

# 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.*

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19 & 20, 2020

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

## AS WE GATHER

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

## PRELUDE

“Voluntary no. 1 in C major”

ed. by Richard Peek

## WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,  
"Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting —  
Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth;  
Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
"Here am I, send me, send me"?*
- 2 *Some take up His task in morning,  
To their Lord responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday,  
Others late in afternoon;  
Even as the sun is setting,  
Some are sent into the fields,  
There to gather in the bounty  
That God's Word so richly yields.*
- 3 *For as rain and snow from heaven  
Water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower,  
Giving bread to those who toil;  
So the Lord sends forth His promise,  
Words of life and joy and peace —  
Never void to Him returning,  
Bearing fruit with great increase.*

4        *Hearken to the Lord whose coming  
              Marks the time when grace shall end,  
              When with His angelic reapers  
              He in glory shall descend.  
              Soon the night, the final harvest;  
              Soon the time for work shall cease.  
              Then the souls His grace has garnered  
              Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.*

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

Leader:        In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People:        **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader:        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.**

Leader:        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.**

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Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul (vv. 1, 4, 6) (sung by soloist)

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.*

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

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard. Supply us with diligence for tasks in Your kingdom, always rejoicing with those to whom Your Spirit has come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–9

*(Seek the Lord while He may be found.)*

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. <sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

*(Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.)*

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

<sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved--and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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

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



*Please stand*

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 20:1–16

*(The last will be first and the first will be last.)*

<sup>1</sup> "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> "About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' <sup>5</sup> So they went.

"He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing.

<sup>6</sup> About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

<sup>7</sup> "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered."

He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

<sup>8</sup> "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

<sup>9</sup> "The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

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<sup>13</sup> "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'  
<sup>16</sup> "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

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

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.**

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

*After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.*

*Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.*

*The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## **ANTHEM** (sung by soloist)

### **723** Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

1 *There is one thing I ask of the Lord:  
To dwell in His house forever,  
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
All the days of my life. (Refrain)*

*Refrain The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
The Lord is the strong-hold of my life.  
Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all,  
Whom then shall I fear?*

2 *Do not hide Your face, O Lord;  
Ev'ry day I will seek Your face.  
Though my father and mother may forsake me,  
The Lord will receive me. (Refrain)*

3 *Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths;  
Guide me, Lord, along a level way.  
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord  
In the land of all the living. (Refrain)*

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## **SILENT PRAYER**

*You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:*

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen*

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Pastor:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**People:** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**Pastor:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **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

853 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

- 1       **How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
          When once we heed Your call:  
          To live according to Your Word  
          And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
          That You are Lord of all  
          And will not let us fall.**
  
- 2       **But if, forgetful, we should find  
          Your yoke is hard to bear;  
          If worldly pressures fray the mind,  
          And love itself cannot unwind  
          Its tangled skein of care:  
          Our inward life repair.**
  
- 3       **We marvel how Your saints become  
          In hindrances more sure;  
          Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
          The casual way we wear Your name  
          And by our faults obscure  
          Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.**
  
- 4       **In what You give us, Lord, to do,  
          Together or alone,  
          In old routines or ventures new,  
          May we not cease to look to You,  
          The cross You hung upon—  
          All You endeavored done.**

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## POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe” (from *Water Music*, HWV 348)

G. F. Handel

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	James Marriott
	8:30 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Singers:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Nate Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Nate Laesch
Instrumentalist:	Craig Schlichtmann, clarinet	
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 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.

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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		

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