

Chorus - Congregation

King of heaven come down
King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign
Shining like the day
King of heaven come
King of heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name
King of heaven come

Verse 2

We are, children of Your mercy
Rescued for Your glory
We cry Jesus, set our hearts towards You
That ev'ry eye would see You, lifted high
(Chorus)

Bridge

King of heaven come
King of heaven come
King of heaven come
Oh King of heaven come
(Chorus)

Prayer of the Day

Bulletin Insert

Children's Sermon

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

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

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

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

***It Came upon the
Midnight Clear-CR***

ELW #282

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear-CC

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solem stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Bridge

Hear the angels sing, hear the angels sing
Hear the angels sing, hear the angels sing

Verse 3

And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing
(Bridge)

Verse 4

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet seen of old
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing
(Bridge-2x)

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Bob Berthold

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW #272

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung,
It came, a flow'r so bright,
amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah had foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And into endless day.

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.**

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

"Light of the Stable"

FIF

***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.

Sending

The 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.

Blessing

There Is Joy In The Lord

Verse 1

There is joy in the Lord
There is love in His Spirit
There is hope in the knowledge of Him
There's a fountain that flows
Like a river from heaven
Abounding in love to my soul

Chorus

All blessing and honor are His
All glory and power are His
Let all wisdom and strength
Be the Lord's in this place
Let all glory be given to Him

Verse 2

There is joy in the Lord
There is love in His Spirit
There is hope in the knowledge of Him
There's a fountain I know
Ev'ry time I am near it
My heart overflows to the Lord
(Repeat Chorus)
(Repeat Verse 1)

Ending

There is joy in the Lord

Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Come and Worship" by Bebo Norman and Jason Ingram ©2007 New Spring (Admin. By Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc., 741 Cool Spring Blvd., Franklin TN 37067) CCLI License No. 3176777 CCL# 5100062
"King of Heaven" CCLI Song # 5997804 Jason Ingram | Paul Baloche © 2010 Integrity Worship Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing (IMI)) Leadworship Songs (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing (IMI)) Sony/ATV Timber Publishing (Admin. by Sony/ATV Sounds LLC) West Main Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Sounds LLC) Windsor Hill Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Sounds LLC) For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 3176777
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CCLI Song # 31078 Edmund Hamilton Sears | Richard Storrs Willis
© Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 3176777
"There is Joy in the Lord" CCLI Song No. 1184209 © 1992, 1993 Sparrow Song (a div. of EMI Christian Music Publishing) Cheri Keaggy For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License No. 3176777

Cannon River & Cross of Christ

Lutheran Churches ELCA

Faithful Through Generations

December 22, 2013

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Come and Worship

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er the earth.
Ye who sang creations story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
(Chorus - 2x)

Saints before the altar, bending,
Watching, longing, hope and fear.
Suddenly the Lord descending
in His temple shall appear.
(Chorus - 2x)

The First Noel

ELW #300

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from the country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

King Of Heaven

Verses-Vocalists
Chorus-Congregation

Verse 1

Jesus, let Your kingdom come here
Let Your will be done here, in us
Jesus, there is no one greater
You alone are Savior
Show the world Your love

Continued

ANNOUNCEMENTS

| | | |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday | 4:30PM | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-CC |
| Wednesday | 10:00AM | Christmas Day Service-CR |
| Saturday | 9:00AM | Men's Bible Study-CC |

Cross of Christ Adopt-a-Family

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Adopt-a-Family Christmas mission project at Cross of Christ. All of the gift tags were taken and all of the gifts were purchased. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

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." 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 140th 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.

Annual Meeting

Cannon River's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26, 2014 following worship. Please have financial reports to the church office by Thursday, January 9th. Cross of Christ's Annual meeting will be Sunday, February 9, 2014 also following worship. Please have all financial reports to the church office by January 10th so they can be audited.

Cannon River and Cross of Christ Lutheran Parish, ELCA

Office: 24036 County 7 Blvd. • Welch, Minnesota 55089

Phone: 651-388-3464 **E-mail:** secretary@cccchurch.com **Website :** www.ccchurch.us

Ministers: People of Cross of Christ and Cannon River Churches

Pastor: Bob Berthold **Cell:** 507-318-8717 **E-mail:** pastor@cccchurch.com

Parish Secretary: Ellen Hartman **Organist:** Jeff Rudi

CC Greeters: Joel & Tracy Harth **CC Lector:** Dennis Martin

CC Council Person: Janet Daley

Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary at Cross of Christ.

Marian Bjorklund in memory of husband, Glen Bjorklund and granddaughter, Tara Anderson

Lori Busse and Family in memory of parents, Wendell & Rose Gesme

Janet and Oscar Daley in memory of Lloyd & Clarice Hoeft and Freeman & Helen Daley

The Dinndorf Family in memory of Grandma Itzie

Darwin and Cheryl Fox in honor of our grandchildren and men and women serving our country

Gustafson Family in memory of Carl & Bernice Gustafson

Jim and Sue Hill in honor of our family

Karl and Jean Kehren Family in memory of our parents, Bill & Hazel Kehren and Ray & Sarah Setzer

Gilmore Lee in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lee and Margaret Lee

Bob and Sandy Luhman in memory of Harry & Donna Luhman and Russ & Dorothy Knoblauch

Den and Jackie Martin in memory of Bennie & Florence Martin and John & Irene Garner

Jerry and Millie Niebeling in memory of Edwin & Ella Niebeling and Herbert & Dorothy Scheitel

Steve and Barb Peiffer in memory of Barb's parents, Ben & Naida Varholdt and Steve's dad, Jim Peiffer

Terry and Sandie Petrashek in honor of our children

Terry and Sandie Petrashek in memory of Calvin Chapman, Fred Chapman, Paul & Arlene Capraro

Kris and Todd Portinga in memory of John & Nancy Nilson

Kris and Todd Portinga in honor of Jim & Shirley Portinga

Jack and Jean State in memory of Francis State

Tatge, Bauer and Holmquist Families in memory of Glenn & Marilyn Holmquist