

# 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.*

# **Christ the King**

**November 20, 2022**

**11:00 a.m.**

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

## **AS WE GATHER**

As we recollect the unfolding of the salvation story throughout the church year, we remember Christ Jesus lying in an animal trough, swaddled in cloths, and remember the same Jesus Christ subject to public brutality and a demeaning death upon a cross. His incarnation and passion is proof that God the Father remembers us in significant ways. From Bethlehem to Golgatha, God reveals an extraordinary King in Christ Jesus, who battles temptation, endures torment, and wears a crusted, blood-stained crown of thorns. Christ suffers so that we may receive a bounty of grace, mercy, and forgiveness. This is how He remembers us. But like the thief beside Christ at Calvary, we, too, long for the revelation of God's glory in His heavenly kingdom, a place where we will engage in continual worship of Christ, and partake of the marriage feast of the Lamb which will have no end. This is why we resonate with the very words, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

## **PRELUDE**

## **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.*

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

## ANTHEM

"Come, People of the Risen King"

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*Come, people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.*

Chorus:

*Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice;  
One heart, one voice,  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

*Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace. (chorus)*

*Come, young and old from ev'ry land-  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:  
Our God is all in all. (chorus)*

✘ PREPARATION ✘

*Please stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**549** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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| <p><b>1</b> All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!<br/>Let angels prostrate fall;<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</p>             | <p><b>5</b> Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget<br/>The wormwood and the gall,<br/>Go, spread your trophies at His feet<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>Go, spread your trophies at His feet<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</p> |
| <p><b>3</b> Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,<br/>Ye ransomed from the fall,<br/>Hail Him who saves you by His grace<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>Hail Him who saves you by His grace<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</p> | <p><b>7</b> Oh, that with yonder sacred throng<br/>We at His feet may fall!<br/>We'll join the everlasting song<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>We'll join the everlasting song<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</p>               |
| <p><b>4</b> Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,<br/>Whom David Lord did call,<br/>The God incarnate, man divine,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>The God incarnate, man divine,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</p>         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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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: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your 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.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, it is Your will to restore all things to Your beloved Son, whom You anointed King of all creation. Unite all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, under the glorious and gentle rule of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:13–18

*(God's treasured possession)*

<sup>13</sup> "You have said harsh things against me," says the LORD. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'"

<sup>14</sup> "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?' <sup>15</sup> But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape."

<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

<sup>17</sup> "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## EPISTLE

Colossians 1:13–20

*(Christ makes peace by the blood of His cross.)*

<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27–43

*(Jesus is crucified.)*

<sup>27</sup> A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. <sup>28</sup> Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'

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<sup>30</sup> Then "they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"

<sup>31</sup> For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

<sup>32</sup> Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

<sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

<sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

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

## HYMN

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon notes:

*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

*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.**

## STAFF RECOGNITION

*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

832 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

## POSTLUDE

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 21:1-11

Find a devotional guide on the readings at [www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether](http://www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether)

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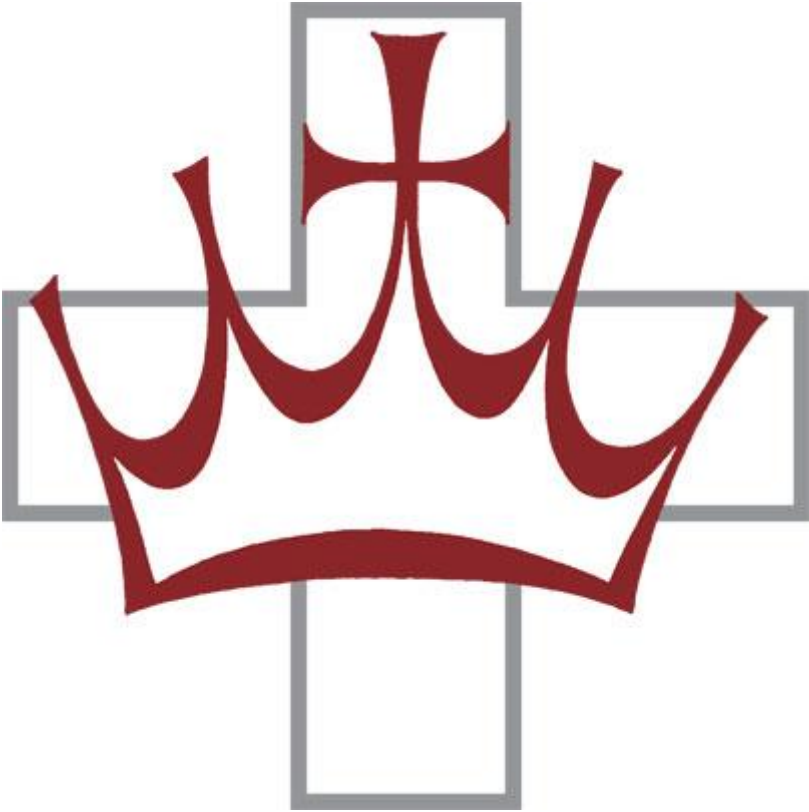
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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Clifford Bischoff
	8:30 a.m.	Jacob Anderson
	11:00 a.m.	Bill Rusnak
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Judy Kooi
	11:00 a.m.	Milo Lombard
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Ethan Moss
	11:00 a.m.	Nyla Hill
Choirs:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe Glenn Lackey, percussion Matt McEuen, guitar Meagan Purcell, violin	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Rich Langefeld	

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

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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