

# 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.*

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

In difficult times confounded with economic uncertainty and global tension, it is comforting to know that the one true God desires to continually provide for His people, through His unchanging Word and Sacraments. All of God's temporal blessings are priceless, yet He bestows them upon His people freely, without cost to us. Particularly for His Church, God changes life's circumstances with the forgiving feast of His holy and precious body and blood. Today, in the real sacramental presence of God, we receive His good gifts, tasting His grace, life, and salvation.

## PRELUDE

"In Thee is Gladness"

setting by Johannes Matthias Michel

## 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**

**633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

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| <p><b>1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing<br/>Praise to our victorious King,<br/>Who has washed us in the tide<br/>Flowing from His pierced side.<br/>Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>2 Praise we Him, whose love divine<br/>Gives His sacred blood for wine,<br/>Gives His body for the feast—<br/>Christ the victim, Christ the priest.<br/>Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>5 Mighty Victim from the sky,<br/>Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;<br/>You have conquered in the fight,<br/>You have brought us life and light.<br/>Alleluia!</b></p> | <p><i>Organ alone</i></p> <p><b>6 Now no more can death appall,<br/>Now no more the grave enthrall;<br/>You have opened paradise,<br/>And Your saints in You shall rise.<br/>Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>8 Father, who the crown shall give,<br/>Savior, by whose death we live,<br/>Spirit, guide through all our days:<br/>Three in One, Your name we praise.<br/>Alleluia!</b></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: Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness. In Your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from Your presence; do not take Your Spirit away. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with Your Spirit. Amen.**

Pastor: God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

818 In Thee is Gladness

1 In Thee is gladness  
Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given  
The gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest,  
Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely  
Has built securely;  
He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining  
To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,  
We fear no powers,  
Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses  
In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story  
Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness,  
Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him  
And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1-5

*(God offers an everlasting covenant to David.)*

<sup>1</sup> "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. <sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. <sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: **"His love endures forever."**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.

People: **"His love endures forever."**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

People: **"His love endures forever."**

Pastor: to him who alone does great wonders,

People: **"His love endures forever."**

Pastor: who by his understanding made the heavens,

People: **"His love endures forever."**

Pastor: who spread out the earth upon the waters,

People: **"His love endures forever."**

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Pastor: who made the great lights—  
**People:** "His love endures forever."

Pastor: the sun to govern the day,  
**People:** "His love endures forever."

Pastor: the moon and stars to govern the night;  
**People:** "His love endures forever."

Pastor: to the One who remembered us in our low estate  
**People:** "His love endures forever."

Pastor: and freed us from our enemies,  
**People:** "His love endures forever."

Pastor: and who gives food to every creature.  
**People:** "His love endures forever."

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven.  
**People:** "His love endures forever."

## EPISTLE

Romans 9:1–5

*(We are included in the promise because we share Abraham's faith.)*

<sup>1</sup> I speak the truth in Christ--I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit--  
<sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race,  
<sup>4</sup> the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. <sup>5</sup> Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:13–21

*(The feeding of 5,000)*

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. <sup>18</sup> "Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HYMN**

**642** O Living Bread from Heaven

## 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*

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

setting by Ryan Meyer

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
  
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our firstfruits give!

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## 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

923    Almighty Father, Bless the Word

## POSTLUDE

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

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:	Brett Arrasmith	
Liturgists:	Theodore Laesch	
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
	11:00 a.m.	Connie Scott
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Nyla Hill
	11:00 a.m.	Anna Zvirgzdins
Singers:	5:00 p.m.	Mark Petersen
	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Jonathan Bellmann	
Director of the Week:	Marty Albers	

## Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran

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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 KFUD 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:

\*L.A.M.P. Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots

\*Lutheran Bible Translators

Concordia Seminary

Day 3 Seeds

Chapel Summer Camp

\* Helping Hands Food Pantry

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Food for the Poor

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