

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.

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

“Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord” (Psalm 118:19). Today’s psalm speaks of gates opening for the people of God to enter into His holy presence. These are not any old gates; these are the “gates of righteousness.” As the outstretched arms and nail-scarred hands of our Savior welcome us all to enter these gates, we walk by faith into the presence of the faithful Father who freely gives us His forgiveness. Palm Sunday is the “gate” of Holy Week. As we gather for worship, let us walk through this gate with Jesus, our King, remembering His suffering for our salvation, and receiving again the gifts of God that inspire in us our thanks and praise.

PRELUDE

“Sonata no. 2 for Viola da Gamba”

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

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

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Pastor: Rejoice with all your heart, people of Zion!

People: Shout in triumph, people of Jerusalem!

Pastor: Look! Your King is coming to you:

People: He is righteous and victorious.

Pastor: He is humble and rides on a donkey,

People: on a colt, a young pack animal.

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, when we could not come to You because of our lost condition, You came to us in person of Your only Son, Jesus Christ. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the cross, that we might behold You and receive Your grace. Father in heaven hear us now as we confess our sins to you.

People: **O God, we approach Your throne of mercy because we know we are sinners. We stand accused by Your Law. Our thoughts have often been rebellious and impure and have not focused on You. Our words have often been unkind and unholy, and have failed to tell of Your love. Our deeds have often been erroneous and selfish and we have not served You and others as we ought. Forgive us and help us to live as Your people for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: For your sake, Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world to give His life, to pay the price for your sin. Because your King came and died for you, you are forgiven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

KYRIE

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

(The Lord God helps me)

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 118:19-29

Pastor: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

People: **I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

Pastor: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

People: **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: **the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: **O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: **From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

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Pastor: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.
People: **With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
People: **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

(At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.)

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Hosanna, Hallelujah”

Avery & Marsh

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

(Jesus enters Jerusalem.)

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! " "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." ¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. ¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE WORD

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.

OFFERING

"Were You There?"

setting by Kurt Kaiser

Please stand

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.

+ + + Special Intercessions + + +

Each concluding: **Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

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.**

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

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

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

POSTLUDE

“Allegro” (from Sonata no. 5)

Antonio Vivaldi

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:
Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Rich Rudowske	
Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch	
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Connie Scott
	11:00 a.m.	Keith Wetzel
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Jordan Hill
	11:00 a.m.	Ethan Moss
Choirs:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Children
Instrumentalist:	Gary Lee, cello	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	George Tomazi	
Director of the Week:	Earl Wendt	

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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 4:00 p.m.

Live internet streaming at www.chapelofthecross.org Sundays at 11:00 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:

*L.A.M.P. Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots

*Lutheran Bible Translators

Concordia Seminary

Day 3 Seeds

Chapel Summer Camp

* Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friend of Moms

Lutherans for Life

Apple of His Eye

Food for the Poor

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*Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran is affiliated with the
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