

# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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**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 12 &13, 2020**

**5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.**

## **AS WE GATHER**

Forgiveness is filled with questions. How often must I forgive? Is there a limit to the grace of forgiveness? What is the connection between God's forgiveness to me and my forgiveness to others? The answer to these questions lies in Christ. As our heavenly Father has forgiven us, so do we forgive one another in His name. This forgiveness is clearly and beautifully shown in the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and then forgave them because of God's mercy.

## **PRELUDE**

*"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!"*

setting by Paul Manz

## **WELCOME**

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING HYMN

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice! (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5) (sung by soloist)

- 1        *Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
          With exultation springing,  
          And with united heart and voice  
          And holy rapture singing,  
          Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
          How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
          What price our ransom cost Him!*
- 2        *Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
          Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
          Sin was my torment night and day;  
          In sin my mother bore me.  
          But daily deeper still I fell;  
          My life became a living hell,  
          So firmly sin possessed me.*
- 4        *But God had seen my wretched state  
          Before the world's foundation,  
          And mindful of His mercies great,  
          He planned for my salvation.  
          He turned to me a father's heart;  
          He did not choose the easy part  
          But gave His dearest treasure.*



## HYMN OF CONFESSION

843 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (sung by the soloist)

- 1        *“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”  
          You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
          But You alone can grant us grace  
          To live the words we say.*
  
- 2        *How can Your pardon reach and bless  
          The unforgiving heart  
          That broods on wrongs and will not let  
          Old bitterness depart?*
  
- 3        *In blazing light Your cross reveals  
          The truth we dimly knew:  
          What trivial debts are owed to us,  
          How great our debt to You!*
  
- 4        *Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
          And bid resentment cease;  
          Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
          Our lives will spread Your peace.*

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Pastor:        As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. (*Psalm 103:11-12*) As a called and ordained servant of the Word, by the command of Jesus and for His sake, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✘ WORD ✘

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

*(Joseph forgives his brothers)*

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

"Psalm 103: "The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

Marty Haugen

*Refrain      The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful.*

1.            *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;  
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits. (refrain)*
2.            *God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,  
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness. (refrain)*
3.            *Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness. (refrain)*

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*Please stand*

**Pastor:**        The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

*(How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?)*

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.



<sup>26</sup> "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

<sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## **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.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*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.

## CLOSING HYMN

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.
  
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.
  
- 3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.
  
- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

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## POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

setting by Kevin Hildebrandt

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher: James Marriott

Liturgist: Theodore Laesch

Singers: 5:00 p.m. Denise Koch  
8:30 a.m. Lynda Christian  
11:00 a.m. Lynda Christian

Organist & Accompanist: Ryan Meyer

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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 6:00 p.m.  
Live internet streaming at [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org) Sundays at 8:30 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.

### Chapel Ministry Staff

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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*	Hope Center for Families*	Apple of His Eye*
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Lutherans for Life	KFUD Radio
Chapel Summer Camp		

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2020*

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