

# 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 18, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

How do God's people respond to His grace-filled kindness to them? After listing the many blessings that God freely gives His people, Martin Luther writes in his response to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Praising God is a sacred duty for His people. It is also a joyous duty. The Psalms are filled with exhortations to join in extensive and exuberant praise. Psalm 150 begins, "Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary." That is what we do individually and together as both a duty and as a delight!

## PRELUDE

"Oboe Concerto in D Major"

G. P. Telemann

## 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**

“Let All Delight to Serve You, Lord”

Let all delight to serve you, Lord,  
The honors of Your name record,  
And ever bless Your sacred name.  
Where'er the circling sun displays  
It's rising beams or setting rays,  
The lands and seas will do the same.

Nor time nor nature's narrow rounds  
Can give Your vast dominion bounds;  
The heav'ns are far below Your heights;  
Our own created works won't dare  
To think with Yours they can compare;  
Your pow'r shows all creating might!

You bow Your glorious head to view  
What all the hosts of angels do,  
And bend Your care to earthly things;  
Your sov'reign hand exalts the poor,  
Receives the humble at Your door  
And makes them company for kings.

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**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess 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. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name  
Whose favors are divine.

4 He crowns thy life with love  
When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell  
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His belovèd Son.

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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 Lord, You call us to be faithful in very little in order to be trusted with much. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:4–7

*(An exhortation to live justly)*

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"-- skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. <sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 113

Pastor: Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

**People: Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

**People: The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

People: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.**

Pastor: He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

People: **Praise the LORD.**

## EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1–15

*(The Lord wants all people to be saved.)*

<sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle--I am telling the truth, I am not lying--and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

<sup>8</sup> I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

<sup>9</sup> I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, <sup>10</sup> but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

<sup>11</sup> A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup> And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. <sup>15</sup> But women will be saved through childbearing--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"Take My Life"

Tomlin, Havergal, Malan, Giglio

*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry power as You choose.*

Chorus:

*Here am I, all of me;  
Take my life, it's all for Thee.*

*Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Your feet, its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee. (chorus)*



*Please stand*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 16:1–15

*(Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg-- <sup>4</sup> I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup> "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> " 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' <sup>7</sup> "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' <sup>8</sup> "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.

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

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

## HYMN

730 What is the World to Me

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon notes:

*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.**

## OFFERING

"Living Hope"

Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham

*How great the chasm that lay between us;  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then, through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written;  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

*Who could imagine so great a mercy;  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven;  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Chorus:

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me;  
Jesus, Yours is the victory! (chorus)*

*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

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

## POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31

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.	Clifford Bischoff
	8:30 a.m.	Jacob Anderson
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
	11:00 a.m.	Leon Steinbrueck
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Jonah Meyer
	11:00 a.m.	Aniya Cleveland
Choirs:	5:00 p.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe Glenn Lackey, percussion Matt McEuen, guitar Meagan Purcell, violin	
Directors:	Ryan Meyer & Carolyn Rusnak	
Organist:	Ryan Meyer	
Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	

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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 KFUE 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.

### 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	*Christian Friends of New Americans	*Food for the Poor
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Lutherans for Life	KFUE Radio
Chapel Summer Camp	Apple of His Eye	Hope Center for Families

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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