

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 30, 2018**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW #301

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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: 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.**

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.**

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

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

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)*

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Colossians 3:12-17

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

***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 2:41-52

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

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

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

ELW #302

***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 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” ELW #308**

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

POSTLUDE

(* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday	After Service	Luncheon-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	Finance Meeting-CC
Thursday	Noon-6:00PM	Blood Drive-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Last Sunday of 2018 Luncheon

Ken and Joan Slingsby will be providing lunch **Today** in Dahlen Hall. Lunch will be served following morning worship.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday January 3rd, 2019**. If you would like to help or donate blood, please contact Julie Schreifels at 651-388-2326

2019 Women's Retreat Payment Reminder

A final payment of \$75 for the January Women's Retreat is due **January 13, 2019**. Payable to Cross of Christ WELCA. Send payment to the church office or give to Janet Daley or Mary Fjetland

Cannon River Annual Meeting

Cannon River will hold its annual meeting on **Sunday, January 27th** immediately following worship. Please bring a treat to share for coffee fellowship. Treasurers need to turn in their reports to the church office as soon as possible. Thanks!

Family Fare Store Receipt Collection

Please continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.

To date, our collection totals \$49,000!!

When the receipts total \$150,000, we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children. We have already reached this goal twice, and are now on our third collection. It's amazing! ***Shop, bring your receipts to church*** and we will support children who are hungry! ***Thank you,*** the Mission Committee

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