

# 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.*

# Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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

## PRELUDE

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

setting by Jeffrey Blerch

## 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

906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

### BAPTISM

**Brendan Christian Bowen II**

The son of Brendan and Tanesha Bowen

Sponsors: Kevin McCauley and Jakia Brown

### 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.**

## 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 now and forever.

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”*

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| 1 | Give to our God immortal praise!<br>Mercy and truth are all his ways;<br>Wonders of grace to God belong;<br>Repeat his mercies in your song.        | 3 | Give to the Lord of lords renown;<br>The King of kings with glory crown.<br>His mercies ever shall endure<br>When lords and kings are known no more! |
| 2 | He sent his Son with pow’r to save<br>From guilt and darkness and the grave.<br>Wonders of grace to God belong;<br>Repeat his mercies in your song. |   |  |

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Gracious Lord of all, let nothing interfere with our commitment to You. Give us that sense of priority that values all things properly and treasures nothing above Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

*(Solomon recognized that work without rest was useless and caused harm.)*

<sup>10</sup> Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. <sup>11</sup> As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?

<sup>12</sup> The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. <sup>13</sup> I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:

wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, <sup>14</sup> or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him. <sup>15</sup> Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> All his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger.

<sup>18</sup> Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup> He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16

Leader: How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

People: **I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.**

Leader: I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

People: **Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees.**

Leader: With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

People: **I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.**

Leader: I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

People: **I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.**

*(Strive by faith to enter God's rest and do not become disobedient.)*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. <sup>2</sup> For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. <sup>3</sup> Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

"So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.' "

And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." <sup>5</sup> And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup> It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. <sup>9</sup> There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; <sup>10</sup> for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## ANTHEM

"If With All Your Hearts"

Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand*

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:23–31

*(Jesus warns about wealth and the difficulty a wealthy person has entering the kingdom of God.)*

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"

<sup>29</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN

730 What is the World to Me

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### 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*

"Here I Am, Lord"

setting by Lloyd Larson

*Please stand*

## **OFFERTORY**

783 Take My Life and Let it Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
  
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
  
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## **PRAYER**

**Leader:** Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Habershon/Merker

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

**Chorus:**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)**

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! (Chorus twice)**

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## POSTLUDE

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

setting by Johann Pachelbel

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; Matthew 11:12-19

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.	Theodore Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Samuel Wondemu
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Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Judy Kooi
	11:00 a.m.	Ken Gerler
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Eve Zvirgzdins
	11:00 a.m.	Nyla Hill
Singers:	8:30 a.m.	Ted Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Lynda Christian
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Glenn Lackey	