

# Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Churches

*Faithful Through Generations*  
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Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN

*“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

ELW#659

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

## **GREETING & KYRIE**

**ELW p. 203**

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.**

**1. Have mercy on us, Lord,  
and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word;  
it saves us from despair.**

**3. Have mercy on us, Lord;  
make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r;  
create in us new hearts!**

**2. Have mercy on us, Christ,  
and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole  
that new life may begin.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exult you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**      *(Bulletin Insert)*

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

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

**THE SECOND READING**      *(Bulletin Insert)*

**James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**THE GOSPEL**      *(Bulletin Insert)*

**Mark 9:30-37**

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

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

**SERMON**

Deacon Todd Portinga

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

**ELW#781**

**\*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.**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

**L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*THE PREFACE**

## **\*THE SANCTUS**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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**

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**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.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**\*L: 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**

***“Blest Be the Tie That Binds ”***

**ELW#656**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

***(\*Please Stand)***