

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ  
Lutheran Churches ELCA  
Faithful Through Generations  
December 8, 2013**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

Spotlight on Missions

Lighting of the Advent Wreath      **“Light One Candle” vs. 1, 2**      **ELW #240**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      **“Prepare the Royal Highway”**      **ELW #264**

**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**

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. 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. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. 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. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. 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. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. 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. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**ELW p. 187**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**The First Reading** *(Bulletin Insert)*

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

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

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

**Romans 15:4-13**

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

**\*C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**Matthew 3:1-12**

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”***

**ELW #249**

**\*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 #185**

**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. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**\*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.**

**\*SENDING HYMN “For The Bread Which You Have Broken” ELW #494**

**For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks O Lord. *By the promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav’n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you, keep loves tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

**\*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.**

**\*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.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	5:30PM	Christmas Dinner-CC
Tuesday	9:30AM	WELCA Bible Study-Liberty's
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	6:30PM	Adult Choir-CC
	7:00PM	Confirmation Caroling-meet at CC
	7:30PM	Friends in Faith
Thursday	7:00PM	Council Meeting-CR
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### 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!

*Note-The Sunday School kids will be singing during the program. Please plan on attending with your child(ren).*

### Cross of Christ Adopt-a-Family

Cross of Christ will once again be participating in the adopt-a-family Christmas project. Watch for the tree with tags on it in the back of the church. Please take a tag off the tree, buy the gift listed and return the unwrapped gift with the tag to church by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### 2014 Offering Envelopes

The 2014 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. If I have missed putting envelopes out for you, please let me know.

Thank you, Sue Hill

### WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Morning Bible Study will meet Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at church by 9:00 a.m. to carpool to Liberty's Restaurant for 9:30 a.m. breakfast. Pastor Bob will drive the van. Bring non-perishable food items for the Red Wing Food Shelf instead of gifts. Any questions, please call Millie Niebeling at 651-388-4616.

### Kwik Trip Cards

*KT cards make great presents or stocking stuffers.*

Help support our 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 10% of the sales. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com) or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, December 10th** and will be available during church on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

### WELCA Winter Retreat

WELCA winter retreat is scheduled for Jan 24-26 at Cedar Valley Resort near Lanesboro. The invitation is open to all Cross of Christ and Cannon River ladies and friends as well. This year's program will center on the study of the enneagram led by Mary Berthold; "Understanding our spiritual gifts and receiving spiritual guidance via the enneagram." Cedar Valley provides a beautiful and relaxing setting for this weekend filled with laughter, great food, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Cost for the 2 nights and 3 days is \$125.00. Please contact Kris Portinga or Mary Fjetland to register or if you have questions.

### Cross of Christ 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On December 29, 1873, fifty-four persons (Swedes) moved by the Spirit of the Lord, established a congregation by dipping their pen in historic ink and signed their names to a document thus becoming charter members of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Welch, Goodhue County, Minnesota. Congratulations on 140 years of faithful ministry and sharing Christ's love with others.

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