Cannon River & Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches ELCA Faithful Through Generations January 3, 2016

PRELUDE Welcome and Announcements

*OPENING HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" ELW #269

<u>CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS</u> 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

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.

Organist: Jeff Rudi

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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 Refrain: This is the feas	"This Is The Feast" t of victory for our God. Alleluia, all	ELW p.101 Ieluia, alleluia, alleluia.
1. Worthy is Christ, the whose blood set us free Power and riches, wise	e Lamb who was slain, e to be people of God.	
2. Sing with all the peo and join in the hymn o Blessing and honor, gl be to God and the Lan	of all creation:	
3. For the Lamb who w Alleluia. <i>Refrain</i>	yas slain has begun his reign.	
PRAYER OF THE DA P: The Lord be with you	Y: (<i>Bulletin Insert)</i> a. C: And also with you.	
THE FIRST READING (Bulletin Insert) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		Jeremiah 31:7-14
THE SECOND READING (Bulletin Insert) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		Ephesians 1:3-14
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONELW p.1C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		ELW p.102
 *THE GOSPEL *Glory to you, O Lord. *The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ. 		John 1:[1-9] 10-18
SERMON	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i> 1. Small 2. Simple 3. Silence 4. Salva	Pastor Mickey Dobbins ation

HYMN OF THE DAY

*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 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**

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
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

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"We Are an Offering"

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***THE SANCTUS**

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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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC

*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.**

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

SENDING HYMN

*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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	Finance Meeting-CC

Women's Retreat

"Christian Care Giving: Taking Care of Yourself While Taking Care of Others" at Cedar Valley Resort in Whalan: Jan 22-24. **There is always room for one more so come and join us** for a Wonderful, Relaxing, Spirit Building weekend. There will be opportunities to do some crafts, go on a sleigh ride, have a massage, time to go for a walk or just sit, relax and enjoy good conversation with your fellow retreaters. Cost is \$125.00 per person. The sleigh ride will be an additional \$10. Julie Schreifels and Char Leurquin are heading up the registration contact either of them if you are interested in coming. <u>Please have at least a \$50 deposit to Julie or Char as</u> <u>soon as you can, full payment would be appreciated by January 17th</u>

Cannon River Annual Meeting

Cannon River's Annual meeting will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, January 24th. Please bring a treat to share for coffee fellowship. All financial books are due this week.

Cross of Christ Annual Meeting

Cross of Christ's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 14, 2016. The Annual Report will be available two weeks prior, on January 25th. Please have your committee reports turned in to the

office by Sunday, January 17th.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Cross of Christ will hold a blood drive on January 14th from noon-6:00 p.m. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood. To schedule your appointment or more information: Call 800-REDCROSS or online at www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: welchmn or you can contact Julie Schreifels to schedule your appointment.

Cross of Christ Learning & Youth

The Learning & Youth Committee will meet Sunday, January 10th at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Bible Study group will meet Tuesday, January 12th at The Plaza in Red Wing at 9:00 a.m. Hostess will be Millie Niebeling. We will carpool from Cross of Christ at 8:30 a.m. Anyone needing a ride should let Millie Niebeling know at 651-388-4616.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help our congregation continue to make improvements to our building and grounds by purchasing Kwik Trip Cards. Use them to make purchases at Kwik Trip. The church gets 5% off when ordering the cards and another 10% if you use them to purchase items other than fuel at Kwik Trip. The proceeds from the KT sales are used for church maintenance. Order cards in any combination of the following amounts: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 or \$100. Let Julie Schreifels know what you would like to order: hjschreif@live.com phone: 651-388-2326. Order by Tuesday, January 12th cards will be available in church on Sunday, January 17th.

Contemporary Vocal Practice

Vocal practice for the contemporary service will be held on Sunday, January 17th at 11:30 a.m. at Cross of Christ.

Youth Trips

Pastor Bob will be taking the youth to the Minnesota/Illinois basketball game in Williams arena on Saturday, January 23rd. The time is still being determined. The youth will also be going to Buckhill for snowtubing on Sunday, February 7th. The van will leave from the Cross of Christ parking lot at noon and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10

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