

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 8, 2019

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: 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. **C: Amen**

***OPENING HYMN "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (Verse 1 and 2) ELW #240**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: 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.

L: 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: Amen.

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

ELW p.184

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

ELW p. 187

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.**

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)*
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 11:1-10

PSALM *(Bulletin Insert)*

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

THE SECOND READING (*Bulletin Insert*)

Romans 15:4-13

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*)

Matthew 3:1-12

***The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

ELW #256

***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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

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

***THE PREFACE**

***HOLY**

ELW p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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. 191

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

***L: 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

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

ELW #264

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

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	After Service 5:30PM	Choir Practice-CC Smorgasbord-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM 6:30PM	WELCA Bible Study-Red Wing-CC Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	Confirmation-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Christmas Dinner This Evening!!

Please join us this evening for our annual Christmas Dinner at Cross of Christ. 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!

Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project

The Cross of Christ Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project gifts are due **Today**. Questions, contact Lynette Hanson at (651) 380-7814

Kwik Trip Cards

The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, December 10th and** will be available during church on Sunday, December 15th. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

Christmas Caroling

The confirmation students, along with whomever would like to join, will be going caroling on **Sunday, December 15th** in Red Wing. If you would like to go along, please meet at Cross of Christ by 6:30PM.

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 to church by **Dec. 22** for delivery.

Music Jam Session

Please join us as we have another Music Jam Session on **Sunday, December 22nd** at 11:45am at Cross of Christ. All are welcome to join!!

Christmas Shoeboxes

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who prepared a Christmas shoebox. We received a generous donation of items that are much needed for men this year, 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!

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