

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.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

Jesus has a “nevertheless” love for you and all people, a love that does not quit in the face of opposition and resistance, a love that loves in spite of sin. This truth is clearly seen in today’s Gospel, as Jesus weeps over the city of Jerusalem. Like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings to hide them from danger, so the Lord longs to gather all people under His wings, to save us from sin, death and the devil. Yet people so often resist Him. Nevertheless, Jesus remains your hiding place, the only one to whom sinners can flee. When a sinner flees to Him, and is hidden by Him, then “Love” covers over a multitude of sins.

PRELUDE

Variations on “Southwell”

setting by Alfred V. Fedak

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

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Luke 13:35 and Psalm 4:6-7)*

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **We come, O Lord, at Your gracious invitation!**

Pastor: The Lord has set us apart for Himself!

People: **The Lord will hear us when we call to Him!**

Pastor: Let the light of Your face shine upon us, Oh Lord.

People: **You have filled my heart with joy.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come before the Lord today knowing that we have not held God's Word sacred. We have not always gladly heard it or learned from it. At times, we have even despised it.

People: **Forgive us, O Lord**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, in sorrow You wept over Jerusalem.

People: **Like Your people of old, each of us has given You reason to sorrow over our sins.**

Pastor: Though You have sent us prophets and other people to call us to repentance, there are times when we have rejected Your Word and resisted Your Holy Spirit.

People: Lord Jesus, I confess to You that I have sinned against You. Forgive me for those things I have done and for all that I have lefty undone. Let Your love cover over the multitude of my sins. Amen

Pastor: 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.

KYRIE (*Lord, have mercy*)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

(Congregation sings refrain)



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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

(Jeremiah threatened with death)

⁸ 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! ⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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!"

¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵ 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

Pastor: 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?

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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

(Our citizenship is in heaven.)

¹⁷ Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ 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.

¹ 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.**

HYMN

673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

(Lament over Jerusalem)

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." ³² 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.' ³³ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day--for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ "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! ³⁵ 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.' "

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

730 What is the World to Me

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

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

setting by Charles Callahan

Please stand

OFFERTORY

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

- 1** On my heart imprint Your image,
 Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
 That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
 Never may Your work erase;
 Let the clear inscription be:
 Jesus, crucified for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foundation,
 And my glory and salvation!

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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

728 How Firm a Foundation

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in D Minor” from Organ Sonata no.6

F. Mendelssohn

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

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Samuel Wondemu
	8:30 a.m.	Samuel Wondemu
	11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Ken Kreitner
	11:00 a.m.	Jayme Zvirgzdins
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Kyleigh Hill
	11:00 a.m.	Nyla Hill
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	George Tomazi	