

# 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.*

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14 & 15, 2022

5:00 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Please note: The worship service at 11:00 a.m. is live streamed and recorded.*

## AS WE GATHER

Now we know the end of the story. In John's vision in the Epistle, heaven will be like an eternal wedding feast. All of us in the Church have been made presentable by Christ, the Bridegroom. Unlike the disciples, who in today's Gospel still had to experience their Lord's absence from Good Friday through Easter morning, we can be confident that no one can take our joy from us. Now we know that because He has paid the price on the cross, the Bridegroom will freely make all things new. In place of torrents of tears will be the spring of the water of life. When we receive His body and blood in the Sacrament, it is a foretaste of the feast to come, and we cannot wait to enjoy the rest of the eternal celebration!

## PRELUDE

5:00 p.m. "Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

11:00 a.m. "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. for handbells by Sondra K. Tucker

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

11:00 a.m.      “How Can I Keep from Singing”

arr. by Ryan Meyer

*My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though faroff hymn  
that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)*

*What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)*

*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**

**477** Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

**1 Alleluia, alleluia!**

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

**2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

**3 Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!

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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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Leader: God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.**

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.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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| <p>1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing<br/>My great Redeemer's praise,<br/>The glories of my God and King,<br/>The triumphs of His grace!</p> <p>4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;<br/>He sets the pris'ner free.<br/>His blood can make the foulest clean;<br/>His blood avails for me.</p> | <p>6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;<br/>The Lamb of God was slain.<br/>His soul was once an off'ring made<br/>For ev'ry soul of man.</p> <p>7 To God all glory, praise, and love<br/>Be now and ever giv'n<br/>By saints below and saints above,<br/>The Church in earth and heav'n.</p> |
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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 make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.  
Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what  
You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts  
may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING

Acts 11:1–18

*(God convinces Peter that Gentiles may be baptized into the one Church.)*

<sup>1</sup> The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

<sup>4</sup> Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup> "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup> "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. <sup>11</sup> "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

<sup>15</sup> "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



*(John sees a vision of the new Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her husband,  
coming from heaven.)*

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 16:12–22

*(Jesus prepares the Twelve for His absence for "a little while.")*

<sup>12</sup> "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

<sup>16</sup> "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

<sup>17</sup> Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup> I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

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

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

## **HYMN**

**768      To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray**

- 1    To God the Holy Spirit let us pray  
For the true faith needed on our way  
That He may defend us when life is ending  
And from exile home we are wending.  
    Lord, have mercy!**
- 2    O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;  
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother.  
    Lord, have mercy!**
- 3    Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,  
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not falter nor courage fail us  
When the foe shall taunt and assail us.  
    Lord, have mercy!**
- 4    Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,  
Till to our true home He has brought us.  
    Lord, have mercy!**

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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.**

## **OFFERING**

*"Abide with Me"*

J. S. Bach

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+ + + Special Intercessions + + +**

**Each concluding:** **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** 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

Leader:           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

837     Lift High the Cross

ref   Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
      Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1   Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
    Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)
- 2   Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
    The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. (Refrain)
- 3   All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
    Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. (Refrain)

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- 4    **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (Refrain)**
- 5    **Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. (Refrain)**
- 6    **So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain)**

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## **POSTLUDE**

**"Trumpet Tune"**

**Tommaso Albinoni**

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33

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.	Adam Rouse
	8:30 a.m.	Jedidiah McClellan
	11:00 a.m.	James Marriott
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Fruend
	11:00 a.m.	Ken Kreitner
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Kamia Cleveland
	11:00 a.m.	Zeke Laesch
Choirs:	Chapel Bells	
	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Lynda Christian, Connie Scott,
		John Schmidt, Ted Laesch
Director:	Jen Schmidt, Chapel Bells	
Organist & Accompanist:	Milo Lombard	
Elder of the Week:	Ken Kreitner	

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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 KFUD 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	KFUD Radio
Chapel Summer Camp	Apple of His Eye	Hope Center for Families

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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