Cannon River & Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches ELCA Faithful Through Generations January 1, 2017

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

*OPENING HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

ELW #275

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. 98

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.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen, amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is The Feast"

ELW p.101

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. *Refrain*
- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
 Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain
- 3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Bulletin Insert)

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

THE FIRST READING (Bulletin Insert)

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING (Bulletin Insert)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.102

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*THE GOSPEL (Bulletin Insert)

Luke 2:15-21

*Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Mickey Dobbins

*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.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

*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.107

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

^{*}PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.)

^{*}The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

*THE SANCTUS ELW p. 108

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.

*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. 112

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC

ELW #296, #298, #294

*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.**

*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

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW #282

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

(*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Finance Committee-CC
	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Cross of Christ Blood Drive

Cross of Christ will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 12th from noon until 6:00 p.m.

WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Bible study will be held on January 10th at the Plaza in Red Wing. Meet at Cross of Christ church to carpool at 9:00 a.m. Read Chapter 5 in The Old Testament for Christians on Moses, pages 33-30. Millie Niebeling will be hostess. Please let Millie know if you need the questions that go with the chapter.

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 and another 10% for non-fuel purchases made with the cards. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. The next order will be put in on Tuesday, January 10th and will be available during church on Sunday, January 15th. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

Cannon River Annual Meeting

Cannon River will hold its Annual Meeting immediately following worship on January 22, 2017. Please bring a treat to share for coffee fellowship. All financial reports should be turned in as soon as possible.

Dinner and a Game at Cross of Christ

Everyone is invited to celebrate the completed basement project. During the dull winter months of January, February and March we plan to serve a delicious hot meal to church members and friends, starting on Friday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m. It will be an opportunity for all generations to visit and have fun together. Following the meal, we'll play an easy dice game called Bunco. Bunco is a fast-paced game where you rotate and get a new partner every game. There is never a dull moment. Prizes will be awarded.

Fresh Eyes on the Scriptures

The women of Cross of Christ and Cannon River Churches and <u>friends</u> are invited to attend our Annual Women's Retreat January 20–22, 2017 at Cedar Valley Resort near Lanesboro. For this year's program, we will focus on some familiar Bible stories. Can we "take a fresh look" to see their relevance for our lives today? Kris Portinga and Mary Berthold will be our program leaders this year. Please contact Julie Schreifels hjschreif@liv.com 651-388-2326, Tracy Harth or Jean Kehren to reserve your spot at this fun and fulfilling event!!! See attached flyer for more information.

Annual Meeting

Cross of Christ's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 12th after worship. Council will provide the meal. Committee reports need to be to the church office by January 8th and Financial Reports need to be turned in by January 15th. Booklets will be available on January 29th.

Cross of Christ Pew Record Books

Please remember to fill out the record books located in the pews. Members only need to update contact information if there are changes. Thank you!

Cross of Christ Offering Envelopes

The 2017 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, Rebecca Peterson

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