share in the fellowship of a meal and hear the story from our youngest voices!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

- Sunday, December 119:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Adult Education – Roy Harrisville
11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead of Maplewood
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
4:00pm – 8:00pm Youth Christmas Shopping/Dinner
- Tuesday, December 136:00pm Board of Stewardship Meeting
7:30pm Roca de Horeb
- Wednesday, December 146:45pm Midweek Advent Worship Service
7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 156:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventists Prayer Group
- Saturday, December 179:00am Christmas Brunch Set-up
9:30am 7th Day Adventists
- Sunday, December 189:30am Worship Service
10:45am United Sisters Christmas Brunch
11:30am Sunday School Christmas Pageant
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:



To God who gives me food each day and cares for me in every way; in all the things I say and do, I'll try to show my love for you. Amen.

Stewardship Verse

Matthew 6:31-34



“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For... indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”



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!

