

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
January 10, 2016

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Baptized in Water”

ELW #456

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.**

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

1. 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. *Refrain*

3. 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. *Refrain*

2. 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. *Refrain*

4. 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. *Refrain*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

1. 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. *Refrain*

2. 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. *Refrain*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

ANTHEM

“Jesus Loves Me”

Sunday School-CC

The First Reading *(Bulletin Insert)*

Isaiah 43:1-7

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

The Second Reading *(Bulletin Insert)*

Acts 8:14-17

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

***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*)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

SERMON

“The Miracle of Epiphany”

Pastor Mickey Dobbins

HYMN OF THE DAY

“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

ELW #448

***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 “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART” ELW #186**

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.

***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.

***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.**

SENDING HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

ELW #304

***P:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:30AM	Learning & Youth Meeting-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-The Plaza
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
	7:30PM	Missions Meeting-CC
Thursday	Noon-6:00PM	Blood Drive-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-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. **Please have at least a \$50 deposit to Julie or Char as soon as you can, full payment would be appreciated by January 17th**

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.

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.

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.

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 snow tubing 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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