

Cannon River & Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches
Faithful Through Generations
Thanksgiving Eve – November 22, 2017

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ELW #693

Litany for the People and the Land

L: In the beginning, You brought forth plants, animals, and human beings, and commanded us to be fruitful.

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: Over time, You have called forth the fruitfulness of the land, the productivity of the plants and animals on the land.

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: You continue to call forth understanding within Your people, to tend crops & livestock that they may bring forth in abundance.

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: But we, Your people, have not shared in our abundance. We have hoarded Your gifts for our own gain; we have ignored Your call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: You showed Your mercy to Your people and made a new promise: Your Son, Who would come to walk on earth among us.

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: You sent Your Son to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind, to proclaim the year of our Lord’s favor.

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: Your Son, Jesus, said, “I Am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.”

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: Your Son, Jesus, said, “I Am the Vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me and I in them, bear much fruit.” May it be that we find our abiding place in Your Son.

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: Your Son, Jesus, said, “Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

C: Gracious God, make us fruitful, as the land is fruitful.

L: May our fruit be plentiful in Your sight. May all creation feast on You through the fruit grown in us, Your servants. To You be all glory, honor, and praise. **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW #679

The First Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

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

Psalm 65 (*Bulletin Insert*)

The Second Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

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

Luke 17:11-19

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW #879

Harvest Time: Litanies for the Fall

L: For the Season of Fall with its colors, its crisp air, its ripening bounty,

C: We give You thanks, O Lord!

L: For the season of growth now complete,

C: We give You thanks, O Lord!

L: For our productive farms and farmers,

C: We give You thanks, O Lord!

L: For food and fiber produced for so many by so few,

C: We give You thanks, O Lord!

L: For the safety of those bringing in the harvest,

C: We ask Your protection, O Lord!

L: For those operating fast and slow vehicles, together on our highways and roads,

C: We ask Your protection, O Lord!

L: For all whose work makes our tables overflow,

C: We give You thanks, O Lord!

L: For those in stress over work and family,

C: We ask Your comfort and strength, O Lord!

L: For brothers and sisters in town and country,

C: We pray Your Blessing, O Lord! Amen!

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

“We Praise You, O God”

ELW #870

*** Litany for All Who Labor**

L: O Lord, our God, for the workers of our world, we come to You, dear Lord;

C: Hear us, as we unite our hearts in prayer.

L: For those who toil in factories and offices, stores and businesses, we come to You dear Lord;

C: Hear us, as we unite our hearts in prayer.

L: For those who serve and protect us as police, firefighters, and EMT’s, for doctors and nurses, dentists and technicians, we come to You dear Lord;

C: Hear us, as we unite our hearts in prayer.

L: For all our military personnel who protect our freedoms on land and sea and in the air, especially those who find themselves in harms way;

C: Hear us, as we unite our hearts in prayer.

L: For those who till the land and tend the animals, who mine the ground and cut the trees, for those who harvest of the sea, we come to You dear Lord;

C: Hear us, as we unite our hearts in prayer.

L: Gracious God, when we forget our relationships to You and our fellow humans, remind us of our dependency on each other, and You. We come to You dear Lord;

C: Hear us, as we unite our hearts in prayer. Amen.

***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

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

ELW #840

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday

9:00AM

Men's Bible Study-CC

Sunday

After Service

Choir Practice-CC

Christmas Smorgasbord

Cross of Christ and Cannon River Celebrating the Season Together!

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, **December 3rd**, in Dahlen Hall. Please arrive at 5:30pm and bring a dish to pass; beverages and tableware will be provided. Lynette and Ron Hanson will once again prepare the Lutefisk!! After dinner, we will celebrate the season! We'd like to share your many talents during a program after dinner. **Please let Sue or Jackie know if you have a talent that you're willing to share – children and adults!** We'd love to hear from you! You can look forward to a fun game, and winning a prize!! So, bring the whole family, invite a friend, and enjoy a wonderful evening of holiday celebration. *The Cross of Christ Sunday school children will be singing!! Please help your child attend.* Sue Hill and Jackie Martin

Econo Food Receipt Collection

Please continue to save your **Econo Foods** receipts from the Red Wing stores and **Family Fare** receipts in Cannon Falls! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach.

When the receipts total \$150,000; **we are currently at \$143,000!!** Then we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children. We have already reached this goal one time, and are now on our second collection. It's amazing! **Shop, bring your receipt to church** and we will support children who are hungry! **Thank you,** the Mission Committee

Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition

Helping families in crisis rebuild their lives.

The mission committee asks your help in helping others this Christmas. We are sponsoring a Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition. Hope Coalition provides assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or struggling with housing. This holiday season we are going to help homeless people in Red Wing find a little happiness on Christmas. **The greatest need this year is for Adult Men.** Please help them by filling a Christmas shoebox and reminding them that there are people who care for them. **There will be a display in the back of the church on November 5th** with forms that you can use, or if you receive this electronically, you can print the form. The instructions are on it!! Feel free to take a plastic container for your shoebox, or you can cover a shoebox with wrapping paper, if you wish. **Please return your shoebox and place it in the back of the church by December 10th!** **Thank you for sharing your love on Christmas**

Piggy Banks for World Hunger

This year we are collecting money using the ELCA Good Gifts piggy coin box. The money will be used to purchase animals through the Good Gifts Program. ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options to grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. There are piggy banks in the back of the church for anyone who would like to collect money (loose change, dollar bills) to help support this amazing project. Turn in date **December 3rd.**

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