

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ  
Lutheran Churches ELCA  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
January 8, 2017**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

**ELW #310**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**P:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*Refrain:* **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday.**

**1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.** *Refrain*

**3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.** *Refrain*

**2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.** *Refrain*

**4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.** *Refrain*

**HYMN OF PRAISE****ELW p. 187**

*Refrain:* **This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.** *Refrain*

**2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** *Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *(Bulletin Insert)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**The First Reading** *(Bulletin Insert)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

**The Second Reading** *(Bulletin Insert)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Acts 10:34-43**

**\*C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**\*THE GOSPEL** (*Bulletin Insert*)

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**\*Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Mickey Dobbins

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”***

**ELW #304**

**\*THE APOSTLE’S CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)**

**\*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.**

OFFERING

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**

***“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART”***

**ELW #186**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**\*THE PREFACE**

**\*HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**\*P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace. C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

***"God, Whose Almighty Word"***

**ELW #673**

**\*P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***(\*Please Stand)***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tuesday	9:00 AM	WELCA Bible Study-Carpool to The Plaza
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Thursday	noon-6:00PM	Blood Drive-CC
Friday	5:00PM	Dinner and a Game-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Bible study will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Plaza in Red Wing. Meet at Cross of Christ church to carpool at 9:00 a.m. Read Chapter 5 in The Old Testament for Christians on Moses, pages 33-30. Millie Niebeling will be hostess. Please let Millie know if you need the questions that go with the chapter.

### Kwik Trip Cards

Help support our Building Maintenance Fund by buying Kwik Trip scrip cards. The cards can be used to purchase anything at Kwik Trip from gas, groceries and car washes to anything else they sell. Available in **\$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100**. You pay the amount of the card being purchased; the church makes 5% of the sales and another 10% for non-fuel purchases made with the cards. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com) or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** and will be available during church on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

### Cross of Christ Blood Drive

Cross of Christ will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6:00 p.m. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.

### Dinner and a Game at Cross of Christ

Everyone is invited to celebrate the completed basement project. During the dull winter months of January, February and March we plan to serve a delicious hot meal to church members and friends, starting on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. It will be an opportunity for all generations to visit and have fun together. Following the meal, we'll play an easy dice game called Bunco. Bunco is a fast-paced game where you rotate and get a new partner every game. There is never a dull moment. Prizes will be awarded.

### Anniversary Party

Bob & Shirley Wasti will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary after worship on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to coffee fellowship after the service that day. Congratulations!

### Contemporary Service Vocal Practice

Vocal practice for the contemporary service will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

### Cannon River Council Meeting

Cannon River Council will meet at the parsonage on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Cannon River Annual Meeting

Cannon River will hold its Annual Meeting immediately following worship on January 22, 2017. Please bring a treat to share for coffee fellowship. All financial reports should be turned in as soon as possible.

## **Learning & Youth Meeting**

Cross of Christ Learning & Youth Committee will meet immediately following worship on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fresh Eyes on the Scriptures**

The women of Cross of Christ and Cannon River Churches and *friends* are invited to attend our Annual Women's Retreat January 20–22, 2017 at Cedar Valley Resort near Lanesboro. For this year's program, we will focus on some familiar Bible stories. Can we "take a fresh look" to see their relevance for our lives today? Kris Portinga and Mary Berthold will be our program leaders this year. Please contact Julie Schreifels [hjschreif@liv.com](mailto:hjschreif@liv.com) 651-388-2326, Tracy Harth or Jean Kehren to reserve your spot at this fun and fulfilling event!!! See attached flyer for more information.

## **Annual Meeting**

Cross of Christ's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> after worship. Council will provide the meal. Committee reports need to be to the church office by January 8<sup>th</sup> and Financial Reports need to be turned in by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Booklets will be available on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Are you a Thrivent member?**

You can designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to Cross of Christ or Cannon River now! Go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) and click on 'My Thrivent > Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars.' Your gift will go to maintain and improve our building and grounds, and Cross of Christ thanks you!

## **Not a Thrivent member? You might want to!**

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## **Cross of Christ Pew Record Books**

Please remember to fill out the record books located in the pews. Members only need to update contact information if there are changes. Thank you!

## **Cross of Christ Offering Envelopes**

The 2017 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. If I have missed putting envelopes out for you, please let me know. Thank you, Rebecca Peterson

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