

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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Welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran!

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.

All Saints' Day
October 31 & November 1, 2020
5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

There are different types of hope. The hope some people have is no more than wishful thinking. Others rely on their own plans and intellect to provide a measure of hope during times of difficulty. But for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith in our Lord Jesus, hope is sure. For His sake, our heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and now calls us His own children, brothers and sisters of our Lord, and we shall join those who have gone before us to sing God's eternal praises in heaven.

PRELUDE

Variations on "Sine Nomine"

setting by Richard Proulx

WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN

677 For All the Saints (v. 1, 3, 6-8) (sung by soloist)

- 1 *For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 3 *Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 6 *The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 7 *But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 8 *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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Please stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

People: **Holy God, You have called us to obey You in all things, according to Your commands. We have failed to be obedient, even though You have set us apart to be holy. We have been sinful in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our sin and seek Your cleansing forgiveness.**

Leader: Saints of God, know that even as we confess our sins we are forgiven by our God who first called us to be holy. 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.*
- 2 *Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Eo'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.*
- 3 *Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

(Saints around God's throne know eternal salvation after having endured persecution.)

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

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¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-3

(We are already God's children.)

¹ How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus' followers are blessed now because of His sure promises)

Leader: Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn,

People: **for they will be comforted.**

Leader: Blessed are the meek,

People: **for they will inherit the earth.**

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: **for they will be filled.**

Leader: Blessed are the merciful,

People: **for they will be shown mercy.**

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: **for they will see God.**

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: **for they will be called sons of God.**

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

People: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad,

People: **because great is your reward in heaven,**

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Leader: for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: On this Day of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving those of our church family who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of His people through the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in His mercy God has summoned them to His presence that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever. We especially remember this day:

Harold Hale – November 19, 2019

Pastor Orval Mueller – November 19, 2019

Fay Vogel – December 6, 2019

Carol Twillmann – December 15, 2019

Ronald Sherod – December 16, 2019

Rodney Pelander – December 26, 2019

Sara Landry – January 4, 2020

William Dittman – February 16, 2020

David Neale – February 17, 2020

Frances Bermel – April 22, 2020

Robert Zurheide – April 26, 2020

Geraldine Sitler – August 23, 2020

La Verne Zurheide – September 1, 2020

John Seward – September 11, 2020

Norman Deady – September 20, 2020

Lawrence Tomazi – October 2, 2020

Samuel Johnson III – October 13, 2020

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Pastor: Blessed are they that die in the Lord from now on, for they will rest from their labors, and their deeds will follow them. (*Revelation 14:13*)
Let us pray: In joyful expectation for the resurrection of the body to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all those who have gone before us in faith, whom we pause now to name in our hearts. (*Silence*) We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and we hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. May their memory among us be blessed, and may we follow their footsteps of faith to Your eternal presence in the heavenly kingdom.

People: Amen.

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.

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.

✠ 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.

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.**

After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.

Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.

The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

"Sweet By And By"

J. Webster & S. Bennett

Chorus:

*In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore*

*There's a land that is fairer than day
And by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there (chorus)*

*We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest (chorus)*

*To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days (chorus)*

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SILENT PRAYER

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

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thank You, God, for feeding us here with the true body and blood of Jesus. Help us to remember that we are never closer to our loved ones who have died in faith than when we gather as Your saints around Your Supper along with all saints, angels, and the whole company of heaven, the people of God—seen and unseen—united in one Lord, one faith, and one Baptism. Comforted by this assurance, we give You thanks and praise; 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
 With palms they stand;
 Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
 And in the flood
 Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
 Their anthems ring
 As they all sing
With angels shining bright.

2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
 Those martyrs stand,
 A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
 Transformed their strife
 To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
 The Lamb, their Lord,
 At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

3 O blessèd saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
 Extol the Lord,
 Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
 Rejoice and bring
 Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
 Lift up one voice;
 Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

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POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on “Sine Nomine”

setting by Ryan Meyer

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Adam Rouse
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Singer:	Mark Petersen	
Handbell director:	Jen Schmidt	
Organist and Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
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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 8:30 a.m.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,
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

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*	Hope Center for Families*	Apple of His Eye*
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Lutherans for Life	KFUD Radio
Chapel Summer Camp		

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