

# 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.*

# The Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

Pentecost proves for God's people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we've been called to be.

## PRELUDE

"The Risen Christ/He is Lord"

arr. by Carol Tornquist

## 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

497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

### 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!
  
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.
  
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.
  
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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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, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:24–30

*(The Lord's Spirit rests on the elders of Israel, and they proclaim His message.)*

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup> However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

<sup>28</sup> Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

<sup>29</sup> But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup> Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Acts 2:1–21

*(The Holy Spirit fills the disciples on Pentecost.)*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“O Holy Spirit, Praise to You”

Howard Helvey

*Please stand*

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37–39

*(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to those who believe.)*

<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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

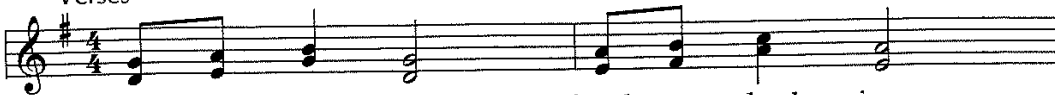
**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



# HYMN

## “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

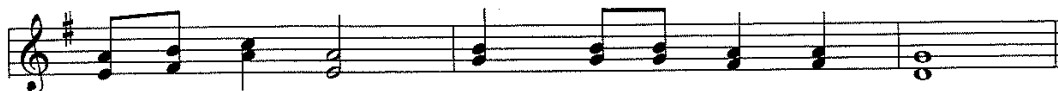
### Verses



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing,  
2. Come to teach us, come to nour - ish  
3. Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing



Fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing  
Those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;  
Done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all



that we're need - ing; Help us to fol - low you.  
may they flour - ish, Strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
in their seek - ing, Free - ing from guilt and shame.

### Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4. Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
Nor rootless liberty;  
Turn disquiet to contentment,  
Doubt into certainty.
5. Keep us fervent in our witness,  
Unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
Which you alone assure.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon notes:

*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

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Traditional

*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 sends to us Your Holy Spirit that with our hearts we believe in You and with our mouths we confess Your saving name. 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**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
Shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the heights,  
Sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes  
In the name of Christ 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

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -  
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us Your  
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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*If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.*

*When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*“I’m Goin’-a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”*

**I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I’m goin’-a love when the Spirit says love,  
I’m goin’-a love when the Spirit says love,  
I’m goin’-a love when the Spirit says love,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I’m goin’-a pray when the Spirit says care,  
I’m goin’-a pray when the Spirit says care,  
I’m goin’-a pray when the Spirit says care,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I’m goin’-a give when the Spirit says give,  
I’m goin’-a give when the Spirit says give,  
I’m goin’-a give when the Spirit says give,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I’m goin’-a trust when the Spirit says trust,  
I’m goin’-a trust when the Spirit says trust,  
I’m goin’-a trust when the Spirit says trust,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

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**502** Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven

**500** Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

## **SILENT PRAYER**

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

*Lord Jesus, we have gathered together in Your house to be guests at Your table. We thank and praise You that You have nourished us with Your body and blood and have covered our sinful hearts with the pure garment of Your perfect righteousness. As You have drawn close to us and shown us Your love and forgiveness, in the same way, help us to draw close and love one another. Keep us in the true Christian faith so that we glorify You with our lives until that time that You call us to be guests at Your heavenly table. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

503 O Day Full of Grace

## POSTLUDE

“Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord”

setting by Jeffrey Blersch

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

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.	Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Bill Rusnak
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
	11:00 a.m.	Ken Kreitner
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Ethan Moss
	11:00 a.m.	Aniya Cleveland
Soloist:	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
Choir:	11:00 a.m.	Choral Singers
Instrumentalists:	Marilyn Kreitner, piano Jonah Meyer, percussion Bud Shultz, clarinet	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
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 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:

*L.A.M.P. Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots	* Helping Hands Food Pantry	
*Lutheran Bible Translators	Friend of Moms	Food for the Poor
Concordia Seminary	Lutherans for Life	KFUD Radio
Day 3 Seeds	Apple of His Eye	
Chapel Summer Camp		

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2023*

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