

A S C E N S I O N D A Y

He was
lifted up
and
a cloud
took him
out of
their
sight



A C T S 1 : 9

Bob Preuss and Amy Oslund, Pastors
Chelsey Christ, Organist
Linda Zelig, Choir Director
www.crosslutheranchurch.org



1945 Prosperity Road
Maplewood, MN 55109
651-777-1329
cross@pro-ns.net

Cross Lutheran Church

***ASCENSION DAY
SERVICE OF THE WORD
May 25, 2017***

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 *Simple Gifts* arr. Cindy Berry

***OPENING HYMN** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW # 855
Verses 1-3

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** p. 211

***PRAYER**

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS Ephesians 1:15-23 N.T. p. 192
Acts 1:1-11 N.T. p. 118

SERMON

***HYMN** *You Servants of God* ELW # 825

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| *NICENE CREED | | p.126 (blue tab) |
| *PRAYERS | | p.128 |
| *SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD | | p.128 |
| OFFERING | <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> | John Purifoy |
| *GREAT THANKSGIVING | | p.144 |
| *SANCTUS | | p.144 |
| *WORDS OF INSTITUTION | | |
| *LORD'S PRAYER | | p.145 |

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.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| <i>Beautiful Savior</i> | ELW # 838 |
| <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> | ELW # 858 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| *POST COMMUNION PRAYER | | p.136 |
| *BENEDICTION | | p.136 |
| *CLOSING HYMN | <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> | ELW # 855 |
| | Verses 4-5 | |

POSTLUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Larry Shackley

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.

PREACHER: Pastor Bob Preuss
CELEBRANT: Pastor Amy Oslund
LAY MINISTER: Sherry Batterman
USHERS: Clara Volkers – Captain, Ray Volkers
MUSICIAN: Chelsey Christ
GREETERS: Wayne and LuAnn Lund

Please stay for our Luncheon following today's service!

Garden Club meets on Thursdays at 8:30am. Please come to help clean and maintain our rain gardens and grounds. If the forecast for Thursday calls for rain, please check with the Church office to find out what day the Garden Club will be working!

It is time to donate to Joseph's Coat! Please bring your gently used seasonal clothing and household items to the church coat area and leave them under the sign. They can't accept hangers but are in need of brown paper bags. Please remember that volunteers need to be able to lift your donations. We will accept donations through June 11th. THANKS!



GOD'S PROMISE GATHERING!

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd

4:00 - 7:00

On the lawn of Cross Lutheran Church

**CELEBRATING FAMILY, FAITH,
FOOD, FUN & FESTIVITIES!!**

ALL ARE WELCOME...ages 8 weeks to 80+!!



**Hot Dogs, Beans, Chips, S'mores and Lemonade will be provided.
Please bring lawn chairs, a dish to share, your own plates/eating
utensils and games to play if you have them!**

COME FOR S'MORES, GAMES & BOUNCY HOUSE FUN!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!