

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ  
Lutheran Churches ELCA  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
EASTER - April 20, 2014**

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

**C: He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

P: Rejoice then, even in your distress.

**C: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

P: God has claimed us as his own.

**C: God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Christ is alive! Alleluia! **C: Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

ELW #365

**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)**

ELW p.184

**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 world and 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, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ryday.******

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

ELW p. 187

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Bulletin Insert*)

CHOIR ANTHEM

The First Reading (*Bulletin Insert*)

Acts 10:34-43

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

**The Second Reading** (*Bulletin Insert*)  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

CHOIR ANTHEM

**\*C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**Matthew 28:1-10**

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* **ELW #367**

**\*NICENE CREED: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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** *“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART”* **ELW #185**

**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**

**ELW p. 190**

**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**

**ELW P. 191**

**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)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monday	7:00PM	Contemporary Service Practice-CC
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-CF
	6:30PM	Friends in Faith
	7:00PM	Confirmation
Thursday	7:00PM	WELCA Evening Bible Study-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men’s Bible Study-CC
	11:00AM	Spring Tea-CC

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**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 lecturers 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!

**A Message from Cross of Christ Council...**

Friendly reminder: The long cold winter, with increased fuel cost, has had an impact on our budget. Our fuel expenses increased by \$6,000.00 due to extremely high fuel cost and very low temperatures. Prayerfully consider how you may be able to help with this additional expense. Thank you, Cross of Christ Council

**Spring Tea-Bringing in a New Generation**

Join us for tea and a light lunch on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Mission Outreach**

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Basket of Promise Collection. The Sunday school children will be putting the kits together on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We’ll be able to send these personal care kits to people around the world to help them stay healthy.

Also, please remember to save your EconoFoods receipts and bring them to church. Now is a perfect time to shop at Econo for confirmations and graduations! We have reached a total of \$63,000 . . .but we need to get to \$150,000 in order to send \$1,000 to Feed My Starving Children.

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