

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.

The Day of Pentecost

June 5, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

Today's Old Testament Reading explains the reason for so many languages: it was to stop the building of the Tower of Babel. But the confusion of tongues was no match for the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, the crowd needed no translation, for their ears heard the Gospel in their native languages. The Holy Spirit would also change the disciples' minds from forgetfulness to remembrance of all that our Lord had said. More than that, Jesus Himself was leaving His peace with them. That was important because no one can keep Christ's word perfectly. But their weak faith and sinful condition (and our own) would soon be overcome by the forgiveness He won in His death and resurrection. No stone has been left unturned—including the one in front of our Lord's tomb.

PRELUDE

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

497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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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: The Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may hear the good news about our Savior, but our sins are always before us. Let us therefore 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 are helpless to amend our sinful lives without You, gracious God. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, renew our faith, and turn our feet to paths pleasing to You.**

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

800 Alabare

Congregation sings refrain

Refrain/Estribillo

A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.

A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.

- 1 John saw the number of all those redeemed,
And all were singing praises to the Lord.
Thousands were praying,
Ten thousands rejoicing,
And all were singing praises to the Lord. **(Refrain)**
- 2 Voices united in joy and in singing,
We offer praise and glory to our God:
To God the Father,
To Christ the Savior,
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in One. **(Refrain)**
- 3 We are Your people, O God everlasting,
The people You created out of love.
Mercy and justice,
Power and wisdom:
We bless You, we adore You without end. **(Refrain)**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O God, on this day, You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 11:1-9

(God confuses the people's language to stop them from building a great tower.)

¹ Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.

⁶ The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

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⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel--because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. by Greg Gilpin

Chorus:

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,

Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me it looked so fine.

I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Chorus)

‘Ol Jordan River, chilly and cold,

It chills the body, but not the soul.

There ain’t but one train that’s on this track.

It runs to heaven and runs right back. (Chorus)

EPISTLE

Acts 2:1–21

(Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit enables the apostles to be heard in many languages.)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

People: 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.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Please stand

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:23–31

(Jesus says that the Spirit will teach and remind His followers of what He has said.)

²³ Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, ³¹ but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

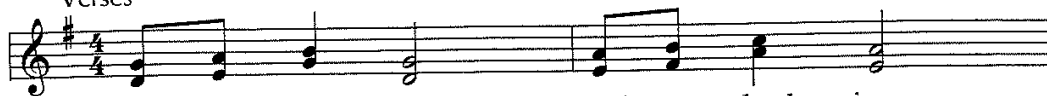
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" (Soloist sings v. 1 alone)

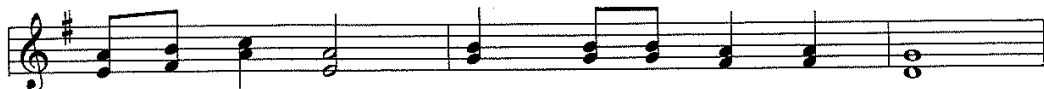
Verses



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing,
2. Come to teach us, come to nour - ish
3. Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing



Fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
Those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
Done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all



that we're need - ing; Help us to fol - low you.
may they flour - ish, Strength - ened by grace un - priced.
in their seek - ing, Free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4. Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
Nor rootless liberty;
Turn disquiet to contentment,
Doubt into certainty.
5. Keep us fervent in our witness,
Unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
Which you alone assure.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon Notes:

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.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF INSTALLATION

OFFERING

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

503 O Day Full of Grace

- 1 **O day full of grace that now we see
 Appearing on earth's horizon,
 Bring light from our God that we may be
 Replete in His joy this season.
 God, shine for us now in this dark place;
 Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

- 2 **O day full of grace, O blessed time,
 Our Lord on the earth arriving;
 Then came to the world that light sublime,
 Great joy for us all retrieving;
 For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
 All darkness and shame removing.**

- 3 **For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
 When He on the cross was hanging;
 And then He arose and moved the stone
 That we, unto Him belonging,
 Might join with angelic hosts to raise
 Our voices in endless singing.**

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4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all His healing.

5 When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

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POSTLUDE

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59

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.	Adam Rouse
	8:30 a.m.	Bill Rusnak
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Judy Kooi
	11:00 a.m.	Milo Lombard
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Audrey Runser
	11:00 a.m.	Zoe Laesch
Singers:	11:00 a.m.	Meagan Purcell, Anne Meyer, John Schmidt, Matt McEuen
Instrumentalists:	Nate Laesch, Trumpet Jen Schmidt, Flute Meagan Purcell, Violin	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Stan Schwede	
Director of the Week:	Christy Boehmer	

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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 Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,
the 2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,
and the 1st and 3rd and 5th 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:

*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

** indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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