

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, MN

In Person worship

And both Live Facebook and YouTube sites

Sunday November 22 Live stream, 9:30 am CT Real time

- Before the service actually begins, 5- 10 minutes before: Pastor Randy in office:
 - “Good morning. Welcome to those of you who are joining us by the Live Facebook feed. We want to recognize our significant larger on-line sister worshipping campus.
 - Today we are trying something new – we are also adding a live St. Ansgar's YouTube site feed.
 - Something fun you can do while you are watching and listening from home: You can greet your sisters and brothers in Christ by writing a little note here in the comments section on the Facebook feed. “like” the post, and then “share” this Facebook event with others.
 - We are inviting your support for the may ongoing ministries, missions, and service of St. Ansgar's. We invite your stewardship commitment pledge for next year's ministries at this time. You can give online through the church website, through the brand-new church phone app, line up automatic gifts at your bank, or mail in your donation. We need your help in this time of Covid. Please know that through the missions, service, and ministries of St. Ansgar's lives are being touched with your “Pay It Forward” gifts.
 - Let me tell you about today's theme for worship....
 - I'm going to walk into the worship center now where you can join all of the others who are here today for worship.
 - I pray that you will be richly blessed in this hour.

Ring the bell as we begin (12 Rings)- Danielle

Prelude piece

Welcome: Pastor Randy

- Good morning.
- **The Adult class: “In Search of the Origins of Christianity”.** Will meet again today right after worship in the Fellowship hall and on Zoom where we can self-distance and spread out.
- **The Globe Offering this month is for the Good Samaritan Fund, along with the donations from other area churches, your gifts go specifically to help people in need in the Cannon Falls community**
- **A special trio is providing special music today.** Thank you.
- Your week's offering may be placed in the offering plates at the doorways.

- **Here's our update for the upcoming 2021 Ministry, Service, and Missions "Pay It Forward" year.** As of today, we have **pledged \$190,664** of our **\$209,280 or 92%**, and reached **73%** of our **150-family participation goal.** **Thank you for your terrific response.**
- **Nominating Committee** is out asking for servants to serve as council leaders this next year. They are asking several people. Please prayerfully consider serving. It is an honor to serve the church this way, and as they ask you to serve please know that as a committee, we have prayed for God's direction in asking you and really believe that you are called by God to serve St. Ansgar's in this way. We need some Yes's in order to move forward faithfully in God's service here at St. Ansgar's.
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Theme Proclamation

Litany of Renewal & Purpose

(Pastor Scott Cervas, Lexington, KY)

L: Every day is a day to be renewed... to become the people God created us to be.

C: We learn to recognize our true selves as we reflect God's hope and intention.

L: God calls us to proclaim the gospel for the salvation of all humanity.

C: We seek to be the presence of Christ, the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

L: God calls us to shelter, nurture, and cultivate spiritual communion among all God's children.

C: We long to be a safe place, to question, to know, to struggle, and to grow.

L: God calls us to worship.

C: We abandon entertainment for profound awareness.

L: We share gifts and creativity.

C: We set the table as to always have room.

L: God calls us to uphold the truth.

C: We faithfully struggle to understand.

L: Instead of being chained and imprisoned,

C: We are joyfully and completely set free.

L: God calls us to be advocates.

C: Everything that seeks to undermine God's love unseats the comfortable.

L: God calls us to be visible representations

C: Of vision and hope.

L: We live as if we truly believe

C: Light in the darkness

L: City on a hill.

C: Salt on the tasteless

L: The joy of life

C: we all share together.

Opening Hymn # 821 (Two times) "Shout to the Lord" (Worship, ELW, cranberry)

Verse 1

My Jesus, my savior

Lord, there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

Verse 2

My comfort, my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am

Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
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Prayer: (Pastor only).

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Gift of Music: Trio Donna Nelson, Jan Fett, and Randy Fett

Scripture reading: Reader: Linda Rifenberick

L: Today's scripture lesson comes from the Holy Story of Jeremiah, the prophet, chapter 29, verses 1, and 10-14

Jeremiah lived one of the most dramatic lives in the Bible. God chose him to be "Over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to

plant. Jeremiah spoke to a nation about to be destroyed by war. It was the fierce kingdom of Babylon that assembled troops against the southern kingdom of Judah. They were about to be carried off into exile in a foreign land. For forty years Jeremiah in his prophecies gave warnings. His only encouragement was God's promise. Listen in:

29 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon

¹⁰ For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ **For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.** ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

L: Here ends the reading

C: Thanks be to God.

P: **A Question to Ponder**

Children's Message and Activity

Hymn # 714 (Verses 1 & 4) O God of Mercy, God of Light" (Worship, ELW, Cranberry)

Verse 1

O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.

Verse 4

For all are kindred, both far and wide,
since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide,
to love them all in you.

**Hymn "Christ's Word to Us Is like a Burning Fire", (LBW Green Hymnal Tune # 567
"God of Our Fathers", 10 10 10 10)- from A Singing Faith, Jane Parker Huber, 1987,
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Verse 1

Christ's word to us is like a burning fire,
 Searing our hearts, our actions to inspire
 Burn deep within, O Christ, forgive and cleanse
 Show us the world through God's own perfect lens.

Verse 2

Where people long for freedom, peace, and bread
 But they are given chains and strife instead.
 Grant us the flame of courage, light of truth.
 Use us, O God, now with the strength of youth.

Verse 3

When We are bowed by grief, defeat, or fear,
 Warm and ignite the fire of faith and cheer
 So, may we be empowered to do the right
 Living from darkness into dawning light.

Verse 4

So shall the Word, still like a burning fire
 Be all the truth and wisdom we require.
 Flashing new insight, making vision clear,
 Revealing Christ among us now and here.

Prepare: Exhale, Breathe, Recapture, Regather, Refresh, Pray

Sermon – “God Paths and New Adventures” - Pastor Randy

Creed of the Church- Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, * who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Announcements (AnnMarie – put a picture next to the words – A person taking packages off of a shelf perhaps)

- Take Home from the sermon
- Next Sunday, November 29th, we begin anew. It's Advent. Church trees go up this week. Decorating happens next Saturday.
- We hope you all have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.
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Benediction: (AnnMarie, put a smaller picture beside these words – a hand of blessing perhaps)

P: The Blessing of Almighty God, the Father of glory, (+) Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

SENDING OUT (Annmarie, put a smaller picture beside these words – kids or people or families leaving a church perhaps)

L: Go in the peace and energy of God. Grab the adventure. Follow through. Be committed brothers and sisters in faith. Don't shy away from God's call or be stuck in slumber. Be compassionate to those around you and across the street. Extend God's hand of mercy, and serve those in need.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 634 (Verses 1 - 5) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Worship, ELW, Cranberry)

Ushers dismiss people by row beginning with the back row.

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all

Verse 2

O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 3

Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call --
the God incarnate, man divine --
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 4

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet

and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 5

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
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Chimes at the End

Postlude