

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
May 12, 2013**

PRELUDE
Welcome and Announcements

Organist: Jeff Rudi

* **OPENING HYMN** *“Now Thank We All Our God”* **ELW #840**

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**

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

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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.**

KYRIE **ELW p. 147**

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

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

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

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

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **ELW p. 149**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Bulletin Insert*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The First Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Acts 16:16-34

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

The Second Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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

* **C: Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.** **ELW p. 151**

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

John 17:20-26

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW #656

***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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**)

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: P:** Merciful Father, **C:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 152

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

HOLY

ELW p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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**

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LAMB OF GOD

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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.

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life, and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love for each other, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION: P:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN “Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise”**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday	8:30PM	Adult Softball-Red Wing
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-Dahlen Hall
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-Stonehouse Apts.
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

New Member

Today we welcome Rob Klippen into membership at Cannon River. Please join us for coffee fellowship after the service to honor the occasion.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers at Cross of Christ are in honor of Sherril and Sandra Bjornson's 50th anniversary and in honor of their children and grandchildren. Congratulations!

Loaves and Fishes

Cross of Christ will be serving Loaves and Fishes on Sunday, May 19th at the Red Wing Methodist Church on East Ave. Serving starts at 5:00 p.m., but set up for the meal starts at 3:00 p.m. in the church basement. Enter the church on the west side through the double glass doors. We will be serving between 55-75 people a full meal and then clean up after the meal. The menu has been planned, but if you are willing to make food for the meal or serve please let Joan Slingsby know at jslin@frontiernet.net or 507-263-3715.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 19th is Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please let the church office know of any graduates so their names can be added to the bulletin. Coffee fellowship will be served at both churches in honor of the graduates.

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Sunday School Teachers will be recognized for their hard work and dedication on Sunday, May 19th. Please take time to thank them for all they do.

Community Table Meal

Cannon River will be serving the Community Table Meal on Sunday, May 26th. Please contact Ellen Hartman to volunteer. We will need people to prepare food, serve the meal and clean up afterward. Please call Ellen at 507-263-7205 if you would like to help.

New ELW Hymnals

The new ELW hymnals are now in the pews at both Cannon River and Cross of Christ. Please consider purchasing a hymnal to place in the sanctuary as a gift to our congregations. Order forms are available in the back of both churches.

Sunday School Missions

The mission "kids" met on May 5th. This is the last mission meeting until Sunday School resumes in the fall. We talked again about Camp Noah. Just like God had Noah build the ark to keep Noah and his family and the animals safe, Camp Noah is a place for children to feel safe. Camp Noah is a camp for children whose community has been affected by a disaster.

Each child at Camp Noah gets a tied blanket while they are there that they can keep, so we tied blankets that we are sending to Camp Noah. Your child brought home a bank that they can fill with coins over the summer. Please have them bring their banks back in the fall and we'll send the money to Camp Noah.

We have a **mission "display"** in the back of the church. Check it out! You'll find an **ark** to put coins in for Camp Noah. Also, a **bucket to put your EconoFoods receipts** in; when we collect \$150,000 in receipts, we'll receive a check for \$1,000. We'll be sending that check to Feed My Starving Children. And please **save your old shoes and tennis shoes**; they go to the Connecting Connection in Red Wing.

Thank you for supporting our mission programs!

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