

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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021 11:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

"Bourree (from Cello Suite no. 3)"

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

✤ PREPARATION ♣

Please stand OPENING HYMN

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

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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: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.
- People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Pastor:The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and
remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and
by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and
of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.Paopla:Amon

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

🕸 WORD 🕸

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

(Seek the Lord and live.)

⁶ Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. ⁷ You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground

¹⁰ you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. ¹¹ You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. ¹³ Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. ¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Lector:	This is the Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-4, 11-17

Pastor:	Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.	
People:	Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the	
	world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.	
Pastor:	You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."	
People:	For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,	
	or like a watch in the night.	

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Pastor: People:	Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Pastor:	Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.
People:	Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
Pastor:	Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.
People:	May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.
Pastor: People:	May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us yes, establish the work of our hands.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:12-19

(A warning against the danger of evils in life)

¹² See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. ¹⁵ As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." ¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? ¹⁸ And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed ? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Lector:This is the Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Doris Akers

ANTHEM

"Lead Me, Guide Me" (soloist sings the 1st refrain alone)

- Refain Lead me, guide me, along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
- I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
 To help me over my weakest hour.
 Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)
- Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
 Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
 I am putting all my trust in Thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)
- I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
 I am blind without Thy light to see.
 Lord, always let me Thy servant be.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

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Please stand

Pastor:The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.People:Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-22

(Jesus has a conversation with a rich young man.)

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother."²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Pastor:This is the Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare; Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be Thou alone my constant flame.
- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone; Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
 Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire! And day and night, be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.
- In suff'ring be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour, Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!

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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

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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 + + +

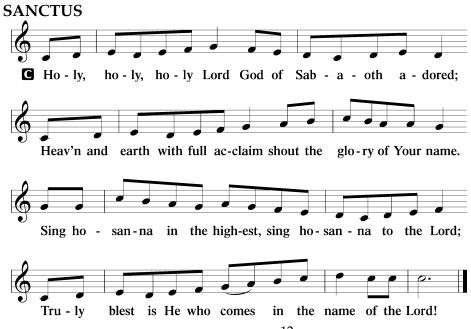
Each concluding: Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, People: hear our prayer.

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.
	We lift them to the Lord.
People:	we filt them to the Lord.
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
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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, out of love for His fallen creation,
	humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient
	unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed
	us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels
	and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify
	Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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.

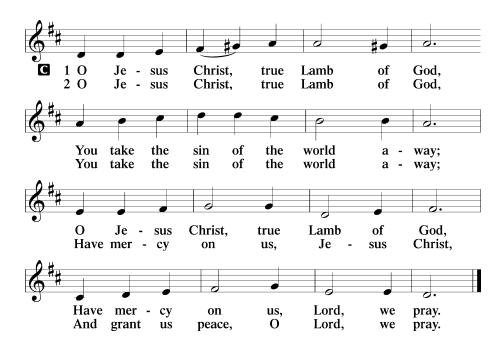
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



A "continuous communion table" will be the method of distribution this day. Communicants will come forward down the center aisle at the direction of the usher. You will receive the wafer from the pastor at the center and then proceed to the right or left (depending on which side of the church you are sitting) to receive the wine. You will then return to your pew. As is our custom, communion will be brought to people in the pews who have difficulty walking to the chancel. If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle. Also young children will receive a word of blessing.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

736 Consider How the Birds Above

- Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with carefree ease – Does God not keep them in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?
- 2 The lilies grow, they do not toil; How fair is their fragility— If God clothes these, which quickly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?
- Set not your heart on food or drink, Nor be weighed down by worldly care; About such things the godless think, Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
- Be on your guard against all greed, For life is more than what we own.
 Our Father knows our ev'ry need Before our needs to us are known.
- 5 Be not afraid to suffer loss
 Of all the things for which you pray,
 For He who faced for you the cross
 Will give you strength to live each day.
- 6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace, His holy name in all you do: Christ first and last in ev'ry place; All else will then be given you.

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788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

- Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, For dull content with warmth and sheltered care, For songs of praise for food and harvest press, While of Your richer gifts we're unaware:
- 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace, For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
 For Christ Your Son, and for each human face That shows Your message ever new and near.
- 3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise, For words that speak at variance with deeds; Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:
- 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine, That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost, That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine," Assured that only what's withheld is lost.
- Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
 For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
 For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
 And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:
- Open our eyes to see Your love's intent, To know with minds and hearts its depth and height; May thankfulness be days in service spent, Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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SILENT PRAYER

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

Lord God of mercy, I give You thanks for the body and blood of Your Son; for the Word by which You give me forgiveness; for Your promises by which You give me life. May the gifts of Your heavenly banquet fortify me against the Evil One and strengthen me in the face of the world. Help me to live as one who hungers for Your grace, who thirsts after righteousness, who longs to taste of Your goodness, that I may sit at Your table at the heavenly feast which has no end. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Please stand **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we thank You for having sought us, called us, and fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that have been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You in humility all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

- God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

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Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Hebrew 4:1-13; Mark 10:23-31 Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Alex Goodwin Adam Rouse Ellory Glenn
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	George Tomazi Ken Gerler
Soloist:	11:00 a.m.	Denise Koch
Choir:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
Organist & Director:	Ryan Meyer	
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 KFUO 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	*Christian Friends of New Americans	*Food for the Poor
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Lutherans for Life	KFUO Radio
Chapel Summer Camp	Apple of His Eye	Hope Center for Families

* indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022

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