

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
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Welcome and Announcements

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

L: The Light shines in the darkness. **C: and the darkness does not overcome it.**

OPENING HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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L: We gather in this unique way, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin and hear God's promise of forgiveness...

(Pause for reflection and self-examination)

L: Most gracious God,

C: We confess we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are tired of social distancing. We’ve said unkind things about our leaders. We’ve said hurtful things to those we love. We’ve hoarded food and supplies. And we haven’t washed our hands enough! Forgive us and teach us how to forgive one other.

L: As Jesus forgave those who nailed him to the cross, God forgives you. Live into the promise of resurrection and into God's abundant life. Reconcile with one another, forgive others as you have been forgiven.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

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

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

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

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Jesus said:) “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Deacon Todd Portinga****HYMN***“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* (Verses 1 & 4)**ELW #789**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*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.

*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.**

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