

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
April 7, 2013**

PRELUDE
Welcome and Announcements

Organist: Jeff Rudi

***OPENING HYMN** **“Now the Green Blade Rises”** **LBW #148**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We worship as we live in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

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 **NTF p. 3**

P: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C:** Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, and defend us, O God. **C:** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE **NTF p. 4**

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for every more! *Now is the feast of the lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.* Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for every more! *Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.* Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for ever more! *For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.* Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for ever more!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Bulletin Insert*)

SPECIAL MUSIC **“He Lives”** Cross of Christ Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The First Reading (*Bulletin Insert*) **Act 5:27-32**

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

The Second Reading (*Bulletin Insert*) **Revelation 1:4-8**

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

*** C: Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.** **NTF p. 8**

***THE GOSPEL** (*Bulletin Insert*) **John 20:19-31**

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

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

SERMON Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”** **LBW #128**

***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 "AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT" NTF p.10**

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you. *As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.* As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you. *Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.* As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

***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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NTF p. 11

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

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

HOLY NTF p. 11

C: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD NTF p.14

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. *Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.* Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. *Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

WOV 675, 676, 699

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN "PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY" NTF p.15**

Praise to you O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever. *From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!* Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, remembering your covenant of life with us. *Praise to you O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever; thanks be to you forever.*

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

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:30AM	Congregational Meeting-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-CC
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-Stonehouse Apts.
	6:30PM	Friends in Faith
	7:00PM	Confirmation
Thursday	7:00PM	Joint Council Meeting-CR
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
	9:00AM	Spring Gathering-CC
Next Sunday	12:00PM	Youth Event

Cross of Christ Congregational Meeting

Cross of Christ will have a congregational meeting today, immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on purchasing ELW hymnals.

Spring Gathering

Cannon River Conference Spring Gathering for women is coming up on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. It will be held at Cross of Christ. Come for a morning of fellowship, music, hear Patti Riebold talk about The Connecting Connection in Red Wing, and a delicious lunch—all for \$10. Haven't registered? That's okay. You can register at the door. See you there.

Youth Zoo Trip

The 4th through 7th grade students are invited to go to the Minnesota ZOO on Sunday, April 14th. We will leave at noon from the Cross of Christ parking lot in the church van and return by 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.

Youth Grand Slam Trip

The 8th through 12th grade students are invited to go to Grand Slam in Burnsville on Sunday, April 21st. We will leave from the Cross of Christ parking lot in the church van at noon and return by 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 which includes laser tag, trampoline, mini golf, crazy cars, arcade tokens, bating token and a pop. You will need to have your parents fill out and sign a waiver that we have at the church or you can download it online from Grand Slam Burnsville, MN.

WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Bible Study group will be meeting in Dahlen Hall on April 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Yvonne Nelson is hostess. Anyone needing a ride from Red Wing should call Millie Niebeling at 651-388-4616. We will start a new bible study "The Parables of Jesus Through Peasant Eyes". Pastor Bob will be coming to visit that morning.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help support the 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 or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, April 9th** and will be available during church on Sunday, April 14th.

Cross of Christ Garage Sale

Cross of Christ will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, August 24, 2013. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please set aside useable items in good shape that could be sold at the garage sale. Items can be dropped off the week of the sale. We need help setting up, working the day of sale, clean up and someone to do the lunch. Contact Lynette Hanson at 651-388-7378 or Julie Schreifels at 651-388-2326 with questions.

St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus

The St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus will be performing on Sunday, April 14th at Deer Crest Homes, 470 Hewitt Blvd., Red Wing, across from the Red Wing Hospital. The free concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. This is the oldest Swedish male chorus in the United States, organized in 1881.

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

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