

Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
March 6, 2016

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

***OPENING HYMN**

“God Loved the World”

ELW #323

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

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

ELW p. 98

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.

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

“Glory to God”

ELW p.99

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Joshua 5:9-12

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

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p.102

C: Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

***THE GOSPEL**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Robert Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Our Father, We Have Wandered”
“Borning Cry”**

ELW #606-CR

ELW #732-CC

HOLY BAPTISM-CC

*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.

(Cross of Christ) **C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*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 Are an Offering"* **ELW #692**

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

ELW p.107

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

ELW p.107

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 our thanks and praise.

*THE PREFACE

***THE SANCTUS**

ELW p. 108

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

ELW #592, #791, #807

*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.**

SENDING HYMN

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

ELW #779

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

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	9:45AM	First Communion Class-CR
	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
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	7:00PM	Confirmation & Adult Study
Monday	7:00PM	WELCA Meeting-CC
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-The Plaza
	6:30PM	Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Worship Service-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC
Next Sunday	11:30AM	Learning & Youth Meeting-CC

Holy Baptism

Today we welcome Megan Julie Backes to Cross of Christ through Holy Baptism. Megan's parents are Tony and Julie Backes and her sponsors are Mark and Jessica Pflaum. Congratulations

Buck-a-Chick

The Sunday School kids will be selling paper chick for \$1.00 each. You can put your name on the chick or give it in honor or memory of someone. They are meant to be colored, so you can take your chick and color or decorate it as you please or just leave it plain. Your chick will be added to the bulletin board in the hall by Dahlen Hall. The chicks will be purchased through the ELCA Good Gifts program.

WELCA Bible Study

WECLA Bible Study will meet at the Plaza in Red Wing on March 8th at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool. Read chapter 27, pages 227-234, in the Parables of Jesus thru Peasants Eyes, "The Thief and the Faithful, and Wicked Stewards." Janelle Lahr will be hostess.

Kwik Trip Cards

Help support our Building Maintenance Fund by buying Kwik Trip scrip cards. Contact Julie Schreifels to purchase at hjschreif@live.com or 651-388-2326. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, March 8th** and will be available during church on Sunday, March 13th.

Third Day Concert

The Third Day *Lead Us Back* concert is sold out, but no worries, we have tickets for you! It is at Grace Church in Eden Prairie on Saturday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor has room in the van and the rest of us will car-pool. No nose-bleed seats this time, and the cost to you is just \$20! There are sign-up sheets in the back of church and Dahlen Hall, or contact Rebecca Peterson (651-301-2652) for more information.

Youth Trip to Colorado

Pastor Bob will be taking a youth trip to Colorado August 14-21. Students will be visiting Rocky Mountain National Park and Mount Rushmore. The trip will cost \$200. Please turn in your \$100 deposit to Pr. Bob as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

First Communion for fifth grade students will be held on Palm Sunday during worship. Cannon River Sunday School will be serving a light breakfast on Palm Sunday immediately following worship. Cross of Christ Confirmation students will be serving breakfast after worship on Palm Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday will be at Cannon River on Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship will be held at Cross of Christ on Friday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 a.m. on Easter, March 27th at Cross of Christ, followed by 9:00 a.m. worship at Cannon River and 10:30 a.m. worship at Cross of Christ.

Cross of Christ New Carpet and Floor Refinishing

Cross of Christ is refinishing the sanctuary floor and installing new carpet. We have about 340 square yards of work to do, and the total cost is \$10,240. Please consider contributing our church improvement by "buying a yard" for \$30. Make your check out to Cross of Christ and put "Flooring" in the memo. Progress in funding will be tracked by the display in the back of the church. We have a good start already!

New Directory

A person is needed to organize an update to our member directory. This would consist of organizing several evenings at Cross of Christ where individual pictures or family portraits would be taken by a contracted photographer. If interested, please let a council member know.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Cross of Christ will hold a blood drive March 31st from noon until 6:00 p.m. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood. To schedule your appointment or more information: Call 1-800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767) or online at www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: welchmn or you can contact Julie Schreifels to schedule your appointment.

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