Cannon River & Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches ELCA Faithful Through Generations March 3, 2013

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

*OPENING HYMN "Thy Holy Wings"

WOV 741

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We worship as we live in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

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P: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C:Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C:Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

C:Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, and defend us, O God. C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE NTF p. 4

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for every more! Now is the feast of the lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for every more! Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for ever more! For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for ever more!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Bulletin Insert)

The First Reading (Bulletin Insert)

Isaiah 55:1-9

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading (Bulletin Insert)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

* C: Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy; Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

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*THE GOSPEL (Bulletin Insert)

Luke 13:1-9

*Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LBW 294

*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, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY HYMN "AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT" NTF p.10

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

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C: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD NFT p.14

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear: have mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

WOV 701, 731, 734

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN "PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY" NFT p.15

Praise to you O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever. From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever! Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, remembering your covenant of life with us. Praise to you O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever; thanks be to you forever.

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

POSTLUDE (*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Today	12:30PM	Roller Skating
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-Stonehouse Apts.
	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Service-CC
	8:00PM	Finance Committee Mtg-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Youth Roller Skating Event

Pastor Bob will be taking the youth to Belle Creek for roller skating. Grades 5, 6 and 7 will go today and grades 8 through 12 will go on Sunday, March 24th. Both days, the van will depart from Cross of Christ at 12:30 p.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.

Cross of Christ Garage Sale

A garage sale is planned for August, 2013. Please contact Lynette Hanson if you are able to help organize this event. Please call Lynette at 651-388-7378 to volunteer.

Lenten Services

The soup supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Please bring you own bowls, etc. to reduce waste. The service will follow at 7:00 p.m. We are exchanging pulpits with other Lutheran churches during Lent: Urland, Vasa, and St. Ansgars. The Dialogue sermons are all on the theme: "HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE."

Easter Flowers at Cross of Christ

Please use the purple forms located on the table in the back of the church if you wish to order flowers to beautify the sanctuary during Easter. The deadline to order is March 10th.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help support Cross of Christ Building Maintenance Fund by buying Kwik Trip scrip cards. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. The next order will be put in on Tuesday, March 5th, arriving Sunday, March 10th.

March is FoodShare Month

Please consider making a donation to the food shelf for Minnesota FoodShare Month. Cannon River is accepting donations, because *cash feeds more families*. All money raised stays in the local area.

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