

# 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.*

# Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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

## **AS WE GATHER**

God's Word gives us the power to live as the people of God. God's Word works in our lives, calling us to be His disciples, enabling our gratitude and confession of faith. God chooses His Word and Sacraments to be the conduit through which He communicates life, and reveals His design for eternal redemption. As we listen, faith increases as does our desire for Christian service. As the chosen recipients of this abundant Word of Life, we give thanks to God.

## **PRELUDE**

"Be Strong in the Lord"

setting by Charles Callahan

## **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

**665** Be Strong in the Lord in Armor of Light

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**People:** **We confess, O Lord, that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**Pastor:** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**People:** **Our own attempts at change will leave the stain of our previous sins.**

**Pastor:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within

**People:** **Lord our God, You are our only hope. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow Your guidance alone.**

**Pastor:** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**People:** **We come to You, confident of Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

O God beyond all praising,  
We worship You today  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder  
At every gift You send,  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before You  
And wait upon Your Word,  
We honor and adore You,  
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know Your favor  
May serve You as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty  
And glory in Your ways,  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O God who has made us, saved us, and created us as Your own children, renew us, feed us, and strengthen us that we may in all confidence proclaim Your eternal goodness and grace; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

*(Do not forget all that God has done; teach your children.)*

<sup>1</sup> Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." <sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup> Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 119:129-136

**Pastor:** Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.

**People:** **The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

**Pastor:** I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands.

**People:** **Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

**Pastor:** Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

**People:** **Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey your precepts.**

**Pastor:** Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.

**People:** **Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.**

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10–20

*(Be certain about teachings and put on the armor of God.)*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

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<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

“O Church Arise”

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(Soloist)

*O Church arise and put your armor on Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of Truth We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love Reaching out to those in darkness*

*Our call to war to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died An inheritance of nations*

**(Congregation)**

**Come see the cross where love and mercy meet As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away And Christ emerged from his grave  
This victory march continues 'til the day Every eye and heart shall see Him**

**So Spirit come put strength in every stride Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in Glory**



*Please stand*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 7:14–23

*(People are not defiled by what they eat but by what comes out of their hearts and mouths.)*

<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'"

<sup>17</sup> After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup> "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? <sup>19</sup> For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")

<sup>20</sup> He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.' "

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

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN**

**569** In Adam We Have All Been One

## 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 THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF

### 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.

## OFFERING

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

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

arr. by John Carter

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!
  
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

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## PRAYER

Pastor: 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

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

664    Fight the Good Fight

## POSTLUDE

“Vivace” (from Cello Suite no. 3)

J. S. Bach

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:31-37

Find a devotional guide on the readings at [www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether](http://www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether)

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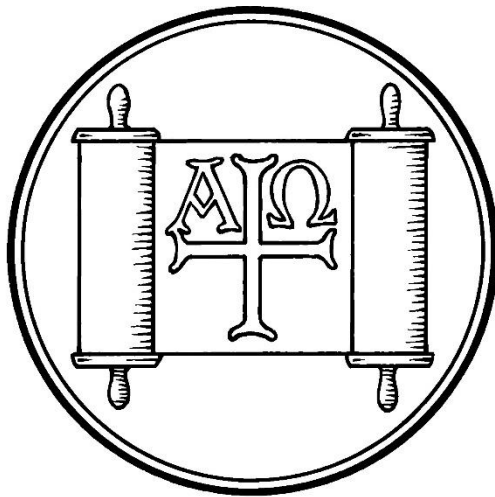
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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Samuel Wondemu
	8:30 a.m.	Samuel Wondemu
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Riane Cleveland
	11:00 a.m.	Christy Boehmer
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Anna Zvirgzdins
	11:00 a.m.	Grace Meyer
Singer:	11:00 a.m.	Ted Laesch
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Director of the Week:	Tim Brown	
Elder of the Week:	Jon Rogers	