

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 9, 2018**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way, for the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (Verse 1 and 2)

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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.**

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

1. 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*

3. 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*

2. 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*

4. 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

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

1. 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*

2. 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*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

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

ANTHEM

“A King Was Born”

Sunday School-CC

The First Reading *(Bulletin Insert)*

Malachi 3:1-4

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

The Second Reading *(Bulletin Insert)*

Philippians 1:3-11

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)*

Luke 3:1-6

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

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

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***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.**

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today | Meet at 5:00PM | Decade The Halls Concert-CC |
| Tuesday | 8:30AM | WELCA Bible Outing-CC |
| | 6:30PM | Council Meeting-CC |
| Wednesday | 7:00PM | WELCA Meeting-CC |
| | 7:00PM | Confirmation-CC |
| Saturday | 9:00AM | Men's Bible Study-CC |

Cannon River Christmas Poinsettias

Please use the signup sheet at the back of the church or contact Ellen Hartman to order poinsettias. Cost is \$15. Please make checks out to Cannon River WELCA.

WELCA Bible Study

Welca Bible Study group- Christmas Breakfast outing- **Tuesday- December 11th**. We will meet at church at 8:30 to go to Liberty Pizza in Red Wing by 9:00Am- We can carpool . Bring some food for the food shelf which we can drop off after breakfast. No gifts please. Wear a Christmas sweater or sweatshirt if you have one or wear a Christmas pin.

Cannon River Christmas Program

Cannon River will hold its Christmas Program on Sunday, **December 16th** during worship. All ages are encouraged to participate this year. Coffee fellowship to follow; please bring cookies to share.

Installation

Installation of Deacon Todd Portinga will be held during the Christmas Programs at both Cannon River and Cross of Christ churches. The Cross of Christ church council is sponsoring cake and coffee after the service on **Sunday Dec. 16th** at Cross of Christ Church.

Christmas Caroling Schedule

The confirmation students, along with whomever would like to join, will be going caroling on **Sunday, December 16th** in Red Wing and on **Wednesday, December 19th** in Hastings. If you would like to go along, please meet at Cross of Christ by 6:30PM

Adopt a Family Christmas Project

Once again Cross of Christ will be participating in the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program. A Christmas tree is displayed in the back of the church with tags. Please take a tag and buy the gift listed on it for the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project at Cross of Christ. Please return the gifts unwrapped, by **Sunday December 16th**. Any questions please contact Lynette Hanson at (651) 380-7814

Ruth's Boys

Cannon River will again be sharing the Christmas Spirit with "Ruth's Boys". Gift ideas are on a Christmas tree in the back of church. You're invited to purchase a gift and return it wrapped by **Dec. 23** for delivery.

Christmas Shoeboxes

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who prepared a Christmas shoebox. We received a generous donation of hand-made fleece hats and mittens along with other items that you were willing to share to make up even more shoeboxes!!

Our boxes will be taken to Hope Coalition in Red Wing to help people who are homeless. Because of your kindness, we will hopefully make Christmas a little brighter for people who need our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your support!

2019 Women's Retreat

The 2019 Women's Retreat will be held on January 25-January 27, 2019 at the Cedar Valley Resort in Lanesboro, MN. The study topic with the The Daring Way and will be facilitated by Pastor Karna Marks. The cost for the retreat is \$125. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is due, along with your registration, by December 2, 2018. For question or further information please contact Janet Daley at 651-388-4556, Mary Fjetland at 651-480-8110 or Julie Schreifels at 651-388-2326. Registration forms are located at the back of the church.

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 \$47,000!!

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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