

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 10, 2017

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***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.**

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

1. 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. *Refrain*

3. 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. *Refrain*

2. 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. *Refrain*

4. 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. *Refrain*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: **This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

1. 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. *Refrain*

2. 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. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Bulletin Insert*)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

ANTHEM

“Where You There”

Sunday School-CC

The First Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

2 Peter 3:8-15a

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*)

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

SERMON

Pr. Robert 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, who was conceived by the power of 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 “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART” ELW #186**

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.

***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.**

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***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.**

SENDING HYMN

"O Com, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW #257

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

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today | After Service 6:00PM | Choir Practice-CC Youth Caroling-All are welcome |
| Tuesday | 8:30AM 6:30PM | WELCA Bible Outing-CC Council Meeting-CC |
| Thursday | 7:00PM | CR Council Meeting at COC |
| Saturday | 9:00AM | Men's Bible Study-CC |

Christmas Shoeboxes

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who prepared a Christmas shoebox. We do appreciate the extra donations of much needed items for men and women!

Our boxes will be taken to Hope Coalition in Red Wing to help people who are homeless. Because of your kindness, we will hopefully make Christmas a little brighter for people who need our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your support!

Kwik Trip Cards

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 5% of the sales and another 10% for non-fuel purchases made with the cards. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, December 12th, 2017** and will be available during church on Sunday, December 17th. 2017. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

Econo Foods and Family Fare 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 Project Adopt-a-Family

There is a Christmas tree in the back of the church with tags. Please take a tag and buy the gift listed on it for the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project at Cross of Christ. Please return the gifts unwrapped, by **Sunday December 17th**. Any questions please contact Lynette Hanson at (651) 380-7814

2018 Offering Envelopes

Your 2018 offering envelopes are in the back of the church. Please let me know if you don't wish to use envelopes in 2018 but received them, or if you didn't get them and would like to.

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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