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Cross Lutheran Church

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 12, 2017 ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Our Mission Statement

Cross Lutheran Church is a community of believers united by our baptism into Christ Jesus. We are committed to proclaiming and teaching the Good News of God's love and sharing His love by serving our neighbors in all we do. We invite all to be a part of our fellowship as we grow in grace and follow Christ.

Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

* – indicates congregation should stand as able

GATHERING SONGS

| ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | |
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| *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS You Are Mine | | p. 1 | |
| *OPENING HYMN | All Are | Welcome | RB # 7 |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | O God | in Heaven | p. 2 |
| *GOD'S CALL TO US | Go, Mak | e Disciples | p. 3 |

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20

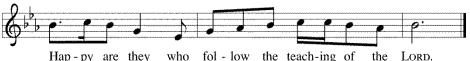
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PSALM – Psalm 119:1-8

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

Congregation on pulpit side sings odd numbered verses with Cantor

Congregation on lectern side sings even numbered **bold verses** with second Cantor.





- ¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!
- ² Happy are they who observe | your decrees and seek you with | all their hearts,
- ³ who never do | any wrong,

but always walk in your ways.

- ⁴ You laid down | your commandments, that we should | fully keep them. R
- ⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶ Then I should not be [↑] put to shame, when I regard all ¹ your commandments.

⁷ I will thank you with ¹ a true heart, when I have learned your ¹ righteous judgments.

⁸ I will keep your statutes; do not utter-ly forsake me. R

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION The God of Heaven Thunders p. 3

THE SERMON

*GOSPEL Matthew 5:20-37

| *HYMN OF THE DAY | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy | RB # 32 |
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*APOSTLES' CREED I Believe in God the Father p. 4

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH SUNG RESPONSE

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

| OFFERING | Walking With the Savior | Richard Blake |
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| *OFFERTORY RESPONSE | Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart | p. 5 |
| *WORDS OF INSTITUTION | | p. 6 |
| *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.

ANNOINTING

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.

| LAMB OF GOD | Now Behold the Lamb of God Everybody Needs Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love Precious Lord, Take My Hand | p. 6 RB # 81 RB # 80 RB # 50 RB # 83 |
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| *POST COMMUNION PRAYER | | p. 6 |
| *BENEDICTION | | p. 6 |
| *CLOSING HYMN | Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises | RB # 73 |
| *DISMISSAL | | p. 7 |
| *POSTLUDE | You Are Mine | p. 7 |

<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, February 12 | 9:30am Worship Service Immediately following the service – Special Meeting 10:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Adult Education 11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead of Maplewood 12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church 6:30pm Book Club |
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| Monday, February 13 | 7:00pm Board of Lay Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday, February 15 | 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal Cross Currents Articles Due |
| Thursday, February 16 | 6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen 7:00pm 7 th Day Adventist Prayer Group |
| Saturday, February 18 | 9:30am – 12:30pm 7 th Day Adventists |
| Sunday, February 19 | 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Adult Education 12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church 3:00pm 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

Bless our home. Bless this food. Feed our spirits with the bread of life, and help us to know your peace at this table, then as we work and play and sleep.

Stewardship Verse Micah 6:6a, 8







With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?...He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



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!

