

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ**  
**Lutheran Churches ELCA**  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
**January 6, 2019**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”*

**ELW #314**

**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:** 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.**

**P:** 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!**

**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.**

**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.**

**THE FIRST READING** *(Bulletin Insert)*

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

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

**THE SECOND READING** *(Bulletin Insert)*

**Ephesians 3:1-12**

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW p.102**

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

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

**Matthew 2:1-12**

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

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

**SERMON**

**Deacon Todd Portinga**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

**ELW #310**

**\*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.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC**

**ELW #312, #313, #316**

**\*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**

***"On Our Way Rejoicing"***

**ELW #537**

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

**POSTLUDE**

***(\*Please Stand)***

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Tuesday	8:30AM at The Plaza	WELCA Bible Study-CC
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	Confirmation-CC
	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
Thursday	7:00PM	Council Meeting-CR
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
	5:30PM	Bunco-CC

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### **Kwik Trip Cards**

The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, January 8th** and will be available during church on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com) or 651-388-2326. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

### **Bunco**

Join us on **Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at **5:30PM** to share a meal and play Bunco together. Bunco is an easy dice game for all ages to play with plenty of time to visit. It works best to have two hosts for each month to prepare the meal. Please sign up to co-host by contacting Janet Daley 388-4556. Other proposed dates are February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's roll into spring with some winter fun and maybe win a prize!

### **Bonhoeffer Society**

The Bonhoeffer Society of Red Wing is sponsoring a presentation and discussion "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: His Beliefs, His Life, His Legacy" on **Saturday, January 12, 2019** at First Covenant Church, Red Wing from 10am-2pm. This event is free. All are invited. A soup luncheon will be served.

### **2019 Women's Retreat Payment Reminder**

A final payment of \$75 for the January Women's Retreat is due **January 13, 2019**. Payable to Cross of Christ WELCA. Send payment to the church office or give to Janet Daley or Mary Fjetland

### **Worship & Music Committee Meeting**

The Worship and Music Committee will meet in Dahlen Hall following worship service on **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

### **Cannon River Annual Meeting**

Cannon River will hold its annual meeting on **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship. Please bring a treat to share for coffee fellowship. Treasurers need to turn in their reports to the church office as soon as possible. Thanks!

### **Cross of Christ Annual Meeting**

Cross of Christ will hold its annual meeting on **Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>** following worship. All financial reports will need to be turned into the office by **Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>** and all other committee reports need to be in by **Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## **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 \$49,000!!*

*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

## **145<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary**

Just after the Christmas holidays, 145 years ago, a notable event occurred near the current intersection of US Highway 61 and County Road 31 where the Swede Schoolhouse was located. It was a temporary meeting place where Swedish pioneer families gathered together. The pioneers had brought from their homeland a rich spiritual heritage. Sharing the same ancestral background, language and culture, they now expressed their fervent wish to also share their living faith in God. At the organization meeting on December 27, 1873, fifty-four people gave their unanimous consent in starting a Lutheran congregation. A list of Charter Members can be found in Dahlen Hall's display case.



The pastoral leadership for this significant event was the Rev. Eric Norelius who had established a church in Red wing in 1855 and the Cannon River church in 1857. Minnesota became the 32<sup>nd</sup> state in 1858 the same year the Spring Garden church started. A Cannon Falls church was established a year later, and the Prairie Island church began in 1870.

The charter members adopted several motions; one was to ask Pastor Anderson from Vasa to serve this congregation every other Sunday afternoon, for a stipend of \$100.00 per year plus transportation.

Church records show that in 1879 Pastor A. Palmstrom preaching was shared with a Hastings church for the next three years. Historically we've always been a two or three point parish. In February of 1924 at a special meeting it was decided to conduct one half of the service in Swedish and the other half in English. Over the years our church membership has become more diversified – anyone can join our church.

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