

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.

Second Sunday After The Epiphany

January 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

PRELUDE

"We Shall Overcome"

setting by Chuck Marohnic

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

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 139: 7-12, 23-24

Pastor: Where can I go from Your Spirit?

People: **Where can I flee from Your presence?**

Pastor: If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the farside of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. Where can I go from Your Spirit?

People: **Where can I flee from Your presence?**

Pastor: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You. Where can I go from Your Spirit?

People: **Where can I flee from Your presence?**

Silence for personal reflection.

Pastor: Search us, God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us and lead us in the way everlasting.

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. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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

906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
The triune God confess.

2 This day at earth's creation
The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious
The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious
A threefold light was giv'n.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 62:1–5

("As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.")

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ² The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. ³ You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵ As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 27:1-2, 5-8, 11, 13-14

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me,

People: **they will stumble and fall.**

Pastor: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

People: **he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

Pastor: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

People: **at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Pastor: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

People: **My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

Pastor: Teach me your way, O LORD;

People: **lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.**

Pastor: I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

ANTHEM

"Arise and Shine"

John Paradowski

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

*(The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose —
that God may be glorified and His church edified.)*

¹ Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the second chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1–11

(The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.)

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,
² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race



1 O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright - ness
 2 O Je - sus, ver - y Light of Light, Our con - stant
 3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, How once, to
 4 To - day, as year by year its light Bathes all the
 △ 7 O Christ, Re - deem - er vir - gin - born, Let songs of



of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared
 star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers
 save our fall - en race, You put our hu -
 world in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth
 praise Your name a - dorn, Whom with the Fa -



the Fa - ther's might Be - fore the world knew
 Your peo - ple pray Through - out the world this
 man ves - ture on And came to us as
 out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from
 ther we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it



day or night, Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mar - y's son. Al - le - lu - ia!
 You a - lone. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

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

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” setting by Charles Callahan

Please stand

OFFERTORY

783 Take My Life and Let it Be

- 1 **Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 6 **Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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PRAYER

Pastor: 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

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

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

POSTLUDE

"Oh, Freedom"

setting by Adolphus Hailstork

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30

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

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Serving at Chapel

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| Preacher: | Theodore Laesch | |
| Liturgists: | 5:00 p.m. | Theodore Laesch |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Samuel Wondemu |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Ellory Glenn |
| Lectors: | 8:30 a.m. | Marilyn Kreitner |
| | 11:00 a.m. | John Zvirgzdins |
| Acolytes: | 8:30 a.m. | Grace Meyer |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Emma Runser |
| Soloist: | 8:30 a.m. | Ted Laesch |
| Choir: | 11:00 a.m. | Choral Singers |
| Organist & Accompanist: | Ryan Meyer | |
| Elder of the Week: | Paul Brameier | |