Cannon River & Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches ELCA Faithful Through Generations April 13, 2014

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

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Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison, on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday.

GLORY TO GOD

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Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

The Lord be with you. And also PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Bull	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Hosanna"	Choir-CC
The First Reading (Bulletin In. The Word of the Lord. Thanks		Isaiah 50:4-9a
The Second Reading (Bulletin The Word of the Lord. Thanks	,	Philippians 2:5-11

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

***THE GOSPEL**

*Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 27:11-54

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

SERMONPastor Bob BertholdHYMN OF THE DAY"My Song Is Love Unknown"ELW #343

*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

<u>*OFFERTORY HYMN</u> <u>"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART"</u> <u>ELW #185</u> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE**

*HOLY

Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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.

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LAMB OF GOD

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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, Lamb of God.

*SENDING HYMN "For The Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks O Lord. By the promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you, keep loves tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***P:** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake 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.** *P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE	(*Please Stand)
Apple juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request during Communion at Cross of Christ.	

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	ANNOUNCEMEN	NTS
Today	10:00AM	Breakfast-CR
-	11:30AM	Breakfast-CC
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-CF
-	6:30PM	Choir-CC
	7:30PM	Friends in Faith
Thursday	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday-CR
Friday	7:00PM	Good Friday-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
Next Sunday	7:00AM	Sonrise Service-CC
	9:00AM	Easter Worship Service-CR
	10:30AM	Easter Worship Service-CC

First Communion

Today we celebrate First Communion at Cannon River and Cross of Christ. Those receiving First Communion are Elizabeth Klahr, Kyle Lincoln, Kristina Lincoln, Lily Fox and Kailyn Peterson.

Cross of Christ Time & Talent Sheets

Cross of Christ members, of all ages, are encouraged to fill out a Time & Talent sheet. Copies will be available at the back of the church each Sunday in April. Sunday morning lectors are especially needed. Please let us know if you are willing to read the lessons during worship. Leave your Time & Talent sheet in the offering plate or mail it to the church at 24036 County 7 Blvd., Welch, MN 55089. Thank you!

Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity Blessing Board Join people from our Goodhue County churches in raising funds to support our 2014 house build in Red Wing. Make a donation over the next three months and sign your name on the Blessing Board. The Board, when built into the house, will be a symbol of the many hands and many great people who create afordable housing for God's children.

Spring Tea-Bringing in a New Generation

Join us for tea and a light lunch on Saturday, April 26th, 11:00 a.m. at Cross of Christ. Bring your favorite tea cup and someone from another generation. Kris Portinga will share her experiences working in maternity wards in Saudi Arabia.

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THE GOSPEL Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. ³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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