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## *Cross Lutheran Church*

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# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 19, 2017

## ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

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### 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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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| <b>*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS</b> | <i>You Are Mine</i>              | p. 1    |
| <b>*OPENING HYMN</b>               | <i>Hands, Hearts, and Voices</i> | RB # 11 |
| <b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>             | <i>O God in Heaven</i>           | p. 2    |
| <b>*GOD'S CALL TO US</b>           | <i>Go, Make Disciples</i>        | p. 3    |

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

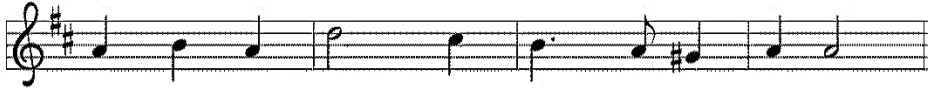
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## PSALM – Psalm 119:33-40

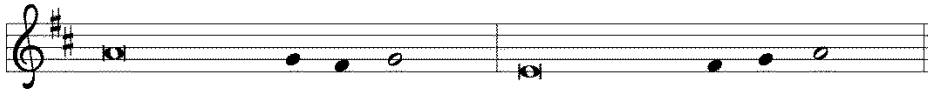
*Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.*

*Congregation on pulpit side sings odd numbered verses with Cantor*

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



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your stat - utes.



33 Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

34 **Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

35 Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.

36 **Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain. R**

37 Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.

38 **Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**

39 Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.

40 **Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me. R**

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

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\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The God of Heaven Thunders*

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\*GOSPEL Matthew 5:38-48

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### THE SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

RB # 51

\*APOSTLES' CREED *I Believe in God the Father*

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\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH SUNG RESPONSE

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## **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OFFERING** *In Heavenly Love Abiding* Michael Cox

**\*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* p. 6  
*We Come to the Hungry Feast* RB # 43  
*Blessed Assurance* RB # 46  
*Canticle of the Turning* RB # 49  
*Spirit of Gentleness* RB # 59

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER** p. 6

**\*BENEDICTION** p. 6

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* RB # 74

**\*DISMISSAL** p. 7

**\*POSTLUDE** *You Are Mine* p. 7

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**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.***

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS

**Today, 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<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists

**Monday, February 20** .....6:30pm Board of Education Meeting

**Wednesday, February 22**.....7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 23** .....6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen  
7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer Group

**Saturday, February 25** .....9:30am – 12:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists

**Sunday, February 26** .....9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Adult Education  
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

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**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.

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*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!

