

Welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran!

To Our Visitors

We offer you a very warm welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran! We are happy to have you worshipping with us and hope that your worship here today and the Word of God that is shared will assist you in the week ahead. If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you would prayerfully consider making Chapel of the Cross that home. May God bless your week!

Nursery

If you need to take your infant or toddler out of the worship service, the nursery is available for your use. The worship service is broadcast to the nursery. An usher will be happy to show you where it is located.

Sunday School and Bible Study

We have an exciting Sunday School program for children age 2 and up. We also offer Bible studies for youth and adults at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School rooms are in the Lower Level. Check the Chapel Weekly handout for Bible study locations. An usher will be happy to take you to the appropriate place.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated regularly and often here at Chapel of the Cross. If you have questions about Holy Communion and what we as a church believe about it, please speak with the Pastor before the service. Children are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

Sound Enhancement Devices

If you are hearing impaired there are sound enhancement devices available. Please ask an usher for a personal receiver.

The Mission of Chapel of the Cross

Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran exists to show the love of Jesus to the people of North County and beyond so that all may have a living relationship with Christ.

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

Children and Youth Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Please note: This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

AS WE GATHER

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, who was given the name Jesus—a Hebrew name that means “God saves.” However, in addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles that describe something about His person or work. Today we will look at the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace—and learn how each of these titles describes something about who Jesus is and what He did for our salvation.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EXCHANGE OF PEACE

It is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some may choose not to shake hands during the Exchange of Peace, but might simply greet you with a verbal greeting, a wave, or a smile.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN

375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

- 1 Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.

- 2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending
And in love our race befriending;
In our need His help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.

- 3 Jacob's star in all its splendor
Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
Forcing Satan to surrender,
Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.

- 4 From the bondage that oppressed us,
From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us,
We, the captives, now are free.

- 5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.

- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 9:6, adapted

Pastor: To us . . .

People: a child is born!

Pastor: To us . . .

People: a son is given!

Pastor: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

People: Mighty God,

Pastor: Everlasting Father,

People: Prince of Peace.

HYMN

349 Hark the Glad Sound

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| 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song. | 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor. |
| 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield. | 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name. |

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+ IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US +

READING

from Isaiah 7

ACTION RHYME

*Happy, happy, happy,
As we wait today
For the baby Jesus
Sleeping on the hay.*

*Happy, happy, happy,
Jesus, God's own Son
Born on Christmas morning
Loves us everyone!*

*Happy, happy, happy,
Go and spread His love;
Of this baby Jesus
Sent from God above.*

CHILDREN'S SONG

"Mary Had a Baby"

*Mary had a baby, Yes, Lord!
Mary had a baby, Yes, my Lord!
Mary had a baby, Yes, Lord!
The little child of Bethlehem was born for us.*

*She named the baby Jesus, Yes, Lord!
She named the baby Jesus, Yes, my Lord!
She named the baby Jesus, Yes, Lord!
The little child of Bethlehem was born for us.*

*What did she name Him? Yes, Lord!
What did she name Him? Yes, my Lord!
What did she name Him? Yes, Lord!
The little child of Bethlehem was born for us.*

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HYMN

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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+ WONDERFUL COUNSELOR +

READING

from Isaiah 9 and John 3

RECITATION

*The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.*

HYMN

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

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+ MIGHTY GOD +

READING

from Matthew 1 and Luke 2

RECITATION

*To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.*

CHILDREN'S SONG

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

(Children Sing verses 1-2; Congregation sings verse 3)

*Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

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+ EVERLASTING FATHER +

READING

from Luke 2 and Isaiah 9

RECITATION

*His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored.*

CHILDREN'S SONG

388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain*

*The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain*

*Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessèd Christmas morn. Refrain*

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+ PRINCE OF PEACE +

READINGS

from Matthew 2 and John 14

RECITATION

Group 4

*His righteous government and power
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end.*

HYMN

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(Children sing verse 1, congregation sings verses 2-3)

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. (Refrain)**

Refrain:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! (Refrain)**

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OFFERING

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: To us a child is born,

People: to us a son is given.

Pastor: Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor,

People: our Mighty God,

Pastor: the Everlasting Father,

People: the Prince of Peace. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Heavenly Father, thank You for fulfilling Your promise to send Your Son to be our Savior. You have given us the best gift of all: the Child in the manger who came to live, die, and rise again for us! In His name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you in the joy of Jesus, our Savior. The blessing of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.

People: Amen.

HYMN

387 Joy to the World

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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**4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

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POSTLUDE

Serving at Chapel

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| Pastor: | Theodore Laesch |
| Choirs: | Sunday School Choir & Children's Bells |
| Children's Bell Choir Director: | Ryan Meyer |
| Program Director: | Mary Laesch |
| Accompanists: | Ryan Meyer & Zeke Laesch |
| Instrumentalists: | Jacob Laesch, euphonium Zeke Laesch, french horn Nate Laesch, trumpet Zoe Laesch, flute |

Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Worship – Sunday, December 24th, 5:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship – Monday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Service – Saturday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Weekend Worship Services:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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