

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 21, 2014**

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Candles *"Light One Candle"* vs. 1-4 **ELW #240**

***OPENING HYMN** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* **ELW #288**

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 pow'r; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE **ELW p.204**

Come, let us join in cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus!" "Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "for he was slain for us!"

Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow'r divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.

Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Bulletin Insert*)

ANTHEM *"While Shepherds Lately Knelt"* Bob Wasti-CR

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

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

THE SECOND READING **Romans 16:25-27**

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** **Luke 1:26-38**

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

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

SERMON-CR **Pastor Bob Berthold**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM *"Just A Little Christmas"* CC Sunday School

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Away in the Manger"* **ELW #278**

HOLY BAPTISM-CC

***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.**

(Cross of Christ) **C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

***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 Special Music-CC Sunday School

***OFFERTORY HYMN "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW #685**

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

***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 "Joy to the World" ELW #267**

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

POSTLUDE (* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
	11:30AM	Choir Practice-CC
	6:00PM	Christmas Caroling-Confirmation
Wednesday	4:00PM	Adult Choir-CC
	4:30PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-CC
Thursday	10:00AM	Christmas Day Worship Service-CR
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Holy Baptism

Today Cross of Christ welcomes Patrick Clemens Nelson into membership through Holy Baptism. Patrick's parents are Adam and Jackie Nelson. His sponsors are Michele Nelson and Andrew Zahorsky. Congratulations!

2015 Offering Envelopes

The 2015 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, Sue Hill

WELCA Annual Retreat

Twelve Steps for Christian Living will be an opportunity to learn how the timeless and inspired principles of the Twelve Step programs can also help us in our Christian growth and spiritual development--*Twelve Steps—not just for managing addictions.* Join us for the WELCA Annual Retreat 2015 at Cedar Valley Resort in Whalan, January 23-25.

Come join us as we enjoy a weekend of learning, food, fun, and fellowship. The cost is \$125. Please pay by December 15th if possible. Each person will help make one of the meals; Tracy will coordinate the meals. To register contact: Tracy Harth at pooh823@charter.net or Julie Schreifels at 651-388-2326 hjschreif@live.com

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