

# 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.*

# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 6, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

The word *Epiphany* means “a showing forth” or “a revelation.” One of the images associated with our Lord in this season of Epiphany is that He is the bright Morning Star. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is quoted as calling out: “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness” (John 12:46). In the season of Epiphany, we see the brightness of God in the face of our Lord, and we are called to follow Him just as the original disciples were called centuries ago. For all who follow the Lord in humble faith, the future is bright!

## PRELUDE

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

arr. for handbells by Sondra Tucker

## WELCOME

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

✘ PREPARATION ✘

*Please stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**907** God Himself is Present

- 1** God Himself is present:  
Let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple;  
All within keep silence;  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone on His throne  
Is our God and Savior;  
Praise His name forever!
  
- 2** God Himself is present:  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy!"  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear to us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Your Church now raises.
  
- 3** Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels,  
Worshiping before You,  
May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will, ever still  
Rule Your Church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.

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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 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 6:1–8

*(Isaiah has an amazing vision of the seraphim.)*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

*Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.  
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two aloft they soared;  
One to the other called and praised the Lord:  
    "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
    His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"  
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.*

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<sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Soloist: *Let us sing of the ways of the Lord, our God; for His glory is so great!*

Cong:

Let us sing \_\_\_\_\_ of the ways \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, our  
 God; for His glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ is so great!

<sup>1</sup> I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted. <sup>4</sup> May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. <sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. (Refrain)

<sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar.

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill [his purpose] for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever-- do not abandon the works of your hands. (Refrain)



## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

*(Paul writes of the importance of building up the Church.)*

Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

<sup>13</sup> For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. <sup>16</sup> If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified.

<sup>18</sup> I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup> But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

<sup>20</sup> Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1–11

*(Jesus facilitates a miraculous catch of fish.)*

<sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

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<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,  
"Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—  
Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth;  
Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
"Here am I, send me, send me"?

- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
With the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
To the Savior's waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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## 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.**

## **OFFERING**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

setting by Janet Linker

*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.**

*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

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.**

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- 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**

Toccata on "Great Day"

setting by Adolphus Hailstork

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

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.       | Al Buckman      |
|                         | 8:30 a.m.       | Stanish Stanley |
|                         | 11:00 a.m.      | Stanish Stanley |
| Liturgist:              | Theodore Laesch |                 |
| Lectors:                | 11:00 a.m.      | Ken Kreitner    |
| Acolytes:               | 8:30 a.m.       | Kamia Cleveland |
|                         | 11:00 a.m.      | Jayden Hill     |
| Choir:                  | Chapel Bells    |                 |
| Soloists:               | 8:30 a.m.       | Lynda Christian |
|                         | 11:00 a.m.      | Matt McEuen     |
| Handbell Director:      | Jen Schmidt     |                 |
| 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.

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 8:30 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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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *Day 3 Seeds              | *Christian Friends of New Americans | *Food for the Poor       |
| Helping Hands Food Pantry | Concordia Seminary                  | Friend of Moms           |
| Sidewalk Sunday School    | Lutherans for Life                  | KFUE Radio               |
| Chapel Summer Camp        | Apple of His Eye                    | Hope Center for Families |

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