CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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FAITH · HOPE · LOVE



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 5 & 6, 2021 5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

"Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother," said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ's death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God's mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.

PRELUDE

5:00 p.m.	"We Know that Christ is Raised"	arr. Lynn M. Trapp
8:30 a.m.	"Morning Has Broken"	arr. Brant Adams

WELCOME

№ PREPARATION **№**

OPENING HYMN

The Tree of Life (sung by soloist)

- In Eden's holy orchard stood,
 And of its fruit so pure and sweet
 God let the man and woman eat.
 Yet in this garden also grew
 Another tree, of which they knew;
 Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
 Against whose eating God had warned.
- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove
 Was broken, as the serpent strove
 With tempting voice Eve to beguile
 And Adam too by sin defile.
 O day of sadness when the breath
 Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
 Its awful poison first displayed
 Within the world so newly made.
- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
 A plan of rescue by His grace:
 In sending One from woman's seed,
 The One to fill our greatest need—
 For on a tree uplifted high
 His only Son for sin would die,
 Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
 To crush the ancient serpent's head!

Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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Please stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD;

People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But with You there is forgiveness;

People: therefore You are feared.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

more than watchmen wait for the morning.

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Leader: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love

and with Him is full redemption.

People: He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities

with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor

sinful being.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Know that Christ is Raised (sung by soloist)

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold; And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
- We share by water in His saving death.
 Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
 As living members of a living Christ.
 Alleluia!
- The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
 The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
 Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
 Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

₩ WORD **₩**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:8-15

(God addresses Adam and Eve with the promise of the One to come who would restore them to Him.)

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." 11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Psalm 130 – With All My Being, I Wait"

Marty Haugen

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

("We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.")

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

¹ Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 3:20–35

("Who are My mother and My brothers?")

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. ²⁸ I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon Notes:		

HYMN

721 Lead Me, Guide Me (soloist sings 1st refrain and verse 1 alone)

Refrain Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.(Refrain)

Refrain Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
 Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
 I am putting all my trust in Thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)
- I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
 I am blind without Thy light to see.
 Lord, always let me Thy servant be.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

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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.

★ 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.

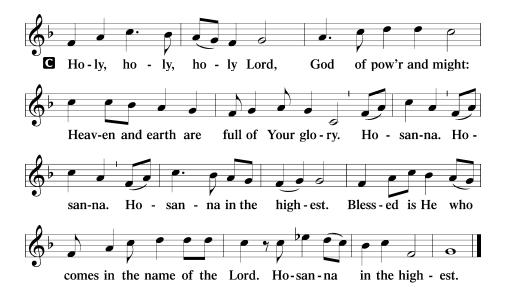
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



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.

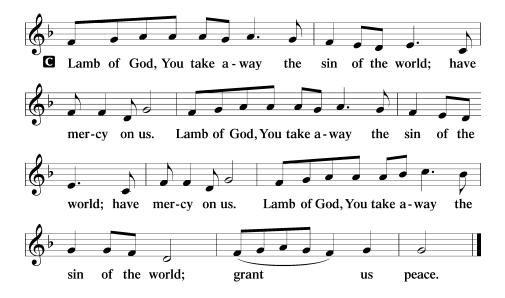
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

AGNUS DEI



PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.

Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.

The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Let Us Break Bread"

arr. Wilbur Held

SILENT PRAYER

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

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit, that having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus

Christ, our Lord.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
 He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
 All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
 Now are forgiven.

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- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
 Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
 To all the world go out and tell the story
 Of Jesus' glory.
- Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.

 Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

 Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation

 His new creation.

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POSTLUDE

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

arr. Charles Ore

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Mark 4:26-34 Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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Liturgists: 5:00 p.m. Ellory Glenn

8:30 a.m. James Marriott 11:00 a.m. Theodore Laesch

Singer: Mark Petersen

Instrumentalist: Bud Shultz, clarinet

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