

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
March 11, 2018

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

ELW #606

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

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*

GLORY TO GOD

ELW p. 185

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

3. 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. Amen. *Refrain x2*

2. 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. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

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

ANTHEM

“If Your Happy and You Know It”

Sunday School-CC

The First Reading *(Bulletin Insert)*

Numbers 21:4-9

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

The Second Reading *(Bulletin Insert)*

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

***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**

John 3:14-21

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Robert Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ELW #608

***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, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW #324

***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

Today	After Service After Service 7:00PM	Congregational Meeting-CR Youth & Learning Meeting-CC Confirmation-CC
Tuesday	8:45/9:00AM 6:30PM	WELCA Bible Study-CC Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	5:30PM 7:00PM	Soup Super-CC Lenten Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Congregational Meeting

Cannon River will have a Congregational Meeting following service **today** to discuss and vote upon air conditioning.

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

During the month of March we'll be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food shelves. Look for the table in the back of the sanctuary at Cross of Christ for more information and bring your donations throughout the month. We'll box it all up on **Sunday, March 25th** for distribution. Thank you for making a difference!

WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Bible Study will meet at Virginia Strand's apartment (at her son Al Strands house) on **March 13-at 9:00 AM**. We can meet at church at 8:45 and drive to her place. Millie Niebeling will give you the directions to her place. The address is also in the Church Directory. If you need the Questions for the Bible Study- Millie also has those. Study Chapter 17 on Isaiah- Pages 115- 123. Janelle Lahr is hostess. Pastor Bob will lead bible study.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help support our Building Maintenance Fund by buying Kwik Trip scrip cards. The cards can be used to purchase anything at Kwik Trip from gas, groceries and car washes to anything else they sell. Available in **\$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100**. You pay the amount of the card being purchased; the church makes 5% of the sales and another 10% for non-fuel purchases made with the cards. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, March 13th** and will be available during church on Sunday, March 18th. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards.

Lent Soup Suppers & Services

Please join us at Cross of Christ for Soup Supper at 5:30pm and Lent Service at 7:00pm for the following Wednesdays: **March 14th and March 21st**. Please bring your own bowls and silverware.

Save the Date

The Women of the ELCA Cannon River Conference Spring Gathering **Saturday, April 14, 2018**
Holden Lutheran Church - Rural Kenyon [6949 430th St. Kenyon, MN 55946](http://www.kenyonmn.org)
Julie Schreifels Cannon River Conference WELCA Communications

Red Cross Blood Drive

Out next Blood Drive will be on **Thursday, March 29th from 12:00 – 6:00 pm.** If you would like to sign up in advance: Call 1-800-733-2767 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: welchmn. Contact Julie Schreifels if you would like to help.

MercyMe Concert

The chart-topping band, MercyMe, will be performing with Tenth Avenue North at the Target Center on **Friday, April 13 at 7 pm.** We have a limited number of discounted lower-level tickets available! Cross of Christ and Cannon River youth get first dibs, but ANYONE who is interested should contact Rebecca Peterson (651-301-2652) to get 'on the list!' The cost will be \$15 per person, and Pastor Bob will drive the van. Kids younger than 5th grade should be with a parent or guardian.

Annual Garage Sale

Start saving your items for our Annual Garage sale. The sale will be held on **Thursday April 26th, 2018 from 2-7pm, Friday April 27th 8-4pm and Saturday April 28th, 2018 from 8-Noon.** Drop off dates will be Monday April 23rd-Thursday April 26th until noon. Helpers are needed for set up and to work the sale. If you have any brown paper bags, please save them for use at the sale. Please contact Lynette Hanson at 388-7814 or Julie Schreifels at 388-2326 if you are interested in helping in any way.

Accessibility Building Committee

As explained in the March Chronicles, a Building Committee is being formed to consider accessibility modifications to our church and recommend changes to the congregation. If there are any members that have interest in participating, please contact Dennis (507-202-4624 or djmartin25481@gmail.com).

Econo Foods and Family Fare Receipt Collection

Please continue to save your Econo Foods and Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. *When* the receipts total \$150,000, we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children. We have already reached this goal twice, and are now on our third collection. It's amazing! **Shop, bring your receipt to church** and we will support children who are hungry! *Thank you,* the Mission Committee

Spring Salad Luncheon

Save the Date **April 7, 2018 11:00 am.** Kathy Jacobson author of thee *Noted* series will be our speaker. Please let Julie know if you would like to help with the luncheon. Cross of Christ women, please bring a salad to share.

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