

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
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Welcome and Announcements

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

L: The Light shines in the darkness. **C: and the darkness does not overcome it.**

OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

ELW#369

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

L: We gather in this unique way, the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin and hear God's promise of forgiveness...

(Pause for reflection and self-examination)

L: Most gracious God,

C: We are tired, afraid and frustrated. We confess we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have despaired and ridiculed our leaders. We have said things in haste. We have hoarded food and supplies. We are fearful of each other. And we haven't washed our hands enough! Forgive us and teach us how to forgive one other.

L: As Jesus forgives those who nail him to the cross, God forgives you. Live into the promise of resurrection and into God's abundant life. Reconcile with one another, forgive others as we have been forgiven.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

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

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ELW #803

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

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

*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.**

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