

# 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.*

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 21 & 22, 2021

5:00 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

## PRELUDE

“Cornet Voluntary”

George Berg  
(Ed. and arr. by Susan Marchant)

## WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

*Please stand*

**OPENING HYMN**

**585** Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

- 1** Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2** In these last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3** To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4** May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5** Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6** Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our 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.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

949 Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

1 Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship  
"Holy, holy, holy" cry;  
"He who is, who was and will be,  
God Almighty, Lord Most High."  
Praise and honor, pow'r and glory,  
Be to Him who reigns alone!  
We, with all His hands have fashioned,  
Fall before the Father's throne.

2 All creation, all redemption,  
Join to sing the Savior's worth;  
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us,  
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.  
Wealth and wisdom, pow'r and glory,  
Honor, might, dominion, praise,  
Now be His from all His creatures  
And to everlasting days!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, to know Your Son, Jesus, is life. Give us the grace to know Him and to worship You in spirit and in truth. Conform our lives to Your design, and cast away from us everything that hinders our true worship; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 29:11–19

*(Isaiah's vision of God turning things upside down)*

<sup>11</sup> For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say to him, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." <sup>12</sup> Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I don't know how to read."

<sup>13</sup> The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. <sup>14</sup> Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish." <sup>15</sup> Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?" <sup>16</sup> You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "He did not make me"? Can the pot say of the potter, "He knows nothing"?

<sup>17</sup> In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest? <sup>18</sup> In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. <sup>19</sup> Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 14

Leader: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

**People: They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.**

Leader: The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

**People: All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;**

Leader: there is no one who does good, not even one.

**People: Will evildoers never learn-- those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD?**

Leader: There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.

**People: You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.**

Leader: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**People: When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad! Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



## EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:22–33

*(Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ)*

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

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*The perfect wisdom of our God  
Revealed in all the universe  
All things created by His hand  
And held together at His command  
He knows the myst'ries of the seas  
The secrets of the stars are His  
He guides the planets on their way  
And turns the earth through another day*

*The matchless wisdom of His ways  
That mark the path of righteousness  
His word a lamp unto my feet  
His Spirit teaching and guiding me  
And O the mystery of the cross  
That God should suffer for the lost  
So that the fool might shame the wise  
And all the glory might go to Christ*

*O grant me wisdom from above  
To pray for peace and cling to love  
And teach me humbly to receive  
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty  
Each strand of sorrow has a place  
Within this tapestry of grace  
So through the trials I choose to say  
Your perfect will in Your perfect way*

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*Please stand*

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 7:1–13

*(The Pharisees argue with Jesus about traditions.)*

<sup>1</sup> The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and <sup>2</sup> saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'

<sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

<sup>9</sup> And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' <sup>11</sup> But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. <sup>13</sup> Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

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

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

## HYMN OF THE WORD

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
  
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
  
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon Notes:

*Please stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

setting by Robert Powell

*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.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

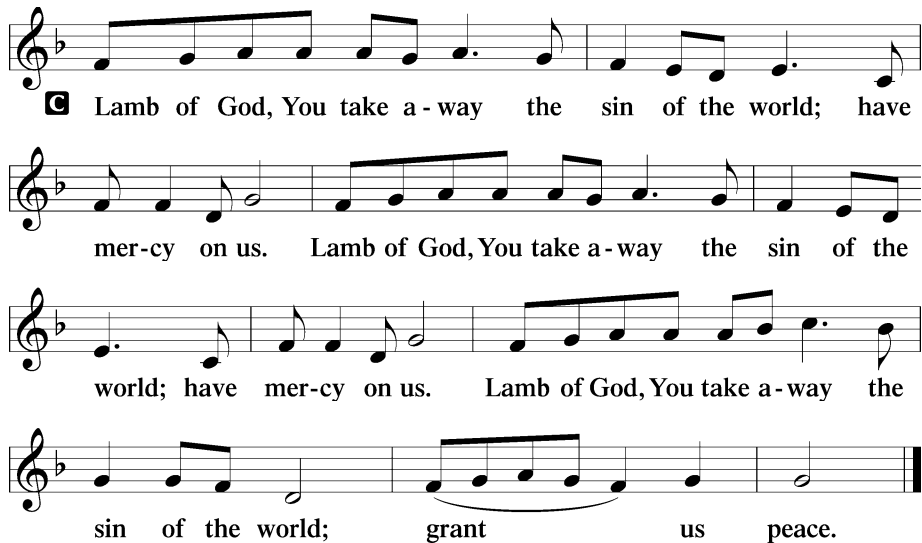
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI



**G** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.*

*Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.*

*The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.*



## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1       **Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**
  
- 2       **Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
  
- 3       **Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.**
  
- 4       **Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.**
  
- 5       **When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**
  
- 6       **Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

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- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.

4       **Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
    That the bread of life is boundless  
    Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
    Oh, most glorious consolation,  
    Pledge and seal of my salvation!**

8       **Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
    By Your love I am invited,  
    Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
    Through the gift of grace You give me  
    As Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

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## **SILENT PRAYER**

*You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:*

*Lord Jesus, we have gathered together in Your house to be guests at Your table. We thank and praise You that You have nourished us with Your body and blood and have covered our sinful hearts with the pure garment of Your perfect righteousness. As You have drawn close to us and shown us Your love and forgiveness, in the same way, help us to draw close and love one another. Keep us in the true Christian faith so that we glorify You with our lives until that time that You call us to be guests at Your heavenly table. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: 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

853 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

- 1       **How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
          When once we heed Your call:  
          To live according to Your Word  
          And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
          That You are Lord of all  
          And will not let us fall.**
  
- 2       **But if, forgetful, we should find  
          Your yoke is hard to bear;  
          If worldly pressures fray the mind,  
          And love itself cannot unwind  
          Its tangled skein of care:  
          Our inward life repair.**
  
- 3       **We marvel how Your saints become  
          In hindrances more sure;  
          Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
          The casual way we wear Your name  
          And by our faults obscure  
          Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.**
  
- 4       **In what You give us, Lord, to do,  
          Together or alone,  
          In old routines or ventures new,  
          May we not cease to look to You,  
          The cross You hung upon—  
          All You endeavored done.**

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## POSTLUDE

“EXIT” (from EIGHT)

Charles W. Ore

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23

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.	Jedediah McClellan
	8:30 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
	11:00 a.m.	James Marriott
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Adrienne Burton
	11:00 a.m.	Kristine Geisz
Singers:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Matt McEuen
	11:00 a.m.	Matt McEuen
Instrumentalist:	Lynda Christian, oboe	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	

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### Worship and Christian Education

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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*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:

Day 3 Seeds	Hope Center for Families	Apple of His Eye
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Lutherans for Life	KFUD Radio
Chapel Summer Camp		

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