

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
November 29, 2015

PRELUDE
Welcome and Announcements

Organist: Jeff Rudi

***OPENING HYMN** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* **ELW #257**

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.** *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

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. 203**

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.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE **ELW p.204**

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be exalted thus!” “Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “for he was slain for us!”

Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow'r divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.

Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)* **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

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

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)* **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **ELW p.205**

C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***THE GOSPEL** *(Bulletin Insert)* **Luke 21:25-36**

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

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

SERMON **Pastor Robert Berthold**

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying”* **ELW #436**

***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 "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW #685**

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. *Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

***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: 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.**

***CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ELW #244**

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

POSTLUDE

(* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	7:00PM	Confirmation
Wednesday	6:30PM	Adult Choir-CC
	7:00PM	Finance Committee Meeting-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition

We are sponsoring a Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition. Please help them by filling a Christmas shoebox and reminding them that there are people who care for them. **Please return your shoebox and place it in the front of the church by December 6th!**

Christmas Smorgasbord

Cross of Christ and Cannon River Celebrating the Season Together!

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, December 6th, in Dahlen Hall. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. and bring a dish to pass; beverages and tableware will be provided. Lynette will once again prepare our lutefisk! 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!** If anyone would like to help set up on the 5th or clean up after the dinner, please let Jackie or Sue know. Thanks! Sue Hill and Jackie Martin

Help Design a Church Brochure for Cross of Christ

Brochures can be made available to all first-time visitors and others who express an interest in our church. The publicity brochure may serve as the congregation's primary tool of welcome.

Several brochure examples have been collected from surrounding churches. Please bring your examples and ideas to a brief meeting after church on Sunday, December 6th. Contact Janet Daley at 651-388-4556 with any questions.

Worship & Music Meeting

The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Sunday, December 6th, following worship.

2016 Offering Envelopes

Your 2016 offering envelopes will be in the back of the church on Sunday, December 13th. Please let me know if you don't wish to use envelopes in 2016. Please remember that the "Simply Giving" program is an option at any time. You can enroll by contacting me.

Thank you, Rebecca Peterson

Cross of Christ Adopt-a-Family

Please take a tag from the tree in the back of the church. Return *unwrapped* gifts to church by December 13th. Thank you!

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