

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
May 3, 2015

PRELUDE
Welcome and Announcements

Pianist: Robin Nelson-Williams

*OPENING HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* ELW #834

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.** (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

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 power; 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; in 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*) Acts 8:26-40

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

THE SECOND READING (*Bulletin Insert*) 1 John 4:7-21

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 John 15:1-8

*Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY *"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"* ELW #451

CONFIRMATION (*Bulletin Insert*)

*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, and 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, though 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 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 all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away: eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC **ELW #494, #527, #689**

*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 *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* **ELW #545**

*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.

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

POSTLUDE (*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday	6:30PM	Adult Softball-Red Wing
Tuesday	7:00PM	Finance Meeting-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
	11:00AM	Spring Salad Luncheon-CC

Confirmation

Congratulations to those being confirmed today at Cross of Christ: Kristian Betcher, Kyle Greenlee, McKenzie Lawrence, Natasha Lawrence, Nickolas Meyer, Rachel Peterson and Samuel Peterson. May God bless you on your confirmation and always.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Cross of Christ, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to authorize funds to be used for the restoration of the upper portion of the church steeple. The scope of work will be described and background information behind the bid recommendation will be presented to the congregation. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Spring Salad Luncheon

The Spring Salad Luncheon theme "A Tisket a Tasket a Cookie in a Basket" will be Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Joyce Moorhouse will be speaking on "Having a Hobby" and showing her cookie cutter collection. Ladies of Cross of Christ should bring a large salad.

Community Supper

Cross of Christ will be serving the Community Supper (formerly known as Loaves & Fishes) on May 10th at the Methodist Church in Red Wing. Set up starts at 3:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. If can help please, please contact Joan Slingsby at 507-263-3715 or jslin@frontiernet.net

WELCA Morning Bible Study

WELCA Bible Study will meet Tuesday, May 12th at Cross of Christ in Dahlen Hall at 9:00 a.m. Read Chapter 21 in our Parables of Jesus book, pages 181 to 186, "The Mustard Seed and The Yeast." Pastor Bob will lead Bible study and Janice Hinsch will be hostess.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help support our 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 5% of the sales. You can *use the cards to make the same purchases as always* including fuel. When you use the card Kwik Trip to make an *in store purchase* (fuel not included) Kwik Trip reimburses the church 10% of your purchase for a potential *total of 15%*. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, May 12th, 2015** and will be available during church on Sunday, May 17th. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

Spring Cleanup

Spring Cleanup will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th at both churches. Many hands make light work.

Habitat for Humanity

Please consider donating to Habitat for Humanity. A "Blessing Board" has been delivered to both Cannon River and Cross of Christ. Please make a donation and then sign the board. The board will be used in the construction of the next Habitat for Humanity house. Thank You!

Confirmation Camp

All confirmation students are invited to attend confirmation camp at Good Earth Village July 5-10. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend so you can be registered.

Coffee Fellowship

Please consider signing up to host coffee fellowship at both Cannon River and Cross of Christ. A signup sheet is available at both churches. Cannon River's coffee fellowship will begin in June and all proceeds go to Sunday School.

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