

# 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.*

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

Our Lord has argued with His enemies and insists that His flesh is real food and His blood real drink. Even the truth can sometimes be unsettling. The disciples are not sure what to make of it all and watched as many of His followers abandoned Jesus. Peter speaks what is on all our hearts. The way of faith in Christ is not easy, but what choice do we have? Where else is the One who keeps His promises and delivers what He says? Christ alone is the Word of eternal life.

## PRELUDE

“A Morning Canticle”

Gilbert M. Martin

## 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 ✘

*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**

**798**    The God of Abraham Praise

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| <p><b>1</b>    The God of Abr'ham praise,<br/>      Who reigns enthroned above;<br/>Ancient of everlasting days<br/>      And God of love.<br/>Jehovah, great I AM!<br/>      By earth and heav'n confessed;<br/>I bow and bless the sacred name<br/>      Forever blest.</p>             | <p><b>3</b>    The God of Abr'ham praise,<br/>      Whose all-sufficient grace<br/>Shall guide me all my pilgrim days<br/>      In all my ways.<br/>He deigns to call me friend;<br/>      He calls Himself my God.<br/>And He shall save me to the end<br/>      Through Jesus' blood.</p> |
| <p><b>2</b>    The God of Abr'ham praise,<br/>      At whose supreme command<br/>From earth I rise and seek the joys<br/>      At His right hand.<br/>I all on earth forsake,<br/>      Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,<br/>And Him my only portion make,<br/>      My shield and tow'r.</p> | <p><b>4</b>    He by Himself has sworn;<br/>      I on His oath depend.<br/>I shall, on eagle wings upborne,<br/>      To heav'n ascend.<br/>I shall behold His face;<br/>      I shall His pow'r adore<br/>And sing the wonders of His grace<br/>      Forevermore.</p>                    |

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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: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

People: **have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

798 The God of Abraham Praise

8 The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same  
And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!  
We worship Thee!"

9 The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high.  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
I join the heav'nly lays:  
All might and majesty are Thine  
And endless praise!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

*("As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.")*

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup> "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!

<sup>17</sup> It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 34:12-22

Pastor: Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,  
People: **keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.**

Pastor: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.  
People: **The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;**

Pastor: the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.  
People: **The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;**

Pastor: he delivers them from all their troubles.  
People: **The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

Pastor: A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;  
People: **he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.**

Pastor: Evil will slay the wicked;  
People: **the foes of the righteous will be condemned.**

Pastor: The LORD redeems his servants;  
People: **no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.**

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:6–21

*(Walk not as the unwise but as the wise in faith.)*

<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them. <sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

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<sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"Christ, Everlasting Source of Light"

David von Kampen

*Christ, everlasting Source of light, All things are open to Thy sight;  
Thou Splendor of the Father's face, Show us the path of truth and grace.*

*And when our eyes are bound in sleep, The lamp of faith still burning keep;  
Thy hand sustain us, while we rest; Remove our sin, and we are blest.*

*To God the Father, and the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Be glory, praise, and majesty Now, ever, and eternally.*

*Please stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51–69

*("You have the words of eternal life.")*

<sup>51</sup> "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

<sup>52</sup> Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

<sup>53</sup> Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

<sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. <sup>67</sup> "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN

696 O God, My Faithful God

- 1 O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing;  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.

- 3 Keep me from saying words  
That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech  
May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place  
I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace  
Lest I offend the weak.
- 6 And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

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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.**

## **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.**

## **OFFERING**

*During the offering, please sign the Record of Fellowship found at the end of each pew*

**"O God, My Faithful God"**

setting by Richard Hillert

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYER

**Pastor:** Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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

813    Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

1    **Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!**  
      **Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;**  
      **Your festal banner wave on high,**  
      **The cross of Christ your king. (Refrain)**

ref **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

2    **With voice as full and strong**  
      **As ocean's surging praise,**  
      **Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,**  
      **The psalms of ancient days. (Refrain)**

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ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,  
Still march in firm array,  
As pilgrims through the darkness wend  
Till dawns the golden day. (Refrain)

6 At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. (Refrain)

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## POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

setting by Charles W. Ore

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Isaiah 29:11-19; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

Find a devotional guide on the readings at [www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether](http://www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether)

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Samuel Wondemu
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m. Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m. Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m. Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. Carla Rainey
	11:00 a.m. Leon Steinbrueck
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m. Zoe Laesch
	11:00 a.m. Nyla Hill
Soloist:	11:00 a.m. Nate Laesch
Choir:	8:30 a.m. Summer Choir
Organist:	Kathleen Stahlhut
Accompanist:	Kathleen Stahlhut & Ryan Meyer
Elder of the Week:	Stan Schwede