

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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

Sometimes our faith is weak, and we wonder if God will hear our complaints and prayers. But He is always there, listening in love and offering grace and blessings. The bigger question is whether we will hear His promises and forgiveness. Today's Reading from Habakkuk is a resounding "yes," for it is a reminder that we trust our heavenly Father because of the greatest gift we have received: faith. Sometimes, like with the apostles in today's Gospel, it seems we need more faith, but God, who has given us that precious gift, promises, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). In the Epistle, Paul rejoices over Timothy's faith in our Savior, who "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Paul encourages Timothy to "guard the good deposit entrusted" to him and each person of faith (2 Timothy 1:14). Rejoice, for today that faith moves us to hear, listen, and respond in word and song.

PRELUDE

Variations on "Greet the Rising Sun"

Settings by J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Pastor: 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 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

Pastor: 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 now and forever.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

- 1 Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
 Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
 At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
 With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Teach us to forgive one another and to do what You have commanded, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Your aid, grant us the help of Your grace to please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✕ WORD ✕

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

("The righteous shall live by his faith.")

¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received.

² How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³ Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴ Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

¹ I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

² Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on [tablets](#) so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴ "See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright-- but the righteous will live by his faith--

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM

Psalm 62

Pastor: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Pastor: How long will you assault a man? Would all of you throw him down--
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

People: They fully intend to topple him from his lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.

Pastor: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Pastor: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Pastor: Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie; if weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

People: Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Pastor: One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.

People: Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.

(Paul thanks God for the faith God has given Timothy.)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

Craig Courtney

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

Refrain:

*Amazing grace! Amazing grace!
So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One,
Is crucified for me.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed. (refrain)*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun. (refrain)*

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10

(Faith as a mustard seed)

¹ Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. ² It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ So watch yourselves.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

⁵ The apostles said to the LORD, "Increase our faith!"

⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ "Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'?

⁸ Would he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

587 I Know My Faith is Founded

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.

INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS AND HELPERS

OFFERING

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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.

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.**

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

“In Christ Alone”

Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."**

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POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "In Christ Alone"

setting by Benjamin M. Culli

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Ruth 1:1-19a; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19

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.	Clifford Bischoff
	8:30 a.m.	Bill Rusnak
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Connie Scott
	11:00 a.m.	Ken Gerler
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Nathan Runser
	11:00 a.m.	Jordan Hill
Choir:	11:00 a.m.	Choral Singers
Singers:	5:00 p.m.	Denise Koch
	8:30 a.m.	Ted Laesch
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist:	Ryan Meyer	
Accompanists:	Carolyn Rusnak	
	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 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	KFUD Radio
Chapel Summer Camp	Apple of His Eye	Hope Center for Families

** indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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