Cannon River & Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches ELCA Faithful Through Generations November 16, 2014

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

*OPENING HYMN "Lord of Light" ELW #688

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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

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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

"Glory to God"

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Bulletin Insert)

THE FIRST READING (Bulletin Insert)

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING (Announcement Insert)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

*Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

ELW# 561

*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.)

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY HYMN

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

ELW #186

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ELW P.107

P: Let us pray. C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*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.

*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.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"O Christ the Same"

ELW #760

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

(* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS					
Today	10:00AM	Council Meeting-CR			
	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC			
	Noon	Youth Trip			
Monday	7:00PM	Contemporary Service Practice			
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-CF			
	6:30PM	Adult Choir-CC			
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC			

Fellowship at Cross of Christ

Please join us after the worship service at Cross of Christ for a light lunch. Funds raised from the lunch will go to Feed My Starving Children.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for worship on Wednesday, November 26th at Cross of Christ for the Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Christmas Smorgasbord

Cross of Christ and Cannon River Celebrating the Season Together!

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, December 7th, in Dahlen Hall. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. and bring a dish to pass; beverages and tableware will be provided. Lynette will once again prepare our lutefisk!

New this year . . . share a Christmas ornament! Do you have a special Christmas ornament that we could "borrow" for that evening? If you do, please give it to Sue or Jackie, or bring it that night. We have a tree we'd like to decorate for the evening that we all are a part of! After dinner, we will celebrate the season! We'd like to share your many talents during a program after dinner. Please let Sue or Jackie know if you have a talent that you're willing to share – children and adults! We'd love to hear from you! So, bring the whole family, invite a friend, and enjoy a wonderful evening of holiday celebration. ~Sue Hill and Jackie Martin

Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition Helping families in crisis rebuild their lives.

The mission committee asks your help in helping others this Christmas. We are sponsoring a Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition. Hope Coalition provides assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or struggling with housing.

This holiday season we are going to help homeless people in Red Wing find a little happiness on Christmas. Please help them by filling a Christmas shoebox and reminding them that there are people who care for them. There is a display in the back of the church with forms that you can use, or if you receive this electronically, you can print the form. The instructions are on it!! Please return your shoebox and place it in the front of the church by December 7th! Thank you for sharing your love on Christmas!!

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

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

⁵Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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