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Welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran!

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.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 10 & 11, 2021

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

AS WE GATHER

We tend to look for things to make faith easier. Signs, wonders, or just little hints here and there would help. But the disciples had all these things and heard Jesus promise His resurrection, and still they gathered behind the locked doors of their fears. What we do have is Christ, His Word that bestows and sustains our faith, and His Holy Sacrament wherein He feeds us with His body and blood. Though we have not seen with our eyes, we see with faith and join with doubting Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God!"

PRELUDE

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

setting by Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (sung by soloist)

1 *Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.*

2 *'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.*

4 *For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.*

5 *Alleluia! Now we cry
 To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars
 Of the tomb's dark portal.
 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness!*

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
People: **who has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as His own.
People: **He has called us from our darkness into the light of His day.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

People: Our unbelief, doubts and fears we confess to the Lord.
Forgive us, Lord.

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Leader: Our failure to leave behind the way of sin and death and fully embrace our new life in Christ, we confess to the Lord.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: Our failure to proclaim the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection, we confess to the Lord.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: Our foolish and selfish use of the many gifts God has entrusted to us, we confess to the Lord.

People: Forgive us Lord.

Leader: Our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, and our failure to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, we confess to the Lord.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Merciful Father, we pray for pardon, peace, and forgiveness from our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us to pay the penalty from sin and release us from its guilt.

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

464 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (sung by soloist)

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 *The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!*

3 *The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!*

5 *Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia!*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord, we are too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death. Break through the closed doors of our hearts and shine Your light into our darkness, that knowing the forgiveness of our sins, we may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

(The believers were of one heart and soul.)

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

People: **Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

People: **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

People: **He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.**

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

People: **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

Leader: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

People: **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

Leader: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
People: **young men and maidens, old men and children.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his
splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
People: **He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of
Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.**

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1–2:2

(If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.)

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. ¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

setting by Marty Haugan

- 1 *We walk by faith and not by sight,
 No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
 But we believe Him near.*

- 2 *We may not touch His hands and side,
 Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
 And cry "My Lord and God!"*

- 3 *Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
 And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
 And seek where You are found.*

- 4 *For You, O resurrected Lord,
 Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
 Beneath the bread and wine.*

- 5 *Lord, when our life of faith is done,
 In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
 With full and endless sight.*

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

(Blessed are those who have not heard and yet believe.)

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: 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

HYMN

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King (sung by all)

- 1** O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5** When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6** "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7** No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8** How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

+ + + Special Intercessions + + +

Each concluding: Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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

Leader: 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

480 He's Risen, He's Risen (sung by all)

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in G Major”

Theodore Dubois

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	James Marriott
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m. James Marriott
	8:30 a.m. Jedidiah McClellan
	11:00 a.m. Adam Rouse
Singers:	5:00 p.m. Nate Laesch
	8:30 a.m. Denise Koch
	11:00 a.m. Ellory Glenn
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer

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*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,
the 2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,
and the 1st and 3rd and 5th 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:

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