

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
May 17, 2015**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES-CR

***OPENING HYMN**

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW #655

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.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p.204

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

ANTHEM

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

1 John 5:9-13

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)*

John 17:6-19

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

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

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW #685**

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev’ry power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*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 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ELW #547**

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

POSTLUDE

(* Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today | 11:30AM | Contemporary Vocal Practice-CC |
| | 11:30AM | Special Congregational Meeting-CC |
| Thursday | 8:30PM | Adult Softball-RW |
| Saturday | 9:00AM | Men’s Bible Study-CC |

Cannon River Graduate Recognition

Congratulations graduates! Hannah Brummund, Robert Hartman and Sawyer Jackson are graduating from Cannon Falls High School. Good luck in your future endeavors!

Special Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held today, immediately following worship at Cross of Christ. The purpose of the meeting is to authorize funds to be used for the restoration of the upper portion of the church steeple. The scope of work will be described and background information behind the bid recommendation will be presented to the congregation. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Nepal Area Earthquake

ELCA members are responding to the April 25th earthquake that shook Nepal and its capital city, Kathmandu. Sections of the city's historic center lay in rubble, as aftershocks continue to rock the city valley and neighboring countries. If you wish to support the Lutheran Disaster Response appeal, please do the following: Make your check out to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church or Cannon River Lutheran Church, and in the memo of your check, write “Nepal Area Earthquake”.

Community Table Meal

Cannon River will be serving the Community Table Meal in Cannon Falls on Sunday, May 31st. People are needed to prepare food, serve and help clean up. Meet at the Episcopal Guild Hall at 4:30 p.m. Thank you!

Mission Committee Update

The Sunday School children and youth have been working on writing letters and coloring pictures for Keshawn. **We sponsor Keshawn through Child Fund** and send him \$28/month to help with his education, medical needs and food. It is wonderful to keep in touch with him, and we always hear back! If you and your child would like to learn more about him, there is some information in a binder in the back of the church and on the bulletin board downstairs. Thank you for writing!!

We were able to send \$142 to **Good Earth Village** from our coffee fellowship donations. Also, in support of the group going to Cincinnati, OH this summer on the **Living Water Mission Trip**, we were able to help each individual with \$150 toward their expenses.

Also, **PLEASE save your EconoFoods receipts** and bring them to the bucket in the back of the church! We are getting so close to our goal of \$150,000, which will enable us to get a check for \$1,000 for Feed My Starving Children. Our concern is that time may be running out . . .we originally had 2 years to reach our goal and we are getting close to that time. Only \$15,000 to go! Cross of Christ and Cannon River have been working on this together – WE CAN DO IT!

Simply Giving, a Simple Solution . . .

We hope that you will consider enrolling in “Simply Giving”. This program enables you to have your church offering automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. You can specify the amount to be deducted to go for church operating (all of your offering goes toward church operating expenses) or undesignated offering, (which means that 14% will be sent to the synod).

The finance committee and church council believe that this program is valuable to our church. We have a better idea of what to expect in offerings and when to expect them. This, of course, will be a great help in paying bills and budgeting. **The advantage to you is that by using an automatic deduction, you’ll remain current in your giving, even if you have to be away from church, your financial support will still continue.**

Your enrollment is confidential, just as your giving is now. Applications are available in the back of the church and Dahlen Hall.

Habitat for Humanity

Please consider donating to Habitat for Humanity. A “Blessing Board” has been delivered to both Cannon River and Cross of Christ. Please make a donation and then sign the board. The board will be used in the construction of the next Habitat for Humanity house. Thank You!

Coffee Fellowship

Please consider signing up to host coffee fellowship at both Cannon River and Cross of Christ. A signup sheet is available at both churches. Cannon River’s coffee fellowship will begin in June and all proceeds go to Sunday School.

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