

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

With the promise of mercy comes the warning of judgment. That is the message we have heard throughout this season of Lent. In the parable Jesus spoke, the mercy of God is lavish and entirely too generous to be reasonable. God is relentless in His pursuit of us, but those who reject His mercy are condemned to stand alone before the judgment seat. The promise and a warning go together and will always go together until the saving work of God is complete and we live in His presence on high forevermore.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune on “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” setting by Mark Sedio

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.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

909 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.**

- 2 To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness,
Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.**

- 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.**

- 4 Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!**

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

(Congregation sings refrain)



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
(refrain)

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. (refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and eternal God, because it was Your will that Your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us so that the devil can have no power over our lives; help us daily to remember our Lord's Passion and to rejoice in the forgiveness of our sins and our redemption from everlasting death, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16–21

(Behold, I am doing a new thing!)

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says-- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 126

Pastor: When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed.

People: **Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

Pastor: The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

People: **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev.**

Pastor: Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

People: **He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.**

ANTHEM

“God Has Done Great Things for Us”

Marty Haugen

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:8–14

(Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God.)

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9–20

(The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.)

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'¹⁴ "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

" 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone ' ? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

²⁰ Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be honest. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Chosen, Precious Cornerstone

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1. A cho - sen, pre - cious cor - ner - stone In Zi - on laid, as
2. The stone was set for all to see, As jew - el of that
3. For Je - sus is that sav - ing Name The One of worth to
4. All those once lost, con - demned, a - lone, God's grace would claim and
5. Now none who trust Christ's ho - ly Name Shall stum - ble or be
(stand) 6. To God the Fa - ther, who is known Through God the Son, true



flesh and bone, In - car - nate God Most High; This stone the buil - ders
sa - cred tree, A gem of price - less worth; So faith and hope could
right - ly claim Re - demp - tion gained for all: Ful - fill - ing God the
make His own: Washed clean, re - newed, re - stored; As liv - ing stones, born
put to shame They walk in won - drous light! Made roy - al priests, a
Cor - ner - stone, All laud and praise af - ford, With God the Spir - it



would re - ject, God's will o - beyed as God's E - lect For
rest se - cure Up - on such love, so rare and pure, Love
Fa - ther's plan, Christ came to earth as God and man, Un -
from a - bove, Built on that Name whose name is Love, On
cho - sen race, A peo - ple for the praise of grace That
hon - or be, The Three in One, the One in Three, Thrice -



us or - dained to die, For us or - dained to die!
bridg - ing heav'n and earth, Love bridg - ing heav'n and earth.
do - ing A - dam's Fall, Un - do - ing A - dam's Fall.
Je - sus Christ our Lord, On Je - sus Christ our Lord.
called them out of night, That called them out of night.
ho - ly, gra - cious Lord, Thrice - ho - ly gra - cious Lord!

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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

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

setting by Thomas Gieschen

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

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 **Let us ever walk with Jesus,
 Follow His example pure,
 Through a world that would deceive us
 And to sin our spirits lure.
 Onward in His footsteps treading,
 Pilgrims here, our home above,
 Full of faith and hope and love,
 Let us do the Father's bidding.
 Faithful Lord, with me abide;
 I shall follow where You guide.**

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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POSTLUDE

“Fugue in D Minor”

Felix Mendelssohn

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 ; Philippians 2:5-11 ; Luke 22:1-23:56 a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Jedidiah Mc Clellan
	8:30 a.m.	Adam Rouse
	11:00 a.m.	James Marriott
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Bill Kooi
	11:00 a.m.	Kristine Geisz
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Zeke Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Jonah Meyer
Singer:	11:00 a.m.	Lynda Christian
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Paul Braemeier	

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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 KFUE 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:

*Day 3 Seeds	*Christian Friends of New Americans	*Food for the Poor
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Lutherans for Life	KFUE Radio
Chapel Summer Camp	Apple of His Eye	Hope Center for Families

** indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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