

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Today we find ourselves in a similar situation as the first disciples in Acts 1, left still to wonder at what awaits us between our Lord's ascension and His promised return. But we do not need to see Him with our eyes to know He is still with us, speaking to and strengthening us with His gift of salvation and eternal life. In Holy Baptism, Absolution, Communion, and the preaching of His Word, He gives us His mercy. In Jesus, our lives have been transformed. We are given power to avoid suffering from our own sinful passions to the blessed suffering that marks taking up our cross of faith and following Jesus. As the Day of Pentecost approaches, we will understand and believe by means of the Holy Spirit our unity with Christ and God the Father through faith in Him.

PRELUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

setting by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING HYMN

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

- 4 **Crown Him the Lord of life,
 Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
 For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
 Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
 And lives that death may die.**
- 5 **Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
 As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is king of all.**

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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: This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow. (*LSB* 482)

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

Pastor: Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily afflicts us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

People: **Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!** (*LSB* 482 refrain)

We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into Your Easter joy.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☉ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

816 From All that Dwell Below the Skies

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, Your Son prayed for His disciples to remain one, as You and He are one. Keep Your Church bound together in love and obedience to You, so that the world may believe in Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12–26

(Matthias chosen to replace Judas)

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus-- ¹⁷ he was one of our number and shared in this ministry."

¹⁸ (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem

heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰ "For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms,

" 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another take his place of leadership.'

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 68:1-10

Leader: May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

People: **As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away; as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.**

Leader: But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

People: **Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds-- his name is the LORD-- and rejoice before him.**

Leader: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

People: **God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

Leader: When you went out before your people, O God, when you marched through the wasteland,

People: **the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

Leader: You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

People: **Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.**

(Suffering as a Christian)

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And,

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Blessed Assurance"

Crosby/Knapp

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood*

Chorus:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Chorus)*

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1–11

(The High Priestly Prayer)

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE WORD

587 I Know My Faith is Founded

1 I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.

3 **In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
 Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
 Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
 Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
 As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
 Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
 The end of faith attain.**

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

728 How Firm A Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 What more can He say than to you He has said
 Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
 I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

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- 4 **“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**
- 5 **“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

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POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Franklin Ashdown

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:
Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

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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

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