CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

LUTHERAN



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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 9, 2025 11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

Epiphany is the season of revelation. In today's Gospel Jesus reveals to Peter where to fish for the big catch and it changes Peter's life forever. More than just a full net of fish, Peter encounters a whole new vocation. From then on he would fish for people, with the goal of gathering all info the wide net of God's mercy through Jesus Christ. Initially Peter was caught in the feeling of his sins and unworthiness but Jesus' words invited him to leave behind his fears and answer the call to discipleship. Through His Word Jesus continues to call us to become "fishers of men" and to leave behind our fears to follow Him.

PRELUDE

"How Great is Our God"

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

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Luke 5:8; Isaiah 6:5,7

Pastor: Go away from me, Lord,

People: for I am sinful.

Pastor: Woe to me, I cried,

People: For I am a person of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean

lips.

Pastor: And then the Lord touched me with His grace,

People: your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.

(Silence for reflection and examination)

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: We humbly confess that we are sinners who fear standing before You

because our sin has made us unworthy of You. But we acknowledge what Your grace has accomplished for us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His name we confess our sin and lay claim to the promise of forgiveness won for us by His sacrifice on the cross. Make us new, cleanse us from sin and its guilt, and show us how to love and

serve You now and forevermore. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to

die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ▼ and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work within

you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

949 Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

- 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.

People: Heavenly Father, You have given us Your Son to die and rise for us and

our salvation. Grant us such strong faith in Him that we may follow wherever He leads; through the same 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 6:1-8

(God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.)

- ¹ 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. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."
- ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.
- ⁵ "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."
- ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ 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.

ANTHEM

"Lord, Here am I"

John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor, and where it shall be.

Refrain:

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches and loss. Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead; Only support me with grace in my need. (refrain)

Living, or dying, I still would be Thine; Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light. (refrain) **EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

(Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.)

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

¹³ For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified.

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

²⁰ 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 calls Peter to fish for men.)

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, ² he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ 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.

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

⁵ 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."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ 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.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.

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

"Listen, God is Calling"

setting by Anne K. Organ

Please stand

OFFERTORY

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 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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★ 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.

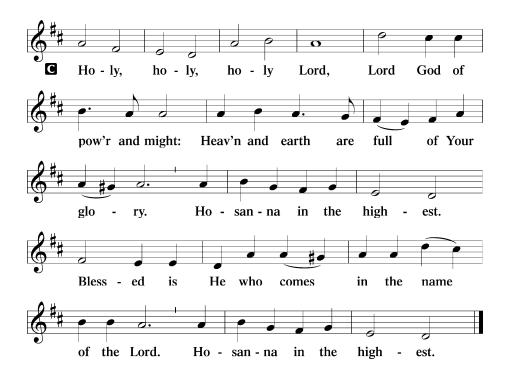
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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 showed us Your love and called His disciples and us to follow where He has led the way. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and singing:



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 (Lamb of God)



If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.

When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 833 Listen, God is Calling
- 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake
- 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

SILENT PRAYER

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

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. 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.

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

795 Voices Raised to You, We Offer



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POSTLUDE

"I Want to be Ready"

setting by Charles Callahan

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

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher: Theodore Laesch

Liturgists: 5:00 p.m. Matthew Shipman

8:30 a.m. Samuel Wondemu

11:00 a.m. Ellory Glenn

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. Matt Gahr

11:00 a.m. Jonathan Kersten

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m. Nyla Hill

11:00 a.m. Kyleigh Hill

Choir: 8:30 a.m. Choral Singers

Soloist: 11:00 a.m. Matt McEuen

Instrumentalist: Marilyn Kreitner, piano

Organist & Accompanist: Ryan Meyer

Elder of the Week: Russell Mains