

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

“O Day of Rest and Gladness” (Verses 1 & 3)

ELW#521

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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L: We gather in this unique way, in 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 confess we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are tired of social distancing. We've said unkind things about our leaders. We've said hurtful things to those we love. We've hoarded food and supplies. And we haven't washed our hands enough! Forgive us and teach us how to forgive one other.

L: As Jesus forgave those who nailed 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 you 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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

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

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

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

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

(Jesus said to the disciples:) “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

SERMON**Deacon Todd Portinga****HYMN***“Abide with Me”* (Verses 1 & 5)**ELW #629**

*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.**