

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ  
Lutheran Churches ELCA  
Faithful Through Generations  
December 13, 2015**

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Organist: Jeff Rudi

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

ELW #283

**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

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

<sup>1</sup>*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

<sup>2</sup>*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

<sup>3</sup>*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

<sup>4</sup>*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**

ELW p. 187

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

<sup>1</sup>*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

<sup>2</sup>*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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

ANTHEM

*“Father Abraham”*

Sunday School-CC

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

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

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

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

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

**Philippians 4:4-7**

**\*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*)

**Luke 3:7-18**

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Good Christian Friend Rejoice”*

**ELW #288**

**\*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 #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.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**ANTHEM**

*“Breath of Heaven”*

Dana Dinndorf

**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.**

**\*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**

*“Joy to the World”*

**ELW #267**

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

POSTLUDE

*(\*Please Stand)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
	6:00PM	Confirmation Christmas Caroling
Wednesday	6:30PM	Adult Choir-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### **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 today. Thank you!

### **2016 Offering Envelopes**

The 2016 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, Rebecca Peterson

### **EconoFoods Receipts**

Please keep saving EconoFoods receipts from Red Wing and Cannon Falls for Missions. Once we reach our goal, \$1000 will be sent to Feed My Starving Children.

### **Women's Retreat**

The Women's Retreat will be January 24-26, 2016. Registration is \$125. If you wish to go on the sleigh ride on Saturday please add \$10. Massages will also be available. **Please make your payment or at least \$50 deposit** to either Julie Schreifels or Char Leurquin by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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