

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
April 6, 2014**

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements
Reception of New Members-CC

Organist: Jeff Rudi

*OPENING HYMN

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW #379

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.

GLORY TO GOD

ELW p. 185

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Bulletin Insert)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunday School-CC

The First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall

live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”
⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’” ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

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

The Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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** (*Bulletin Insert*)

John 11:1-45

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Bob Berthold

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

ELW #452

***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 #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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION-CC **ELW #759, #760, #339**

***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)*

Apple juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request during Communion at Cross of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	11:30AM	Coffee Fellowship-CC
	11:30AM	WELCA Meeting-CC
	Noon	Youth Event
Tuesday	9:00AM	WELCA Bible Study-CC
	6:30PM	Friends in Faith
	6:30PM	Joint Council Meeting-CC
Wednesday	10:30AM	Bible Study-CF
	5:30PM	Soup Supper-CC
	7:00PM	Lenten Service-CC
Thursday	7:00PM	First Communion Class-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men’s Bible Study-CC
	5:00PM	Casting Crowns Concert

Welcome New Members

Cross of Christ is pleased to welcome four new members this morning. They are Duane & Charlotte Leurquin and Chris Daley & Denise Purdy. Please join us for coffee fellowship after worship to welcome them to our congregation.

Youth Science Museum Trip

Pastor Bob will be taking the youth to the Science Museum today to see the dinosaur exhibit and visit the IMAX. The van will leave from Cross of Christ at noon and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

WELCA Bible Study

WELCA Morning Bible Study will meet at Cross of Christ on Tuesday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. Sandy Luhman is hostess. Please read chapter 11.

Joint Council Meeting

There will be a joint Cannon River and Cross of Christ council meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Cross of Christ.

Lent

Lenten soup supper and worship service will be held at Cross of Christ on Wednesday, April 9th. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own tableware to reduce costs and curb waste. Thank you!

First Communion

First Communion Class will be held on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Cross of Christ for students in 5th grade. First Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Breakfast will also be served at both churches that day.

Last Chance to Order Easter Flowers

Easter flower order forms are available on the back table. Please fill one out today if you wish to order flowers for Easter. Today is the last day to order. Thank you!

Cross of Christ Baskets of Promise

Please see the back of the bulletin for the Baskets of Promise flyer. Each week a different item will be collected to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Cross of Christ Time & Talent Sheets

Cross of Christ members are encouraged to fill out a Time & Talent sheet. Copies will be available at the back of the church each Sunday in April. All ages are encouraged to complete a form. God has blessed us all with time and many talents. Sunday morning lectors 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!

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast will be served at Cannon River, immediately following worship on Palm Sunday. Breakfast will also be served at Cross of Christ on Palm Sunday after worship. Please mark your calendars that there will be no breakfast on Easter Sunday at Cross of Christ. Thank you!

Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity Blessing Board

Join people from our Goodhue County churches in raising funds to support our 2014 house build in Red Wing. Make a donation over the next three months and sign your name on the Blessing Board. The Board, when built into the house, will be a symbol of the many hands and many great people who create affordable housing for God's children. Thank you for your gifts.

Spring Tea-Bringing in a New Generation

Join us for tea and a light lunch on Saturday, April 26th, 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.

An invitation for all women of the Cannon River Conference...

It's not too late to send in your registration for the Cannon River Conference Spring Gathering to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield on Saturday, April 12, 2014. All women are invited to attend for a morning of fellowship, music, enlightenment, and good food. This year's featured speakers will tell us about Lutheran Campus Ministry at the colleges in the SE MN Synod. Registration begins at 8:00 and the program begins at 9:00. Don't have a registration form? You can register at the door.

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