

# 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.*

# Christ the King

November 21 & 22, 2020  
5:00 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

Jesus. It's all about Him. It's only about Him. It's always about Him. The Last Sunday of the Church Year is a day to worship our reigning and coming King. He is not a detached King, keeping a safe distance from His people. No, He is a King who loves to come near and show us that our righteousness and salvation are in Him alone, Jesus. It's all about Him and what He has done, is doing, and will do *for you!*

## PRELUDE

"We Gather Together/Count Your Blessings

arranged by Brant Adams

## WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns (sung by soloist)

- 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

**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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **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

537 Beautiful Savior (sung by soloist)

1            *Beautiful Savior,  
              King of creation,  
              Son of God and Son of Man!  
              Truly I'd love Thee,  
              Truly I'd serve Thee,  
              Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

3            *Fair is the sunshine,  
              Fair is the moonlight,  
              Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
              Jesus shines brighter,  
              Jesus shines purer  
              Than all the angels in the sky.*

4            *Beautiful Savior,  
              Lord of the nations,  
              Son of God and Son of Man!  
              Glory and honor,  
              Praise, adoration  
              Now and forevermore be Thine!*

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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, 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.

People: **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

*(God will search for His sheep.)*

<sup>11</sup> "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.



<sup>20</sup> "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. <sup>23</sup> I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

*(The last enemy to be destroyed is death.)*

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:31–46

*(The separation of the sheep and the goats)*

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' <sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' <sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' <sup>46</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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

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

## 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.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*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

"There is a Higher Thone"

K. Getty

Verse 1      *There is a higher throne  
Than all this world has known  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue  
Will one day come  
Before the Son we'll stand  
Made faultless through the Lamb  
Believing hearts find promised grace  
Salvation comes*

Chorus      *Hear heaven's voices sing  
Their thund'rous anthem rings  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies  
Their praises rise  
All glory wisdom pow'r  
Strength thanks and honour are  
To God our King who reigns on high  
Forever more*

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Verse 2            *And there we'll find our home  
Our life before the throne  
We'll honour Him in perfect song  
Where we belong  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye  
As thirst and hunger die  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King  
We'll reign with Him*

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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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You gathered us together once more to share in the joys of this Sacrament, and we pray that You would strengthen us by Your Son's body and blood that as heirs of Your kingdom, we may ever serve You and our neighbors; through the same 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**

793     Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

- 1       **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
          To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
          Evermore His praises sing:  
          Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Praise the everlasting King.**
  
- 2       **Praise Him for His grace and favor  
          To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
          Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
          Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Glorious in His faithfulness.**
  
- 3       **Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
          Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
          Rescues us from all our foes.  
          Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Widely yet His mercy flows.**

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4       **Angels, help us to adore Him;  
          You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
          All who dwell in time and space.  
          Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Praise with us the God of grace.**

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## **POSTLUDE**

*“Italian Hymn”*

arranged by Albert L. Travis

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:  
Isaiah 64:1-9; 1Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgist:	5:00 p.m.	Theodore Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Adam Rouse
Soloist:	5:00 p.m.	Lynda Christian
		Nate Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
		Lynda Christian
11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn	
Instrumentalist:	Bud Shultz, clarinet	
Organist & Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	

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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 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.

### Chapel Ministry Staff

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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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