

Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Church

Faithful Through Generations

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The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Welcome and Announcements

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

L: The Light shines in the darkness. **C: and the darkness does not overcome it.**

OPENING HYMN

"God Is Here"

(Verses 1 & 4)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

L: Let us return to God with all our hearts, confessing our sins and our need for healing.

L: Gracious God, **you know the depths of our sins against you and each other; have mercy on us. We pray for forgiveness we cannot earn and renewal we do not merit, given only through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: God knows and loves us completely, just as we are. Through water and word, Spirit and saving Son, we are cleansed from sin, joined with the communion of saints, and brought to new and abundant life. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in the newness of life. **Amen.**

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on
my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me
away;
know that on your account I suffer
insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate
them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,

O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of
merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat
alone,

for you had filled me with
indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful
brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not
what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of
the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.

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

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”* (Verses 1 & 2) **ELW#802**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

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

*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.**

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