

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
March 18, 2018

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

ELW #658

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.**

**1. Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.**

**2. Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.**

**3. 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

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

**2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,”
they cry, “to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“for he was slain for us!”**

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

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Bulletin Insert*)
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.****

**THE FIRST READING (*Bulletin Insert*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**THE SECOND READING (*Bulletin Insert*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****

Hebrews 5:5-10

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p.205

**C: We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind – slow to anger,
rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

***THE GOSPEL (*Bulletin Insert*)**

John 12:20-33

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Robert Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me”

ELW #767

***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**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.**

***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**

“Were You There”

ELW #353

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

POSTLUDE

(Please Stand)*

EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to order flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. You may choose from:

Easter Lilies	\$9.99
Colored Lilies	\$10.99
Azaleas	\$23.00
Rieger Begonias	\$15.00
Blue Hydrangea	\$20.00
Pink Hydrangea	\$20.00
Mums	\$15.00
Bulb Plants	\$12.99



Please complete this form and leave it in the offering plate or mail it to the church at 24036 County 7 Blvd, Welch, MN 55089 with your check. Order forms must be received by **March 18th**. You may pick up your plant following the services on Easter.

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Name _____

In Honor of or Memory of (please circle one) _____

Type of Plant(s) _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to "Cross of Christ"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	After Service	Contemporary Music Practice-CC
	After Service	Stewardship Meeting-CC
Wednesday	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Stewardship Committee Meeting

The Stewardship Committee will have a meeting **today** after service. Everyone is welcomed to join. Thank you!!

Lenten & Holy Week Services

Our last soup supper will be this **Wednesday March 21st at 5:30pm** at Cross of Christ, service will be at 7:00pm. Please bring your own silverware and bowl. Maundy Thursday service will be held at Cannon River on **Thursday March 29th at 7:00pm**. Good Friday service will be held at Cross of Christ on Friday **March 30th at 7:00pm**.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Out next Blood Drive will be on **Thursday, March 29th from 12:00 – 6:00 pm**. If you would like to sign up in advance: Call 1-800-733-2767 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: welchmn. Contact Julie Schreifels if you would like to help.

MercyMe Concert

The chart-topping band, MercyMe, will be performing with Tenth Avenue North at the Target Center on **Friday, April 13 at 7 pm**. We have a limited number of discounted lower-level tickets available! Cross of Christ and Cannon River youth get first dibs, but ANYONE who is interested should contact Rebecca Peterson (651-301-2652) to get 'on the list!' The cost will be \$15 per person, and Pastor Bob will drive the van. Kids younger than 5th grade should be with a parent or guardian.

Save the Date

The Women of the ELCA Cannon River Conference Spring Gathering **Saturday, April 14, 2018**
Holden Lutheran Church - Rural Kenyon [6949 430th St, Kenyon, MN 55946](http://www.welca.org)
Julie Schreifels Cannon River Conference WELCA Communications

Spring Salad Luncheon

Save the Date **April 7, 2018 11:00 am**. Kathy Jacobson author of thee *Noted* series will be our speaker. Please let Julie know if you would like to help with the luncheon. Cross of Christ women, please bring a salad to share.

Annual Garage Sale

Start saving your items for our Annual Garage sale. The sale will be held on **Thursday April 26th, 2018** from **2-7pm**, **Friday April 27th 8-4pm** and **Saturday April 28th, 2018** from **8-Noon**. Drop off dates will be Monday April 23rd-Thursday April 26th until noon. Helpers are needed for set up and to work the sale. If you have any brown paper bags, please save them for use at the sale. Please contact Lynette Hanson at 388-7814 or Julie S at 388-2326 if you are interested in helping in any way.

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

During the month of March we'll be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food shelves. Look for the table in the back of the sanctuary at Cross of Christ for more information and bring your donations throughout the month. We'll box it all up on **Sunday, March 25th** for distribution. Thank you for making a difference!

Econo Foods and Family Fare Receipt Collection

Please continue to save your Econo Foods and Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. *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 receipt to church** and we will support children who are hungry! *Thank you*, the Mission Committee

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