

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ**  
**Lutheran Churches ELCA**  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
**March 13, 2016**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

**ELW #339**

**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. Amen. Amen. Amen. *Refrain x2*

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*

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 43:16-21**

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

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

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

**\*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 12:1-8**

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Robert Berthold

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“How Long, O God”*

**ELW #698**

**\*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.**

**\*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.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**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**

***"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"***

**ELW #534**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	9:45AM	First Communion Class-CR
	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
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Wednesday	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Worship Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### **Easter Flowers at Cross of Christ**

Today is the last day to order Easter flowers at Cross of Christ. Order forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you!

### **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.

### **Youth Trip to Colorado**

Pastor Bob will be taking a youth trip to Colorado August 14-21. Students will be visiting Rocky Mountain National Park and Mount Rushmore. The trip will cost \$200. Please turn in your \$100 deposit to Pr. Bob as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

### **Palm Sunday**

First Communion for fifth grade students will be held on Palm Sunday during worship. Cannon River Sunday School will be serving a light breakfast on Palm Sunday immediately following worship. Cross of Christ Confirmation students will be serving brunch after worship on Palm Sunday.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Maundy Thursday will be at Cannon River on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship will be held at Cross of Christ on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 a.m. on Easter, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Cross of Christ, followed by 9:00 a.m. worship at Cannon River and 10:30 a.m. worship at Cross of Christ.

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

340 square yards of work has been completed in the sanctuary at Cross of Christ with a total cost of \$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. Thank you!

### **New Directory**

Lynette Hanson has volunteered to chair the new directory committee. Please let her know if you would like to help with this project. Watch for more details soon. Thank you!

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Cross of Christ will hold a blood drive March 31<sup>st</sup> from noon until 6:00 p.m. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood. To schedule your appointment or more information: Call 1-800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767) or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) enter sponsor code: welchmn or you can contact Julie Schreifels to schedule your appointment.

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**CC Council Person:** Bob Luhman

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