

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ  
Lutheran Churches ELCA  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
February 21, 2016**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Shout to the Lord”*

**ELW #821**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.** (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**GREETING & KYRIE**

**ELW p. 203**

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.**

**1. Have mercy on us, Lord,  
and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word;  
it saves us from despair.**

**2. Have mercy on us, Christ,  
and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole  
that new life may begin.**

**3. Have mercy on us, Lord;  
make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r;  
create in us new hearts!**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**ELW p.204**

**1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne; ten  
thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.**

**2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,”  
they cry, “to be exalted thus!”  
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,  
“for he was slain for us!”**

**3. Jesus is worthy to receive  
honor and pow'r divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, forever thine.**

**4. Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of God who sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.**

**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.****

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

**THE SECOND READING (*Bulletin Insert*)  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****

**Philippians 3:17—4:1**

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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW p.205**

**C: We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind – slow to anger,  
rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

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

**Luke 13:31-35**

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

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Robert Berthold**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Blessed Assurance”*

**ELW #638**

**\*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, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.**

**\*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.**

**\*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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

**ELW #547**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*(\* Please Stand)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	11:30AM	Contemporary Service Vocal Practice
	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
	7:00PM	Confirmation & Adult Study
Wednesday	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Worship Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### **Cross of Christ New Carpet and Floor Refinishing**

Floor refinishing and carpet installation will start the week of February 29<sup>th</sup> and finish by March 10<sup>th</sup>, with no interruption to Sunday services. We have about 340 square yards of work to do, and the total cost is \$10,240. Please consider contributing our church improvement by "buying a yard" for \$30. Make your check out to Cross of Christ and put "Flooring" in the memo. Progress in funding will be tracked by the display in the back of the church. We have a good start already!

### **New Directory**

A person is needed to organize an update to our member directory. This would consist of organizing several evenings at Cross of Christ where individual pictures or family portraits would be taken by a contracted photographer. If interested, please let a council member know.

### **Third Day Concert**

The Third Day *Lead Us Back* concert is sold out, but no worries, we have tickets for you! It is at Grace Church in Eden Prairie on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Pastor has room in the van and the rest of us will car-pool. No nose-bleed seats this time, and the cost to you is just \$20! There are sign-up sheets in the back of church and Dahlen Hall, or contact Rebecca Peterson (651-301-2652) for more information.

### **Cross of Christ Mission Group**

Come join the fun and check out the "Line O' Money" on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The mission trip group going to Cincinnati, Ohio this summer is doing a creative fundraiser before and after the church service, as well as serving coffee fellowship to help support their trip.

### **Buck-a-Chick**

The Sunday School kids will be selling paper chick for \$1.00 each. You can put your name on the chick or give it in honor or memory of someone. They are meant to be colored, so you can take your chick and color or decorate it as you please or just leave it plain. Your chick will be added to the bulletin board in the hall by Dahlen Hall. The chicks will be purchased through the ELCA Good Gifts program.

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