

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ**  
**Lutheran Churches ELCA**  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
**December 7, 2014**

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi  
Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath      **“Light One Candle” vs. 1, 2**      **ELW #240**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”*      **ELW #242**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**      **ELW p. 94**

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.**

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**      **ELW p. 203**

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.**

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

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

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**      **ELW p.204**

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

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; on your promise firm we stand.

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!

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Bulletin Insert*)

**THE FIRST READING** (*Bulletin Insert*)      **Isaiah 40:1-11**

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

**THE SECOND READING** (*Bulletin Insert*)      **2 peter 3:8-15a**

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      **ELW p.205**

**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**      **Mark 13:24-37**

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

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

**SERMON**      **Pastor Bob Berthold**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”*

ELW #275

\*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** *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”* **ELW #686**

**We give thee but thine own, what e're the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, an gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ like thing. And we believe thy word, thou dim our faith may be: what e're we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER ELW p.107

P: Let us pray. **C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p.206

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*THE PREFACE

**\*THE SANCTUS**

**ELW p. 207**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*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**

**ELW p. 208**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away: eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

**HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC**

**ELW #276, #277, #264**

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** *“Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus”* **ELW #501**

**Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be. And, in leaving now thine altar, let us nevermore leave thee! Let thy bright celestial chorus never cease the heav'nly strain; but in us, thy loving children, come with peace, good will to reign.**

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

(\*Please Stand)

*Apple juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request during Communion at Cross of Christ.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	5:30PM	Christmas Dinner-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-RW
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	6:30PM	Adult Choir-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### **Christmas Dinner This Evening!!**

#### ***Cross of Christ and Cannon River Celebrating the Season Together!***

Please join us this evening for our annual Christmas Dinner. We'll gather in Dahlen Hall at 5:30pm; please bring a dish to share. Tableware and beverages will be provided. It is not too late to share a talent during the program!

### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who has prepared a Christmas shoebox. These boxes will be brought to Hope Coalition in Red Wing and shared with people who are homeless. Because of all your support, we will hopefully make Christmas a little brighter for people who need our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you! The Mission Committee!!

### **WELCA Morning Bible Study**

WELCA Bible Study Group will meet Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Liberty's Restaurant in Red Wing for breakfast. We will not have a Bible study, but please bring food for the RW food shelf. Bring a Christmas poem to share if you have one. Meet at Cross of Christ to carpool to Red Wing at 8:30 a.m.; Pastor Bob will drive his van. We will do chapter 16 for Bible study in January since we had to cancel our Bible study for November.

### **Kwik Trip Cards**

#### **Gifts for hard-to-buy-for people/stocking stuffers/thank you gifts**

Help support Cross of Christ 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](mailto:hjschreif@live.com) or 651-388-2326. The next order will be put in on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and will be available during church on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

### **2015 Offering Envelopes**

The 2015 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. If I have missed putting envelopes out for you, please let me know. Thank you, Sue Hill

## **WELCA Annual Retreat**

**Twelve Steps for Christian Living** will be an opportunity to learn how the timeless and inspired principles of the Twelve Step programs can also help us in our Christian growth and spiritual development--*Twelve Steps—not just for managing addictions.* Join us for the WELCA Annual Retreat 2015 at Cedar Valley Resort in Whalan, January 23-25. Come join us as we enjoy a weekend of learning, food, fun, and fellowship. The cost is \$125. Please pay by December 15<sup>th</sup> if possible. Each person will help make one of the meals; Tracy will coordinate the meals. To register contact: Tracy Harth at [pooh823@charter.net](mailto:pooh823@charter.net) or Julie Schreifels at 651-388-2326 [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com)

### **Cross of Christ Adopt-a-Family**

Please take a tag from the tree at the back of the church. Purchase the item listed and return the unwrapped gift, with its tag, by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### **Ruth's Kids**

Cannon River members are encouraged to purchase gifts for Ruth's kids. Tags are in the back of the church. Please bring wrapped gifts back to church by December 21<sup>st</sup>.

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