

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
April 7, 2019

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Lord. Take My Hand and Lead Me”

ELW #767

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: 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*)

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Thanks be to God!**

GREETING & KYRIE

ELW p. 98

L: 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.**

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

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE **“This Is The Feast”** **ELW p.101**

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. Refrain**

**2. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

PSALM *(Bulletin Insert)*

Psalm 126

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p.102

C: Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

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

John 12:1-8

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

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

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lamb of God”

ELW #336

***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**

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW p.107

L: Let us pray. C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW p.107

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

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE**

***THE SANCTUS**

ELW p. 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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**

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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 112

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***L:** God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**

SENDING HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

ELW #339

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

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	After Service 11:45AM	Choir Practice-CC Confirmation-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM 6:30PM Following Joint Meeting	WELCA Bible Study-CC Joint Council Meeting-CC Council Meeting-CC and CR
Wednesday	5:30PM 7:00PM	Soup Supper-CC Lent Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Cannon River Easter Sunday Flowers or Plants

Anyone who is interested, is invited to bring a lily or spring plant to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. You can bring your plants home after the service. It's always fun to see all the flowers on that festive day!

Annual Garage Sale

Cross of Christ will hold its annual garage sale **April 25-27th**. Drop off items for the sale April 22nd -24th from 4-7pm Sale will be Thursday April 25th 12-7pm, Friday April 26th 8-4pm and Saturday April 27th 8-Noon. Both helpers and workers will be needed. Any questions please contact Lynette Hanson at 651-388-7378. Thank you!!

Cannon River Conference - WELCA Spring Gathering

All women are invited to the Cannon River Conference WELCA Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 27 from 8-12 noon at First English Lutheran Church in Faribault, MN The presenter is going to be Sam Ouk, the Diversity Coordinator Faribault Public Schools. He will be speaking on understanding and engaging our immigrant populations. Registration forms can be found on the table in the back of church. Pre-registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

Family Fare Store Receipt Collection

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 \$61,000!!

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. It's amazing! ***Shop, bring your receipts to church*** and we will support children who are hungry! ***Thank you,*** the Mission Committee

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