

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
September 6, 2015**

PRELUDE
Welcome and Announcements

Organist: Jeff Rudi

***OPENING HYMN** *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”* **ELW #843**

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.**

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. 98**

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.**

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 wellbeing 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, amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **“This Is The Feast”** **ELW p.101**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)* **Isaiah 35:4-7a**

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

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)* **James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **ELW p.102**

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***THE GOSPEL** **Mark 7:24-37**

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

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

SERMON **Pastor Bob Berthold**

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Healer of Our Every Ill”** **ELW #612**

***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 "We Are an Offering" ELW #692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER ELW p.107**

P: Let us pray. C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p.107**

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

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE**

***THE SANCTUS ELW p. 108**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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**

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. 112

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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC ELW #857, #479, #487

***P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ELW p.113**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

***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.**

***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

Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
Thursday	7:00PM	Joint Council Meeting-CR
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
	5:00PM	Welch Community Picnic-CC

Taste of Welch Raffle Tickets

Raffle packets will be available today and will need to be turned in by Sunday, October 4th. There is a display in the back of the church starting in September.

WELCA Morning Bible Study

WELCA Bible Study will meet at Cross of Christ on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. in Dahlen Hall. Read Chapter 23, "The Unforgiving Servant" in Parables of Jesus, pages 194-201. Pastor Bob will lead the Bible study and Joan Slingsby will be hostess.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help support the Cross of Christ 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. You can use the cards to make the same purchases as always including fuel. When you use the card Kwik Trip to make an in store purchase (fuel not included) Kwik Trip reimburses the church 10% of your purchase for a potential *total of 15%*. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, September 15th, 2015** and will be available during church on Sunday, September 20th. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

Welch Area Community Picnic

Community Picnic will be September 12th at Cross of Christ at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy music from Dave Carpenter's band. Bring a lawn chair and a large dish to share with a serving spoon

Rally Sunday, September 13th

Come join us for *Rally Sunday September 13th from 9:30 – 10:20*. We will introduce ourselves to each other, do some fun activities, talk about this year's Sunday School program and have a snack. We will also serve coffee fellowship after church.

Taste of Welch Craft Day

Taste of Welch Craft Day will be Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please sign up on the Dahlen Hall bulletin board.

Confirmation

Confirmation Orientation will be Sunday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Dahlen Hall. All 7th, 8th and 9th grade students and their parents should attend this important meeting. Regular confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Community Supper

Cross of Christ will host the Community Supper (Loaves & Fishes) at the Methodist Church on September 20th at 5:00 p.m. The set up for the dinner starts at 3:30 and is usually done by 6:30. If you can help with the dinner please contact Joan Slingsby, phone 507-263-3715 or jslin@frontiernet.net.

Cross of Christ Treasurer Position

Long-time Cross of Christ Treasurer, Sue Hill, is resigning after 26 years on the job! Her ending date is October 31st, although she will be around to help whomever becomes the new Treasurer through the transition. The Council is looking for an interested Cross of Christ or Cannon River member to fill this important role. Candidates must be familiar with using a computer, and will use Quickbooks accounting, Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and Microsoft Word for job responsibilities. The job averages 12 hours/week. A detailed job description is available. If interested, please contact Ron Hanson 651-303-8387 or Jim Hill 651-283-2432.

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