

# 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.*

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 14 & 15, 2023

5:00 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Please note: This worship service is live streamed and recorded. (11:00)*

## AS WE GATHER

Whenever we come together for worship, we are anticipating the eternal worship of heaven, which the Bible compares to a wedding feast. God, as if were, announced the engagement between Him and His people through the prophets. Jesus sent out the invitation (with the warning that those invited might be excluded without their RSVP), and Paul leads us to respond in rejoicing as God's overflowing grace has included us in the feast.

## PRELUDE

5:00 p.m. "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" setting by Dan Forrest

11:00 a.m. "Ring Joyous with the Sound" arr. for handbells by Douglas Wagner

## 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**

**737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing**

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of ev'rything,  
Your portion shall remain.**
  
- 2 He is your treasure, He your joy,  
Your life and light and Lord,  
Your counselor when doubts annoy,  
Your shield and great reward.**
  
- 5 He only will with patience chide,  
His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
In ocean depths to drown.**
  
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessed ending makes.**
  
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.**

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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: 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 not and forever.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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| <p><b>1</b> Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,<br/>God of glory, Lord of love!<br/>Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,<br/>Praising Thee, their sun above.<br/>Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,<br/>Drive the gloom of doubt away.<br/>Giver of immortal gladness,<br/>Fill us with the light of day.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Thou art giving and forgiving,<br/>Ever blessing, ever blest,<br/>Wellspring of the joy of living,<br/>Ocean-depth of happy rest!<br/>Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,<br/>Fountainhead of love divine:<br/>Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!<br/>Joyful, we by grace are Thine!</p> |
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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 God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

*(On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for all peoples  
and will cast off the veil of death forever.)*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## ANTHEM

5:00 p.m. "God is My Shepherd"

Antonin Dvorak

*God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.  
My rest is in the pleasant meadows,  
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!*

*My fainting soul doth He restore,  
And guideth me in the ways of peace,  
To glorify His name.*

*And though in death's dark valley, my steps must wander,  
My spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still;  
Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me!*

11:00 a.m. "The Lord's My Shepherd"

David W. Music

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.*

*My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark veil, yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

*Now goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*



## EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–13

*(“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”)*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:1-14

*(Many are called; few are chosen.)*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

<sup>4</sup> "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

<sup>5</sup> "But they paid no attention and went off--one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup> "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>14</sup> "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 a.m.)

### HYMN

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*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.**

## 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.**

## OFFERING

*During the offering, please sign the Record of Fellowship found at the end of each pew*

*“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

arr. by Gary Norian

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY

786 Lord of All Good

**1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

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## PRAYER

Leader: Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

*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

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

## POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee”

setting by Albert Travis

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Brett Arrasmith
	11:00 a.m.	Adam Rouse
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Tonja Cleveland
	11:00 a.m.	Leon Steinbrueck
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Nathan Runser
	11:00 a.m.	Audrey Runser/Emma Runser
Soloist:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
Choirs:	11:00 a.m.	Children's Handbells
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Singers
Directors:	Jen Schmidt, Children's handbells Ryan Meyer	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	George Tomazi	

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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		
Chapel Summer Camp	Apple of His Eye	

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2023*

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