

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. Please take home one of our Welcome Brochures which are located in the pews and on the podium in the Commons Area. 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 or greeter 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 to the Communion rail 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.

Easter Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast on Easter morning from 7:30 – 10:45 a.m. in the gym in the lower level.

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.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 17, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

“He is risen!”—the Church shouts with confidence—“He is risen indeed!” The high point of our Christian life is celebrated this morning as we gather with all of God’s children to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As today’s Gospel from Luke 24 will show us, confusion and fear give way to confident faith when the women who went to the tomb realize Jesus is alive and then share this good news with the other disciples. Through those disciples, this message has reached us also! Just as God had promised through His prophets of old, the Lord Himself will restore creation and bring harmony to all life—beginning with Jesus’ resurrection and continuing until the Last Day, when Jesus returns in glory, destroys death itself, and raises us up to new lives in His eternal kingdom. With confidence in God’s promises, we say: “I know that my Redeemer lives!” What comfort, what hope, what joy this sweet sentence gives!”

PRELUDE

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

arr. for handbells by Jeffrey Honoré

WELCOME

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

ENTRANCE HYMN

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

arr. by John Behnke

- 1 **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
- 2 **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

(Choir sings stanza 3 alone)

- 3 *But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
- 4 **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: The angel spoke to the women: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen!"

People: **Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things:

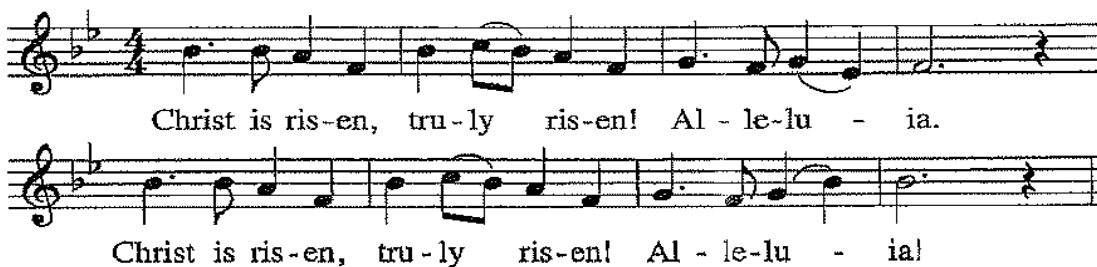
People: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia"

James Chepponis

Choir: Christ is risen, truly risen! Alleluia. Christ is risen, truly risen! Alleluia.



Christ is ris-en, tru-ly ris-en! Al - le-lu - ia.

Christ is ris-en, tru-ly ris-en! Al - le-lu - ia!

*Choir: I know that my Redeemer lives; what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head! (Refrain)*

*Choir: He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives in majesty above, He lives to guide His Church in love. (Refrain)*

*Choir: He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there. (Refrain)*

*Choir: He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same.
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! (Refrain)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

(New heavens and a new Earth.)

¹⁷ "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands.

²³ They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Christ the Lord is Risen Again"

Philip W. J. Stopford

*Christ the Lord is ris'n again,
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluia!*

*He who gave for us His life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today;
We too sing for joy, and say:
Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.*

*He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings.
Alleluia!*

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*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, Thy ransomed people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
Let us sing by night and day:
Alleluia!*

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

(Christ has been raised from the dead....)

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Choir:

My heart shall sing for joy; I will rejoice in God my Savior.

Because you will not abandon me to the grave or let your Holy One see decay.

Congregation:



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

(The Resurrection)

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

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⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE WORD

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.
- 4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon notes:

Please stand

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Variations on "Awake, My Heart"

arr. by Anne K. Organ

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following response:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we prepare to celebrate the feast of victory of our Lord, we confess to God and before one another that we have not always lived as children of God.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we confess to You and before one another that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. Our witness to Jesus Christ has often been timid. We have often allowed other people and the things of this world to get in the way of obedience to You. At times, we have neglected the means of grace, and have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us and renew us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live for Your glory and in service to You and others.

Pastor: God is merciful! Even before we were aware of our sin, God sent His Son into this world of sin to be made sin for us. In His death and glorious resurrection, He provided forgiveness for our sin, and by the power of the Holy Spirit He restores us to His family. It is my privilege and delight, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. With repentant and renewed hearts, then, prepare to receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation as we gather around the table of the Lord.

People: Amen. Thanks and praise be to our God!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right for us to praise You, Lord God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave in our place, and through whom we have been restored to Your family. In His name we offer You our gifts of praise and thanksgiving. Gathered in His name, and together with all who have gone before us in the faith and all who are yet to follow, with angels and archangels and all the hosts of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, praising You for Your grace and Your glory.

People: **Amen.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the Disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

A **“continuous communion table”** will be the method of distribution this day. Communicants will come forward down the center aisle at the direction of the usher. You will receive the wafer from the pastor at the center and then proceed to the right or left (depending on which side of the church you are sitting) to receive the wine from either individual glasses or the common cup. You will then return to your pew. As is our custom, communion will be brought to people in the pews who have difficulty walking to the chancel. If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle. Also, young children will receive a word of blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

482 This Joyful Eastertide

**1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: (Refrain)**

**ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!**

**2 Death’s flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: (Refrain)**

**3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: (Refrain)**

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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!

- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

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6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

Δ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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474 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

1 Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! (Refrain)

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way,
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. (Refrain)
- 3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. (Refrain)
- 4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
"O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. (Refrain)
- 5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! (Refrain)

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Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation which we have received in the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As You have given us this foretaste of the feast to come, strengthen us that we may be bold in our witness until the day when You call all believers to feast forever around Your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

Toccatà on "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Diane Bish

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Acts 5:12-20; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

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Bach Society Concert – Young Artists Showcase

Saturday April 23, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Pastor Norman Meyer Memorial Service

Saturday April 30, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Confirmation

Sunday May 1, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Ascension Service

Thursday May 26, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Serving at Chapel

Preacher & Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. Jen Schmidt 11:00 a.m. Nate Laesch
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m. Ethan Moss 11:00 a.m. Kamia Cleveland
Choirs:	Chapel Bells & Choral Singers
Organist:	Ryan Meyer
Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak
Directors:	Ryan Meyer & Jen Schmidt
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe Carolyn Rusnak, flute Nate Laesch & Ted Laesch, trumpets Zeke Laesch, French Horn Jake Laesch, Euphonium Matt McEuen & Jonah Meyer, percussion

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Worship and Christian Education

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service broadcast on KFUD 850 AM Sundays at 6:00 p.m.
Live internet streaming at www.chapelofthecross.org Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,
the 2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,
and the 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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Missions

Chapel of the Cross supports the ministry of the English District and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as well as the Lutheran High School Association. We also assist the following ministries and organizations:

Lutherans for Life*
Hope Center of Ferguson
Sidewalk Sunday School
Chapel Summer Camp

Helping Hands Food Pantry*
Concordia Seminary
Eric & Linda Funke in Tanzania
KFUD Radio

Hope Seeds*
Apple of His Eye
Friend of Moms

** indicates special emphasis in 2019*

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