

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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2021

5:00 p.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today we see the importance of God's Word in our lives. God's Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God's Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God's Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

PRELUDE

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

setting by John Behnke

WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

665 Be Strong in the Lord in Armor of Light

- 1 **Be strong in the Lord
 In armor of light,
With helmet and sword,
 With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent,
 Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent:
 The armor of God.**

- 2 **Integrity gird
 You round to impart
The truth of His Word
 As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing
 As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing,
 Be strong to prevail.**

- 3 **With eagerness shod
 Stand firm in your place,
Or go forth for God
 With news of His grace;
No foe shall disarm you
 Nor force you to yield,
No arrow can harm you
 With faith as your shield.**

4 **Though Satan presume
 To test you and try,
In helmet and plume
 Your head shall be high;
Beset by temptation
 Be true to your Lord,
Your helmet salvation
 And Scripture your sword.**

5 **So wield well your blade,
 Rejoice in its pow'rs,
Fight on undismayed
 For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious
 Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious,
 His cross and His crown.**

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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: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

People: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

805 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

(Moses' encouragement to the Israelites)

¹ Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 119:129-136

Pastor: Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.

People: **The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

Pastor: I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands.

People: **Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

Pastor: Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

People: **Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey your precepts.**

Pastor: Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.

People: **Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.**

ANTHEM

Let the Heavens Be Glad

David von Kampen

*Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.
Let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy*

*Before the Lord for He comes
For He comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
And the peoples in His faithfulness.*

*Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.
Let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy*

(Put on the armor of God)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

569 In Adam We Have All Been One

- 1 In Adam we have all been one,
One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice
That sought us as we ran.
- 2 We fled Thee, and in losing Thee
We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own;
Each man his brother slew.
- 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still
And sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd's voice
And, hearing Him, be one.
- 4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not,
Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,
O hear us when we call.
- 5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in Thee.
- 6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

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Please stand

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14–23

(What defiles a person?)

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'"

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? ¹⁹ For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")

²⁰ He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' ²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.' "

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE WORD

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.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.

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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

Sermon notes:

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

"Hymne"

Vangelis-Bill Irwin

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

662 Onward Christian Soldiers

1 **Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before.
 Christ, the royal master,
 Leads against the foe;
 Forward into battle
 See His banners go!**

Refrain **Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before.**

- 2 **Like a mighty army
 Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
 Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
 All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
 One in charity. (Refrain)**
- 3 **Crowns and thrones may perish,
 Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
 Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
 And that cannot fail. (Refrain)**
- 4 **Onward, then, ye faithful,
 Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
 In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
 Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
 Men and angels sing. (Refrain)**

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POSTLUDE

"Hornpipe"

G. F. Handel

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:31-37

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

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*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.*

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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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