

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
December 14, 2014

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Wreath *“Light One Candle”* vs. 1-3 ELW #240

*OPENING HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* ELW #283

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.

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 power; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p.204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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; on your promise firm we stand.

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!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Bulletin Insert*)

THE FIRST READING (*Bulletin Insert*) Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING (*Bulletin Insert*) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW p.205

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 John 1:6-8, 19-28

*Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270

*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 “We Give Thee But Thine Own” ELW #686**

We give thee but thine own, what e're the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ like thing. And we believe thy word, thou dim our faith may be: what e're we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

*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.206

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

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them up 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. 207

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. 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. 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away: eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*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.**

***Sending Hymn “Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus” ELW #501**

Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be. And, in leaving now thine altar, let us nevermore leave thee! Let thy bright celestial chorus never cease the heav'nly strain; but in us, thy loving children, come with peace, good will to reign.

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)

Apple juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request during Communion at Cross of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	10:00AM	Coffee Fellowship-CR
	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
	6:00PM	Christmas Caroling-Confirmation
Wednesday	6:30PM	Adult Choir-CC
Thursday	7:00PM	CR Council Meeting-Parsonage
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

2015 Offering Envelopes

The 2015 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. If I have missed putting envelopes out for you, please let me know. Thank you, Sue Hill

WELCA Annual Retreat

Twelve Steps for Christian Living will be an opportunity to learn how the timeless and inspired principles of the Twelve Step programs can also help us in our Christian growth and spiritual development--*Twelve Steps—not just for managing addictions.*

Join us for the WELCA Annual Retreat 2015 at Cedar Valley Resort in Whalan, January 23-25. Come join us as we enjoy a weekend of learning, food, fun, and fellowship. The cost is \$125. Please pay by December 15th if possible. Each person will help make one of the meals; Tracy will coordinate the meals. To register contact: Tracy Harth at pooh823@charter.net or Julie Schreifels at 651-388-2326 hjschreif@live.com

Christmas Schedule

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at Cross of Christ at 4:30 p.m. on December 24th. Christmas Day Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. at Cannon River.

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