

# 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.*

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

The Lord's words through the prophet Isaiah remind us of the purpose of the sacred space into which we have entered: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). Even from ancient times, the Lord God has invited all peoples—no matter who they are or where they have come from—to enter His presence and receive deliverance from their sin. In Christ Jesus, crucified and raised to life again for our salvation, we trust that the promises of God, offered to all, are also promises He makes personally to us. Jesus died for all, and Jesus died for you! Standing together as one, we, though many, form one family and belong to one everlasting kingdom. Together, we receive God's gifts. Together, we raise our united voice in prayers and praises. Together, we gather to experience the life God offers "for all peoples."

## PRELUDE

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

setting by Richard Proulx

## 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**

**979** God, Whose Almighty Word

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| <p><b>1</b> God, whose almighty word<br/>Chaos and darkness heard<br/>And took their flight:<br/>Hear us, we humbly pray,<br/>And where the Gospel day<br/>Sheds not its glorious ray,<br/>Let there be light!</p> | <p><b>3</b> Spirit of truth and love,<br/>Life-giving, holy dove,<br/>Speed forth Your flight;<br/>Move on the water's face,<br/>Bearing the lamp of grace,<br/>And in earth's darkest place<br/>Let there be light!</p> |
| <p><b>2</b> Lord, who once came to bring,<br/>On Your redeeming wing,<br/>Healing and sight,<br/>Health to the sick in mind,<br/>Sight to the inly blind:<br/>Oh, now to humankind<br/>Let there be light!</p>     | <p><b>4</b> Holy and blessed Three,<br/>Glorious Trinity,<br/>Wisdom, love, might!<br/>Boundless as ocean's tide,<br/>Rolling in fullest pride,<br/>Through the earth, far and wide,<br/>Let there be light!</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: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

People: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve Your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with His innocent suffering and death. Trusting in Him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Pastor: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

795    Voices Raised to You We Offer

- 1    **Voices raised to You we offer;  
      Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute  
      For Your gifts through all our days.  
      Alleluia! Alleluia!  
      Triune God, to You we sing!**
  
- 3    **Christ, the song of Love incarnate,  
      Touching earth with heaven's grace,  
For Your living, suff'ring, dying,  
      For Your rising, hear our praise!  
      Alleluia! Alleluia!  
      Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!**
  
- 5    **How can any praise we offer  
      Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
      Gifts of love we can bestow.  
      Alleluia! Alleluia!  
      Triune God, to You we sing!**

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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 and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are underserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

*(The Lord's salvation comes for all peoples.)*

<sup>1</sup> This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant-- <sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." <sup>8</sup> The Sovereign LORD declares-- he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,  
People: **that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

Pastor: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.  
People: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Pastor: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.  
People: **Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

All: **God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

*(God will reveal His mercy to all people.)*

<sup>1</sup> I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

<sup>13</sup> I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry <sup>14</sup> in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup> As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. <sup>32</sup> For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## ANTHEM

"Jesus Loves Me"

Glover, Tomlin & Morgan

*I was lost, I was in chains,  
The world had a hold of me.  
My heart was a stone; I was covered in shame  
When He came for me.*

*I couldn't run from His presence;  
I couldn't run from His arms.*

Chorus:

*Jesus, He loves me,  
He loves me, He is for me.  
Jesus, how can it be?  
He loves me, He is for me.*

*It was a fire deep in my soul,  
I'll never be the same.  
I stepped out of the dark and into the light  
When He called my name.*

*He holds the stars, and He holds my heart  
With healing hands that bear the scars;  
The rugged cross where He died for me,  
My only hope, my everything. (Chorus)*

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*Please stand*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 15:21–28

*(A Canaanite woman shows great faith.)*

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." <sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." <sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." <sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HYMN**

**653** In Christ There is No East or West

## **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*

*"In Christ There is No East or West"*

setting by Gilbert Martin

*Please stand*

## **OFFERTORY**

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,  
Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray,  
Therefore will not turn away.
  
- 3 With my burden I begin:  
Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,  
Set my conscience free from guilt.
  
- 5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
Lead me to my journey's end.

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## **PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

770    What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## POSTLUDE

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

setting by John A. Behnke

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20

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:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Jacob Anderson
	8:30 a.m.	Brett Arrasmith
	11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Marilyn Kreitner
	11:00 a.m.	Leon Steinbrueck
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Jordan Hill
	11:00 a.m.	Ethan Moss
Choir:	Summer Choir	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Paul Brameier	

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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](http://www.chapelofthecross.org) Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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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\*Lutheran Bible Translators

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\* Helping Hands Food Pantry

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