

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
March 19, 2017**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

ELW #658

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.**

**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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p.204

**1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne; ten
thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**3. Jesus is worthy to receive
honor and pow'r divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, forever thine.**

**2. "Worthy the Lamb that died,"
they cry, "to be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
"for he was slain for us!"**

**4. Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.**

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.**

Exodus 17:1-7

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p.205

C: We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind – slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

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

John 4:5-42

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Robert Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ELW #608

***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 “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW #618**

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

POSTLUDE

(* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:30AM	Vocal Practice-CC
	Noon	Youth Trip-IMAX
Wednesday	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
	9AM-1PM	Craft Day-CC

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

During the month of March, we will be participating in a food collection to help restock the food shelves in Red Wing. Please check out the back of the church and leave your donations on the table. On the last Sunday of the collection, the 26th, the Sunday School youth will help box up your donations. Let's Help Squash Hunger! Thank you!!

Youth Trip

Pastor Bob will be taking the youth to the IMAX and Science Museum today. The van will leave from Cross of Christ at noon. Cost is \$10.

Craft Day

We will have a craft day on **March 25th 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** We will be making Finger Labyrinths (sewn and possibly crocheted) and bracelets made from wooden beads for the Triennial Gathering. The bracelets are for participants from Cross of Christ to trade with others at the Triennial. Come for all or part of the day, lunch will be served around 11:00.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be Thursday, March 30th, from 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Confirmation students will serve breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 9th, after worship.

Dinner and Game Night

We gathered on Friday, March 3rd for a great evening! We enjoyed a taco dinner and the popular game, Bunco; congratulations to Kelley Mittelsteadt and Jim Hill, our Bunco winners! Please consider hosting a Dinner and Game night. Just ask someone to help you and pick a date. It works out well to hold it in Dahlen Hall. Let Ellen know and she will announce it for us.

Spring Salad Luncheon

April 22, 2017 11:00 am. Lois Burnes will be presenting "Golden Memories" about the popular and enduring Little Golden Books. *Do you still have some Golden Books from your childhood or from your children? Bring them, or just share the name of your favorite little book and learn about the history of this publishing phenomenon.*

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EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to order flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Easter.

You may choose from:

Easter Lilies	\$9.99
Colored Lilies	\$10.99
Azaleas	\$23.00
Rieger Begonias	\$15.00
Blue Hydrangea	\$20.00
Pink Hydrangea	\$20.00
Mums	\$15.00
Bulb Plants	\$12.99



Please complete this form and leave it in the offering plate or mail it to the church at 24036 County 7 Blvd, Welch, MN 55089 with your check. Order forms must be received by **April 2nd**. You may pick up your plant following the services on Easter.

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Name _____

In Honor of or Memory of (please circle one) _____

Type of Plant(s) _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to "Cross of Christ"