

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ  
Lutheran Churches ELCA  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
August 20, 2017**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”*

**ELW #618**

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. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exult you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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.**

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

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

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

## **\*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** *(Bulletin Insert)*

**Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28**

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

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Bob Berthold-CR  
Denver Mission Group Recap-CC**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

**ELW #876**

**\*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**

*“O Christ, Our Hope”*

**ELW #604**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*(\* Please Stand)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	After Service	Congregation Meeting-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### **Congregational Meeting**

**Today** there will be a Cross of Christ congregational meeting immediately following service to discuss and vote upon repair and restoration of the church parking lot.

### **Blood Drive**

Our next American Red Cross blood drive will be held on **August 31<sup>st</sup>** from 12-6PM

### **Contribution Statements**

Somehow, between 2016 and 2017, we lost some of your preferences on how you'd like to receive your quarterly contribution statements. As a result, you may have received your statements by mail when you'd prefer e-mail, or vice versa this year. My unsuccessful efforts to find your preferences resulted in your 2nd quarter statements being sent out quite late. Please accept my apologies. If you receive(d) your statement in a format you don't like, please contact me and I will update your preferences. Thank you! Rebecca Peterson [651-301-2652](tel:651-301-2652)

### **Did you know...Cross of Christ has PayPal?**

We do, and you can use it to pay for your Kwik Trip cards if you'd like. Just log into your account, search for the email, [crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com), and submit a payment. Make sure to make a note of what the payment is for. Please remember that payment must be received before the cards are handed out, so if you choose to pay by PayPal, please do so when you order your cards. See Rebecca Peterson for more information.

### **Worship and Music**

Start warming up your voices! We will have choir practice after church on Sunday **September 10<sup>th</sup>** with the help of Jeff Rudi. At our first practice we will discuss future practice dates and dates to sing during worship. Everyone is welcome. Hope to "hear" you there!

### **Missions at Work**

The Mission Committee met on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank everyone who donated to Lutheran Disaster Response to support the people of **South Sudan**. Because of your generosity, we are able to send \$850 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Please continue to save your **Econo Foods receipts** from the Red Wing Stores and **Family Fare receipts** from Cannon Falls. We need about \$30,000 more in receipts to reach the goal of \$150,000! We've accomplished it once, and now are close to our second time! When \$150,000 is reached, we will receive a check for \$1,000 to donate to Feed My Starving Children. Through your mission donations and coffee fellowship, we are sending \$200 to **Good Earth Village**.

Rhonda told us about the **Mission trip to Denver** which was taken at the end of July. Thank you to everyone who supported this group and made this mission a success; including your donations to fundraising, pie sales and the welcome home dinner!

We're looking forward to some upcoming mission projects, so please watch for information on . . .

- Gabby! The child we will be supporting through the Tanzanian Children's Fund.
- Thanksgiving Food Collection.
- Christmas Shoebox or other type of collection.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission work of our church,  
Sue Hill, Rhonda Meyer and Kris Portinga

## Community Picnic

Mark your calendars for **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2017 for the joint congregational and Welch neighborhood picnic. Starts at 4:30pm. Festivities will include pot luck food, friends, music, classic car and tractor show and yard games for all ages – so join the fun!



**Welch Community Picnic**

Saturday, September 9th  
4:30 PM

Please bring:

- Large Dish to Share w/spoon
- Lawn Chair
- Neighbor

Hosted by Cross of Christ Church  
24036 Cty 7 Blvd  
Welch

A gathering of friends, family & neighbors

**Music**  
Dave Carpenter  
Bounce House  
**Potluck**

**Family Fun**  
Yard Games  
**Fire Truck**

Classic Car & Tractor show

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