

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
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Organist: Robin Nelson-Williams

Welcome and Announcements

* **OPENING HYMN** *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* **WOV #385**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **LBW p. 77**

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**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*).

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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.**

KYRIE

LBW p. 78

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

LBW p. 81

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Bulletin Insert*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The First Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Joshua 5:9-12

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

The Second Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

* **C: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.** **LBW p. 83**

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”* **WOV #734**

***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: P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**)

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN** **LBW p. 86**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: P:** Merciful Father, **C:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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 **LBW p. 89**

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

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

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LAMB OF GOD **LBW p. 92**

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.

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life, and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us , through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love for each other, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION: P:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** **“Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise”** **LBW p. 92**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

Apple juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request during Communion at Cross of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-The Plaza
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
	7:00PM	WELCA-CC
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-Stonehouse Apts.
	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Service-CC
	8:30PM	Friends in Faith
Thursday	7:00PM	Council meeting-CR
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Lenten Services

The soup supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own bowls, etc. to reduce waste. The service will follow at 7:00 p.m. We are exchanging pulpits with other Lutheran churches during Lent: Urland, Vasa, and St. Ansgars. The Dialogue sermons are all on the theme: "HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE."

Easter Flowers at Cross of Christ

Please use the purple forms located on the table in the back of the church if you wish to order flowers to beautify the sanctuary during Easter. The deadline to order is today.

March is FoodShare Month

Please consider making a donation to the food shelf for Minnesota FoodShare Month. Cannon River is accepting donations, because *cash feeds more families*. All money raised stays in the local area.

Sunday School Missions

The Mission "kids" met on March 3rd. We are reminded that **Jesus loves us just the way we are**. We decorated cut outs of ourselves and you can see these on the bulletin board downstairs.

We also talked about the importance of the local food shelves and **Minnesota Food Share Month**. Each of us will bring in something to the food barrel in the back of the church. Your child brought home a slip of paper which reminds us that about 1/2 of the people who go to the food shelves in need of food are children!

It's official! Please collect your **Econo Foods Receipts** and put them in the bucket in the back of the church. When we collect \$150,000 in receipts, we'll get a check for \$1,000 and will send it to Feed My Starving Children.

On March 20th, the Mission "kids" are going to serve the soup supper. Please have your child there to help and possibly bring something for the dinner. Sign up with Sue Hill at 651-437-8368 or jimandsuehill@gmail.com. **We will meet on April 21st for our next Mission Sunday.** Thank you!

The mission "kids" will serve the soup supper on March 20th and we can use your help!! Please offer to . . .

- help with set up and serving supper, anytime between 5:15pm and 6:45pm
- check on clean up help after the church service
- needed for the supper – milk, vanilla ice cream, toppings for sundaes, soup, sandwich spread (you can be reimbursed!)

Please let Sue Hill know what you can do! 651-437-8368 or jimandsuehill@gmail.com

Youth Roller Skating Event

Pastor Bob will be taking the youth to Belle Creek for roller skating. Grades 8 through 12 will go on Sunday, March 24th. The van will depart from Cross of Christ at 12:30 p.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.

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