

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 29, 2019**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

ELW #269

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 97

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, so that we may live.
(Silence for reflection and self- examination)

L: Holy God,

C: We confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Hear for yourselves: there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of Jesus, the one whom God sent to save the world.
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.**

**3. Have mercy on us, Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!**

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

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)*

Isaiah 63:7-9

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

PSALM *(Bulletin Insert)*

Psalms 148

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Hebrews 2:10-18

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**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 2:13-23

***The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Child Is This”

ELW #296

***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 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ELW #270**

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

POSTLUDE

(* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	After Service	Luncheon-CC
	After Service	Stewardship Meeting-CC
Thursday	Noon-6PM	Blood Drive-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Last Sunday of 2019 Luncheon

Ken and Joan Slingsby will be providing lunch today in Dahlen Hall, following morning worship.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will have a meeting following worship service today.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Cross of Christ will have a blood drive on **Thursday, January 2, 2020** from noon to 6:00PM. If you are looking to donate blood or help with the drive, please contact Julie Schreifels at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326

Celebration

Please join me for a party for Nick Mittelsteadt to see him off to his new duty station on **Friday, January 10th at 6:30pm** at the American Legion in Red Wing. Thanks Kelley

2020 Offering Envelopes

Your 2020 offering envelopes are in the back of the church. Please let me know if you don't wish to use envelopes in 2020 but received them, or if you didn't get them and would like to. Thank you, Rebecca Peterson

Family Fare Receipts

Please continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.

To date, our collection totals \$94,800!!

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. **Shop, bring your receipts to church** and we will support children who are hungry!

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