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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 in Lent

March 13, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

The theme of Lent is repentance. Today, we are given a prophet's story of warning against a people who refused His mercy. But it is not the only story. The Lord still invites us to find a refuge in the wings of His mercy and, to all who will receive Him and believe on His name, there is no limit to His grace. The Lord is determined to go to the cross for us and to bestow upon us all the treasures of His grace, but the path that leads to Christ is the way of repentance and faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts so that we may not refuse the Lord's invitation and may rejoice in the wings of His mercy forevermore.

## PRELUDE

"Were You There"

arr. for handbells

## 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**

**435**    Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

- 1**    Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
        Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
        Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
  
- 2**    Come in poverty and meanness,  
        Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
        From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
  
- 3**    Come in sorrow and contrition,  
        Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
        Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
  
- 4**    They that drink shall live forever;  
        'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
        Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

People: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*


Leader: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

# KYRIE


## 945 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

*Cantor*




1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.


*Congregation*



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry  
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of  
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -  
 death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the  
 child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.  
 Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.  
 help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Jeremiah 26:8–15

*(The Lord has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.)*

<sup>8</sup> But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! <sup>9</sup> Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. <sup>11</sup> Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

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<sup>12</sup> Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup> Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup> As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup> Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 4

Leader: Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**People: How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

Leader: Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.

**People: In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.**

Leader: Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.

**People: Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

Leader: You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.

**People: I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**



## EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17–4:1

*(Paul laments those who lose their faith and become enemies of the Gospel.)*

<sup>17</sup> Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)”

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*Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy Lord*

*Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone*

*(continued on next page)*

*I will wait for You I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied*

*So put Your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave*

*His steadfast love has made a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice*

*I will wait for You I will wait for You  
Through the storm and through the night  
I will wait for You surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight*

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*Please stand*

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:31–35**

*(Jesus would gather His people like a hen gathers her chicks)*

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

<sup>32</sup> He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day--for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HYMN OF THE WORD**

**508     The Day is Surely Drawing Near**

- 1     The day is surely drawing near  
        When Jesus, God's anointed,  
        In all His power shall appear  
        As judge whom God appointed.  
        Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
        And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
        As Scripture long has warned us.**
- 2     The final trumpet then shall sound  
        And all the earth be shaken,  
        And all who rest beneath the ground  
        Shall from their sleep awaken.  
        But all who live will in that hour,  
        By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
        Be changed at His commanding.**

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- 5    My Savior paid the debt I owe  
      And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
      My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
      There is no condemnation!
- 6    May Christ our intercessor be  
      And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
      With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
      Which He has purchased for us.
- 7    O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
      But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
      In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
      From death and ev'ry evil.

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## 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.

## OFFERING

"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

J. S. Bach

*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.

## ✠ 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.

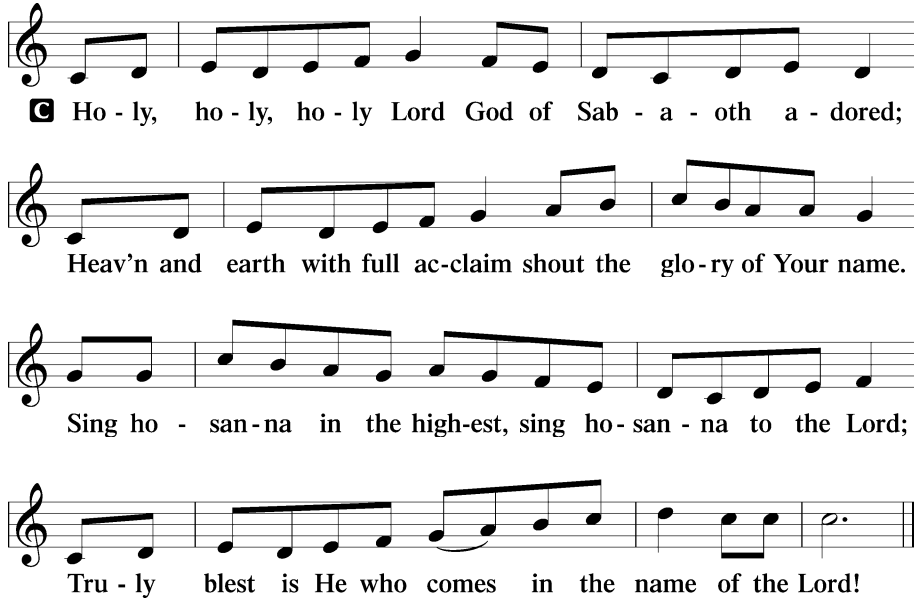
**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



*A “continuous communion table” will be the method of distribution this day. Communicants will come forward down the center aisle at the direction of the usher. You will receive the wafer from the pastor at the center and then proceed to the right or left (depending on which side of the church you are sitting) to receive the wine. You will then return to your pew. As is our custom, communion will be brought to people in the pews who have difficulty walking to the chancel. If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle. Also young children will receive a word of blessing.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**725      Children of the Heavenly Father**

- 1      Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.**
- 2      God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.**
- 3      Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**
- 4      Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.**

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- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
No grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks  
Continually are green;  
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs  
As nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit  
And evermore do spring;  
There evermore the angels dwell  
And evermore do sing.
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore  
With all Thy saints above.

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## **SILENT PRAYER**

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

*Lord God of mercy, I give You thanks for the body and blood of Your Son; for the Word by which You give me forgiveness; for Your promises by which You give me life. May the gifts of Your heavenly banquet fortify me against the Evil One and strengthen me in the face of the world. Help me to live as one who hungers for Your grace, who thirsts after righteousness, who longs to taste of Your goodness, that I may sit at Your table at the heavenly feast which has no end. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

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Thanks be to You, O Lord, for the mercy You have shown to us, for the Word spoken in our midst, and for the Sacrament upon which we are fed the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As You have gathered us here, we pray You to continue to gather Your people and shelter us in the comfort of Your love forevermore; through Jesus Christ, 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

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.
- 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.
- 4    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

“Concerto No. 2 in Eb Major”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 ; Luke 13:1-9

Find a devotional guide on the readings at [www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether](http://www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether)

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Theodore Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Jedidiah McClellan
	11:00 a.m.	Adam Rouse
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
	11:00 a.m.	Riane Cleveland
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Jonah Meyer
	11:00 a.m.	Kamia Cleveland
Singer:	Ted Laesch	
Instrumentalists:	Children's Handbells	
	Zeke Laesch, French horn	
Director:	Jen Schmidt, children's handbells	
Organist & Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	

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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 11:00 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:

*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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