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

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

*OPENING HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

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. 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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Bulletin Insert)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING (Bulletin Insert)

Genesis 50:15-21

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING (Bulletin Insert)

Romans 14:1-12

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.102

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-35

*Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

ELW #805

*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 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 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. 108

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.

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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.

*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.

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW p.113

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday 9:00AM Men's Bible Study-CC

Taste of Welch - WELCA Mission Fund Raiser

Raffle packets will be available at the back of the church. We will have a display set up. Raffle packets should be returned by Sunday, October 5th for our October 11th event. Kelley Mittelsteadt is in charge of the raffle.

St Louis Mission Trip Recap

The 2014 mission trip team (Kelsey Dinndorf, Zach Becker, Danielle Nelson, Carly Bjorklund, Jeff, Rhonda, Jakob and Nick Meyer) will share their experiences on Sunday, September 21st. A short presentation will be given during Sunday School with more information being shared during the worship service.

Loaves and Fishes

Cross of Christ will be serving Loaves and Fishes on September 21, 2014. Set up time at the Methodist Church in Red Wing is about 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00, with clean up after the meal. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Joan Slingsby at 507-263-3715 or jslin@frontiernet.net

Car Cruise and Tractor Ride

Car cruise and tractor ride for fun hosted by Morris, Ruth and Carol Jones, followed by a potluck on September 21, 2014. The cruise starts at Morris Jones' farm - 20880 Ravenna Trail and ends at Morris Jones; it's the big gray shed at the end of 218th St. East. Line up at 1:00 p.m. with departure at 1:30 p.m. Bring a large dish to pass and a chair. They can be reached at 651-437-3537 if you have questions.

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