

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 29, 2013**

PRELUDE
Welcome and Announcements

Organist: Jeff Rudi

***OPENING HYMN** *“Once in Royal David’s City”* **ELW #269**

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.

GLORY TO GOD **ELW p. 185**
Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The First Reading *(Bulletin Insert)* **Isaiah 63:7-9**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading *(Bulletin Insert)* **Hebrews 2:10-18**
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 2:13-23

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Child Is This”

ELW #296

***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: Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***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**

“Cold December Flies Away”

ELW #299

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

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday 9:00AM Men's Bible Study-CC

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 Meetings

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 information for the booklet to the church office by January 10th.

WELCA Bible Studies

WELCA Morning Bible Study will meet Tuesday, January 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Plaza. Anyone needing a ride to Red Wing should meet at Cross of Christ at 8:30 a.m. We will car pool to Red Wing. WELCA Evening Bible Study will meet at Cross of Christ on Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in Dahlen Hall. Any questions, please call Millie Niebeling at 651-388-4616.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help support the Cross of Christ Church 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 or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, January 14th** and will be available during church on Sunday, December 19th. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

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