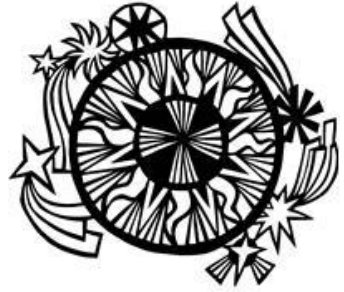


Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Churches

Faithful Through Generations

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Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN

"The First Noel"

ELW #300

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **C: Amen.**

L: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God, we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **C: Amen.**

GREETING & KYRIE

ELW p. 98

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.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen, amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is The Feast”

ELW p.101

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. *Refrain*

2. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain*

3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word.
By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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 *(Bulletin Insert)*

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)*

Ephesians 1:3-14

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.102

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL *(Bulletin Insert)*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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

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

SERMON

Rev. Nancy Dreier

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW#715

***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**

ELW p.107

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**

ELW p. 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, 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.**

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***L: 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**

SENDING HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW#289

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

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)