

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
March 15, 2020

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* **ELW #807**

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)*

Exodus 17:1-7

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

PSALM *(Bulletin Insert)*

Psalms 95

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Romans 5:1-11

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**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

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

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

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As the Deer Runs to the River"

ELW #331

***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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW #742**

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

POSTLUDE

(* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:45AM	Confirmation-CC
Monday	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Easter Flowers



Once again Cross of Christ will offer flowers or plants to order from Hallstroms in Red Wing. Order forms are due on **Sunday, March 22nd**. Forms are located on the table at the back of the Church or you may contact the secretary for one.

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

Once again Cross of Christ will be participating in the Minnesota Food Share. We would like your help in stocking the food shelf in Red Wing. A brochure is attached with suggested donations and more details. **Please bring your donations to the back of the church, or a monetary donation is greatly appreciated!** Please make your check payable to "Cross of Christ" and write "Minnesota Food Share" in the memo. Thank you! The Mission Committee



Cannon River is also participating in the Minnesota Food Share Campaign. This is a state wide campaign from **March 1- April 12** to restock the food shelves of Minnesota. Our food shelves are so important to our communities. You may be surprised to know that nearly 1 in 11 Minnesotans experience food insecurity. We, at Cannon River, will be collecting food and cash donations. Checks can be made out to the Cannon Falls Food Shelf.

Spring Salad Luncheon

The annual Spring Salad Luncheon will be held on **April 18th at 11:00 am**. Pr. Kevin Doely – Musical Ventriloquist will be our main presenter. Women from Cross of Christ please bring a large salad for the lunch. Desserts and punch, etc. will be made by the committee. If you have ideas for door prizes or want to help with the decorating/set up. Please contact Julie Schreifels.



Annual Garage Sale

Cross of Christ will hold its annual garage sale **April 23-25th**. Start cleaning house and set items aside to donate for the sale. Please no electronics. Both helpers and workers will be needed. Any questions please contact Lynette Hanson at 651-388-7378. Thank you!!

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