**Cannon River & Cross of Christ**

**Lutheran Churches ELCA**

***Faithful Through Generations***

**December 1, 2019**

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**\*OPENING HYMN *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”* ELW #242**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW p. 94**

L:In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: 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)*

L: Gracious God,

**C:** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** **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: Thanks be to God!**

**GREETING & KYRIE ELW p. 98**

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.**

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

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.**

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

L: 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)*

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

**THE FIRST READING** *(Bulletin Insert)* **Isaiah 2:1-5**

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

**PSALM** *(Bulletin Insert)* **Psalm 122**

**THE SECOND READING** *(Bulletin Insert)* **Romans 13:11-14**

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

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.102

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**\*THE GOSPEL** *(Bulletin Insert)* **Matthew 24:36-44**

**\***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 *“The King Shall Come”* ELW #260**

\*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 *“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

L: 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

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 our thanks and praise.**

\*THE PREFACE

**\*THE SANCTUS ELW p. 108**

**Holy, 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**

\*L: 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 *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* ELW #444**

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

POSTLUDE (\**Please Stand*)

***Apple juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request during Communion at Cross of Christ.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today After Service Choir Practice-CC

Wednesday 7:00PM WELCA Meeting-CC

 7:00PM Finance Meeting-CC

 7:00PM Confirmation-CC
Saturday 9:00AM Men’s Bible Study-CC

 **Poinsettia Plants**Order forms for Christmas poinsettia plants are located on the table at the back of the church at Cross of Christ. Order forms can be placed in the offering plate or by mailing and need to be received by **Sunday December** **1s**t. You may pick up your plants after the Christmas Eve worship service.

**Christmas Smorgasbord *Come and Celebrate the Season!***

 Our annual Christmas Smorgasbord will be held on **Sunday, December 8th**, in Dahlen Hall. Please arrive at 5:30pm and bring a dish to pass; beverages and tableware will be provided. Lynette and Ron Hanson will once again prepare the Lutefisk!!

 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!

**What is your best Christmas present?** Please tell us about this gift and the story behind it!

We’ll also play a game and you have a chance to win a prize!

 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.***

**Please join our Sunday school children in remembering others this Christmas!**

The mission committee is sponsoring our annual 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 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. **(The greatest need this year is for men.)**

**There is a display in the back of the church** with forms that you can use.The instructions are on it!! Feel free to take a plastic container for your shoebox, or you can cover a shoebox with wrapping paper, if you wish.

**Please return your shoebox and place it in the back of the church by December 8th!**

 **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.

 **Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project**Once again Cross of Christ will be participating in the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program.

A Christmas tree will be displayed in the back of the church with tags. Please take a tag and buy the gift listed on it for the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project.

Please return the gifts unwrapped, by **Sunday December 8th**. Any questions please contact Lynette Hanson at (651) 380-7814

 **WELCA Bible Study**WELCA Bible Study Group will meet **Tuesday December 10th** at 8:30 at Church to Carpool to Red Wing for breakfast at Liberty Restaurant at 9:00 AM- Bring some food for the Food shelf.

**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.

 **That’s My Pan sale**
Personalized pans and many other items. Great for bringing items to events. They also make fantastic presents: weddings, showers, birthdays, other special events and of course Christmas!! *Take orders from friends and family* either using the Fundraiser Order Form or Better have them go to **our**web site [**www.thatsmypan.biz/WELCA2019**](http://www.thatsmypan.biz/WELCA2019)

***We will send in a bulk order on Dec. 3rd***

 **Family Fare Receipts
*Please*** continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.

 ***To date, our collection totals $93,300!!***

***When*** the receipts total $150,000, we will receive a check for $1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children.

We have already reached this goal twice, and are now on our third collection. It’s amazing!

***Shop*, bring your receipts to church** and we will support children who are hungry! ***Thank you,*** the Mission Committee

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