

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 24, 2017**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW #282

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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

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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.**

1. Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.

2. Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

3. Have mercy on us, Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE

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1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exult you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

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

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

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

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

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

Romans 16:25-27

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

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

Luke 1:26-38

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

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

***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.**

***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.**

***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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** **"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"** **ELW #271**

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

POSTLUDE

(Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	4:30PM	Christmas Eve Service-CC
Monday	10:00AM	Christmas Day Service-CR
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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

Women's Retreat

Program: "Loving Each Other as Unique Expressions of the Face of God" Dana & Kris. The 2018 Women's Retreat will once again be held at Cedar Valley Resort in Whalen, MN. The dates are **January 19-21**. We will have a great program, good food, wonderful fellowship, crafts, Music and other activities. Please let Julie, Tracy or Jean know if you are planning to attend or have any questions/concerns. Cost is \$125 per person. Family, friends and relatives are welcome to attend.

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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