

# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5 & 6, 2020

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

## PRELUDE

“Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arranged by Phillip Keveren

## WELCOME

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

## OPENING HYMN

**686** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
(5:00 p.m. – sung by soloist 8:30 a.m. – sung by all)

1 *Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.*

- 2        *Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
          Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
          Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
          Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
          Interposed His precious blood.*
- 3        *Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
          Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
          Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
          Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
          Seal it for Thy courts above.*
- 4        *Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
          I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
          How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
          Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
          Me to realms of endless day.*

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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.**

**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

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vv. 1, 4, 6-7)  
(5:00 p.m. – sung by soloist 8:30 a.m. – sung by all)

- 1 *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!*
- 4 *He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.*
- 6 *See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.*
- 7 *To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us pray.

O God, You reveal Your power by showing mercy and love. Grant us Your grace to receive what You have promised and to forgive as we have been forgiven through Your Son, 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

*(The watchman warns the wicked to turn from his way.)*

<sup>7</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20

*(Jesus calls the children of God to humility and repentance.)*

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

<sup>2</sup> He called a little child and had him stand among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup> But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

<sup>10</sup> "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

<sup>12</sup> "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. <sup>14</sup> In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

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.



## HYMN

**866** Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend  
(8:30 a.m. only – sung by all)

**1** Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend,  
To each of them Your presence send;  
Call them by name and keep them true  
In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.

**4** For by Your Word we clearly see  
That we have sinned continually;  
But show us too, forgiving Lord,  
Your saving Gospel's great reward.

**5** That all of us, Your children dear,  
By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;  
Lead us in joy that all we do  
Will witness to our love for You.

**6** Then guard and keep us to the end,  
Secure in You, our gracious friend,  
That in Your heav'nly family  
We sing Your praise eternally.

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## 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

"This is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole Word in His Hands"

Arranged by Brant Adams

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, we thank You for the forgiveness and renewal of life You have given us in the precious body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Because we depend on You for everything, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be sent forth to declare the wonders of our Savior to the world He died to save; 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**

578 They Strong Word (vv.1, 2, 4, 6)

1 **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**

2       Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
          Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
          Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Alleluia without end!

4       From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
          Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
          All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Alleluia without end!

6       God the Father, light-creator,  
          To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
          Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
          Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
          Praise the holy Trinity!

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## POSTLUDE

“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”

arranged by Daniel Kallmann

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:  
Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.      Adam Rouse
	8:30 a.m.      Ellory Glenn
	11:00 a.m.     James Marriott
Singer:	Mark Petersen
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Organist & 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 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.

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### Missions

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Chapel Summer Camp		

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