

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
March 12, 2017**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

ELW p.184

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*

GLORY TO GOD

ELW p. 185

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

Amen. Amen. Amen. *Refrain x2*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Bulletin Insert*)

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

ANTHEM

“Rise and Shine”

Sunday School-CC

The First Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Genesis 12:1-4a

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

The Second Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

***C: Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us you promised; we will trust your word. Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

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

John 3:1-17

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Robert Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loved the World”

ELW #323

***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**

ELW p. 190

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.**

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LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191

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.

***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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW #759

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

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	7:00PM	Confirmation-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-The Plaza
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

During the month of March, we will be participating in a food collection to help restock the food shelves in Red Wing. Please check out the back of the church and leave your donations on the table. On the last Sunday of the collection, the 26th, the Sunday School youth will help box up your donations. Let's Help Squash Hunger! Thank you!!

WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Bible study will be held on March 14th at the Plaza in Red Wing. Meet at Cross of Christ church to carpool at 8:30 a.m. Read Chapter 7 in The Old Testament for Christians. Millie Niebeling will be hostess and Pastor Bob will lead Bible study. Please let Millie know if you need the questions for 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 or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, March 14th** and will be available during church on Sunday, March 19th. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

Youth Trip

Pastor Bob will be taking the youth to the IMAX and Science Museum on Sunday, March 19th. The van will leave from Cross of Christ at noon. Cost is \$10.

Craft Day

We will have a craft day on **March 25th 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** We will be making Finger Labyrinths (sewn and possibly crocheted) and bracelets made from wooden beads for the Triennial Gathering. The bracelets are for participants from Cross of Christ to trade with others at the Triennial. Come for all or part of the day, lunch will be served around 11:00.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next drive will be Thursday, March 30th, from 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Game Night

We gathered on Friday, March 3rd for a great evening! We enjoyed a taco dinner and the popular game, Bunco; congratulations to Kelley Mittelsteadt and Jim Hill, our Bunco winners! Please consider hosting a Dinner and Game night. Just ask someone to help you and pick a date. It works out well to hold it in Dahlen Hall. Let Ellen know and she will announce it for us. Thanks to everyone who has participated so far!

Spring Salad Luncheon

April 22, 2017 11:00 am. Lois Burnes will be presenting "Golden Memories" about the popular and enduring Little Golden Books.

Do you still have some Golden Books from your childhood or from your children? Bring them, or just share the name of your favorite little book and learn about the history of this publishing phenomenon.

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