

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 4, 2016

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ELW #254

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. 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.

***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 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***“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 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.

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.

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ELW #264, #246, #501

***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.**

***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

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

ELW #239

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

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:30AM	Adult Choir Practice-CC
	5:30PM	Christmas Dinner-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	Finance Meeting-CC
	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
Thursday	7:00PM	CR Council Meeting-Parsonage
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Christmas Dinner This Evening!!

Please join us this evening for our annual Christmas Dinner. We'll gather in Dahlen Hall at 5:30 p.m.; please bring a dish to share. Tableware and beverages will be provided. It is not too late to share a talent during the program!

Caroling

Confirmation students will go caroling on Sunday, December 11th and Sunday, December 18th. Please meet at Cross of Christ at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Schedule

The Sunday School programs for both Cross of Christ and Cannon River will be December 18th. Christmas Eve Worship will be held at Cross of Christ on Saturday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day worship will be at Cannon River at 9:00 a.m. on December 25th. Please note, there will be no worship service at Cross of Christ on Sunday, December 25th.

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. Please help them by filling a Christmas shoebox and reminding them that there are people who care for them.

There is a display in the back of the church 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 11th!

Thank you for sharing your love on Christmas!!

FMSC Mobile Pack Event - Cannon Falls

On November 19, 549 volunteers packed 109,512 meals. Our efforts were sent to Cuba through Outreach Aid to the Americas, INC (ECHO Cuba). This shipment was specifically designated for Hurricane Matthew Relief. ECHO Cuba exists to equip and strengthen the independent evangelical churches of Cuba through theological education and leadership training of existing and future pastors. ECHO Cuba distributes FMSC meals through churches to children, elderly and disabled. The majority our meals went to Cuba, but some went to the Dominican Republic. Thanks to all that contributed!

Dinner and a Game at Cross of Christ

Everyone is invited to celebrate the completed basement project. During the dull winter months of January, February and March we plan to serve a delicious hot meal to church members and friends, starting on Friday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m. It will be an opportunity for all generations to visit and have fun together. Following the meal, we'll play an easy dice game called Bunco. Bunco is a fast-paced game where you rotate and get a new partner every game. There is never a dull moment. Prizes will be awarded.

Fresh Eyes on the Scriptures

The women of Cross of Christ and Cannon River Churches and friends are invited to attend our Annual Women's Retreat January 20–22, 2017 at Cedar Valley Resort near Lanesboro. See the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Julie Schreifels for more information at hjschreif@liv.com or 651-388-2326.

Cross of Christ Pew Record Books

Please remember to fill out the record books located in the pews. Members only need to update contact information if there are changes. Thank you!

Cross of Christ Offering Envelopes

Your 2017 offering envelopes will be in the back of the church by the end of November. Please let me know if you don't wish to use envelopes in 2017, or if you'd like to start. Please remember that the "Simply Giving" program is an option at any time. You can enroll by contacting me. Thank you, Rebecca Peterson

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