

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ**  
**Lutheran Churches ELCA**  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
**December 2, 2018**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and salvation. Blessed be God forever.

*“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (Verse 1 only)*

**ELW #240**

**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. 98**

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.**

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

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

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

P: 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)*

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

ANTHEM

**“Of the Father's Love Begotten”**

Choir-CC

**THE FIRST READING** *(Bulletin Insert)***Jeremiah 33:14-16**The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****THE SECOND READING** *(Bulletin Insert)***1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.102

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**Luke 21:25-36**

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

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

**SERMON**

**Deacon Todd Portinga**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”***

**ELW #256**

**\*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**

**P: 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**

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

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

**P: 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.

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HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC

ELW #242, #244, #245

\*P: 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

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

ELW #276

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

POSTLUDE

(\*Please Stand)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today	After Service	Choir Practice-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	Confirmation-CC
	7:00PM	Finance Meeting-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting for the voting members of our church will be held immediately following the worship service at each church. The express purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Call Committee's recommendation, Deacon Todd Portinga.

The congregation will be given more details and then a vote will be taken. If the congregation votes to approve, a Letter of Call will be extended.

Please plan on staying for this important meeting for our congregation.

### Christmas Dinner This Evening!!

Please join us this evening for our annual Christmas Dinner. We'll gather in Dahlen Hall at 5:30pm; please bring a dish to share. Tableware and beverages will be provided. It is not too late to share a talent during the program!

The Sunday school children will be singing!!!

### Cannon River Christmas Poinsettias

Please use the signup sheet at the back of the church or contact Ellen Hartman to order poinsettias. Cost is \$15. Please make checks out to Cannon River WELCA.

### Cannon River Christmas Program

Cannon River will hold its Christmas Program on Sunday, December 16th during worship. All ages are encouraged to participate this year. Coffee fellowship to follow; please bring cookies to share.

### Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition

*Helping families in crisis rebuild their lives.*

The mission committee asks your help in helping others this Christmas. We are sponsoring a Christmas Shoebox Project for Hope Coalition.

Hope Coalition provides assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or struggling with housing. This holiday season we are going to help homeless people in Red Wing find a little happiness on Christmas.

Please help them by filling a Christmas shoebox and reminding them that there are people who care for them. There is a display in the back of the church with forms that you can use, or if you receive this electronically, you can print the form. The instructions are on it!! Feel free to take a plastic container for your shoebox, or you can cover a shoebox with wrapping paper, if you wish.

**Please return your shoebox and place it in the back of the church  
by December 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Thank you for sharing your love on Christmas!!**

## Adopt a Family Christmas Project

Once again Cross of Christ will be participating in the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program. A Christmas tree is displayed in the back of the church with tags. Please take a tag and buy the gift listed on it for the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project at Cross of Christ. Please return the gifts unwrapped, by **Sunday December 16th**. Any questions please contact Lynette Hanson at (651) 380-7814

## Thank you for making Feed My Starving Children a success!

We had over 600 volunteers that helped with set up/packing/ and clean up. The volunteers packed 124,632 meals which will feed 341 kids/day for a year! Keep saving your Econo/ Family receipts!

The Storm Creek sales continue. They will donate 10% back to FMSC-Cannon Falls event. Please choose our event at checkout. You can shop in store or online.

They are also selling Cannon Falls shirts and half will go back to our event! Check out [stormcreek.com](http://stormcreek.com) and click on Shop for a Cause to check out these shirts and more. (Click on FMSC Cannon Falls Mobile Pack Event) Thanks for supporting FMSC-CF!

## Ruth's Boys

Cannon River will again be sharing the Christmas Spirit with "Ruth's Boys". Gift ideas are on a Christmas tree in the back of church. You're invited to purchase a gift and return it wrapped by **Dec. 23** for delivery.

## 2019 Women's Retreat

The 2019 Women's Retreat will be held on January 25-January 27, 2019 at the Cedar Valley Resort in Lanesboro, MN. The study topic with the The Daring Way and will be facilitated by Pastor Karna Marks. The cost for the retreat is \$125. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is due, along with your registration, by December 2, 2018. For question or further information please contact Janet Daley at 651-388-4556, Mary Fjetland at 651-480-8110 or Julie Schreifels at 651-388-2326. Registration forms are located at the back of the church.

## 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 \$47,000!!*

*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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