

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ**  
**Lutheran Churches ELCA**  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
**March 31, 2019**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Our Father, We Have Wandered”*

**ELW #606**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, so that we may live.  
*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

L: Holy God,

**C: We confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Hear for yourselves: there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of Jesus, the one whom God sent to save the world. **C: Amen.**

**GREETING & KYRIE**

**ELW p. 203**

L: 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.**

**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)*

**Joshua 5:9-12**

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

**PSALM** *(Bulletin Insert)*

**Psalms 32**

**THE SECOND READING** *(Bulletin Insert)*

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW p.205**

**C: We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind – slow to anger,  
rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

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

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

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

**SERMON**

Deacon Todd Portinga

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”*

**ELW #325**

**\*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**                      **“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”**                      **ELW #544**

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

## POSTLUDE

(*\* Please Stand*)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	After Service 11:45AM	Choir Practice-CC Confirmation-CC
Wednesday	5:30PM 7:00PM	Soup Supper-CC Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM 11:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC Salad Luncheon-CC

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### Forty Days-Forty Items

We have a Lent challenge for you!! Each day of Lent remove one item from your closet or home that you no longer wear or need and put into a trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to the Cross of Christ garage sale, which will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>!! Garbage bags are at the back of the church. –The Service Committee

### Easter Flowers

Order forms for Easter flowers will be due on **Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Forms are included in the bulletin as an insert or you may contact the church secretary for one.

### Annual Garage Sale

Cross of Christ will hold its annual garage sale **April 25-27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Start setting aside items to be donated for the sale. Both helpers are needed to set up and to work on the sale dates. Contact Lynette Hanson for more information at 651-388-7378.

### 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 \$61,000!!***

***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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