

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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Welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran!

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 24 & 25, 2021

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Arr. by Brant Adams

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good (sung by quartet)

1 *Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!*

3 *We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!*

4 *He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!*

5 *All who confess Christ's holy name,
 Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
 Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
 To God all praise and glory!*

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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: "I am the Good Shepherd," says the Lord.

People: **The Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.**

Pastor: "I am the Good Shepherd," says the Lord.

People: **"I know My sheep and My sheep know Me."**

Pastor: Everyone who hopes in Christ, the Good Shepherd,

People: **cleanses himself in Him who died and rose again.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Holy Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (sung by quartet)

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.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Risen Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. They are Yours, and nothing will snatch them from Your hand. In the love You've shown and the perfect love we know through Your Spirit, empower Your flock to reach others, that all may be guided by Your shepherding grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1–12

(Peter and John witness before the council.)

¹ The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

⁵ The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!
⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ He is

" 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. '

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:16–24

(Love one another.)

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"The Good Shepherd" (sung by quartet)

David M. Cherwien

*"I am the good Shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father."*

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want.
The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along
right pathways for Your name's sake.
"I have other sheep that do not belong to the fold.
I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice."*

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I shall fear no evil;
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!*

Text: based on John 10:14-16a & Psalm 23

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

(Jesus the Good Shepherd)

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

HYMN

710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (sung by all)

- 1** **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
 He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
 The quiet waters by.**

- 2** **My soul He doth restore again
 And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
 E'en for His own name's sake.**

- 3** **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
 And staff me comfort still.**

- 4** **My table Thou hast furnishèd
 In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
 And my cup overflows.**

- 5** **Goodness and mercy all my life
 Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
 My dwelling place shall be.**

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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.

CLOSING HYMN

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (sung by all)

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

- 3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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POSTLUDE

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

arr. by John Behnke

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8

Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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Preacher: Ellory Glenn

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8:30 a.m. Theodore Laesch
11:00 a.m. James Marriott

Singers: Lynda Christian
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John Schmidt
Ted Laesch

Instrumentalists: Bud Shultz, clarinet
Jen Schmidt, flute

Organist & Accompanist: Carolyn Rusnak

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

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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:

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Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
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