

# 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.*

# First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

11:00 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays). This forty-day season of Lent is a time of fasting and repentance. It is a time when we recall Jesus' forty days of fasting and temptation in the wilderness. Throughout these forty days, remember where we are going. We are headed toward the cross and empty tomb of Jesus. We are headed toward Jesus' victory over sin, death, and the devil.

## PRELUDE

"Siciliana" (from oboe concerto)

Cimarosa

## 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

418 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: It was in this triune name of God that we were baptized—

People: **the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our Baptism.

People: **We remember we were washed and forgiven.**

Leader: We remember we were made members of God's family.

People: **We remember we were united with Jesus.**

Leader: Though we are baptized and united with Jesus, we often act as if we were separated from Jesus. There are times when we fall prey to Satan and his temptations. There are times when sin reigns within us. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in repentance, asking for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and repentance.*

Leader: Heavenly Father,  
People: **we have often ignored Your help in resisting Satan and His temptations. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Yet our entire lives are lives of repentance. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in righteousness, on account of Jesus. 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. We are forgiven. We are baptized into Christ.**

## KYRIE

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

(Congregation sings refrain)



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

Leader: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. (Refrain)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 22:1–18

*(God spares Isaac.)*

<sup>1</sup> Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>12</sup> "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

<sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.  
People: **Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Leader: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

People: **Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;**

Leader: guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

People: **Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

People: **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

Leader: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

People: **All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

## EPISTLE

James 1:12–18

*(Every good and perfect gift comes from God.)*

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



<sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

**424** O Christ, You Walked the Road

**1** O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r  
And fought our ancient foe.

**2** No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.

**3** No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.

**4** When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.

**5** O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

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*Please stand*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 1:9–15

*(Jesus is baptized, tempted, and begins His ministry.)*

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HYMN**

**656** A Mighty Fortress is Our God

## **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**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+ + + Special Intercessions + + +**

**Each concluding:** **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** 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*

*"Sonata in A Minor"*

G. P Telemann

*Please stand*

## **OFFERTORY**

**707** Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!**
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.**

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**Leader:** 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

**Leader:**       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

521     Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

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| <p><b>1   Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken</b><br/>      <b>By the devil's seething rage,</b><br/>      <b>Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions;</b><br/>      <b>Wins the strife from age to age;</b><br/>      <b>Conquers sin and death forever;</b><br/>      <b>Slams them in their steely cage.</b></p> <p><b>4   Jesus came, this word fulfilling,</b><br/>      <b>Trampled Satan, death defied;</b><br/>      <b>Bore the brunt of our temptation,</b><br/>      <b>On the wretched tree He died.</b><br/>      <b>Yet to life was raised victorious;</b><br/>      <b>By His life our life supplied.</b></p> | <p><b>5   Swift as lightning falls the tyrant</b><br/>      <b>From his heav'nly perch on high,</b><br/>      <b>As the word of Jesus' vict'ry</b><br/>      <b>Floods the earth and fills the sky.</b><br/>      <b>Wounded by a wound eternal</b><br/>      <b>Now his judgment has drawn nigh!</b></p> <p><b>6   Jesus, send Your angel legions</b><br/>      <b>When the foe would us enslave.</b><br/>      <b>Hold us fast when sin assaults us;</b><br/>      <b>Come, then, Lord, Your people save.</b><br/>      <b>Overthrow at last the dragon;</b><br/>      <b>Send him to his fiery grave.</b></p> |
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## POSTLUDE

"Fugue in D Minor"

R. Couperin

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

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

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## Serving at Chapel

Preachers:	5:00 p.m.	Jacob Anderson
	8:30 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
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Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Theodore Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Brett Arrasmith
	11:00 a.m.	Jedidiah McClellan
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Zoe Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Jonah Meyer
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Grace Meyer
	11:00 a.m.	Nyla Hill
Choir:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
Instrumentalist:	Lynda Christian, oboe	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	George Tomazi	

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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.

## Chapel Ministry Staff

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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

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Chapel Summer Camp

\* Helping Hands Food Pantry

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Lutherans for Life

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Food for the Poor

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