Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Churches

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Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are

sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.



PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

L: Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace and make us holy and blameless before you in love. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **Amen.**

GREETING & KYRIE

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING (Bulletin Insert)

Ephesians 2:11-22

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

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

<u>PEL</u> <u>Mark 6</u>
The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" EI

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*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.)

*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.**

SENDING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ELW#543

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

POSTLUDE (*Please Stand)

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