



# 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.

## **Easter Breakfast**

Please join us for breakfast on Easter morning from 7:30 – 10:45 a.m. in the gym in the lower level.

### **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.*

# The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 9, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

“Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia” That Easter greeting, proclaimed throughout the ages of the Church, takes root in our hearts so that we understand that the resurrected life is now our own. *Alleluia*, meaning “Praise the Lord!” permeates our hymns and anthems as we tell others the Good News that our Lord is risen, risen indeed.

## PRELUDE

“Good Christians All, Rejoice”

arr. for handbells by Susan Geschke

## 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.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(Choir sings stanza 1 alone)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by His death and resurrection.

**People: It is for us that He has triumphed.**

Pastor: If anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

**People: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too, may live a new life.

**People: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**People: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us..

**People: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil that I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from Your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Pastor: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

*(The Gospel is for all.)*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen--by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful”

arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

*Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin!  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is there in.  
He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.*

*From death to life eternal,  
From earth on to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of Victory.  
He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.*

*Let all things seen and unseen,  
Their notes in gladness blend.  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy, that hath no end.  
He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.*

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## EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

*(Raised with Christ)*

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

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



*Please stand*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:1-10

*(The Resurrection)*

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

<sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

<sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

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

## HYMN OF THE WORD

482 This Joyful Easter Tide

*(Choir Sings verse 1 alone)*

1 *This joyful Eastertide*

*Away with sin and sorrow!*

*My love, the Crucified,*

*Has sprung to life this morrow:*

*Had Christ, who once was slain,*

*Not burst His three-day prison,*

*Our faith had been in vain:*

*But now has Christ arisen,*

*arisen, arisen;*

*But now has Christ arisen!*

2 **Death's flood has lost its chill**

**Since Jesus crossed the river;**

**Lover of souls, from ill**

**My passing soul deliver:**

**Had Christ, who once was slain,**

**Not burst His three-day prison,**

**Our faith had been in vain:**

**But now has Christ arisen,**

**arisen, arisen;**

**But now has Christ arisen!**

3 **My flesh in hope shall rest**

**And for a season slumber**

**Till trump from east to west**

**Shall wake the dead in number:**

**Had Christ, who once was slain,**

**Not burst His three-day prison,**

**Our faith had been in vain:**

**But now has Christ arisen,**

**arisen, arisen;**

**But now has Christ arisen!**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please stand*

### 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.**

### OFFERING

*“Laudamus Te” (from GLORIA)*

Antonio Vivaldi  
setting by John Wilson

## 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.

*Each petition ends with the following response:*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

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.**

## ✠ 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.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right for us to praise You, Lord God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave in our place, and through whom we have been restored to Your family. In His name we offer You our gifts of praise and thanksgiving. Gathered in His name, and together with all who have gone before us in the faith and all who are yet to follow, with angels and archangels and all the hosts of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, praising You for Your grace and Your glory.

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.**

### **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.**

*A "continuous communion table" will be the method of distribution this day. Communicants will come forward down the center aisle at the direction of the usher. You will receive the wafer from the pastor at the center and then proceed to the right or left (depending on which side of the church you are sitting) to receive the wine from either individual glasses or the common cup. You will then return to your pew. As is our custom, communion will be brought to people in the pews who have difficulty walking to the chancel. If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle. Also, young children will receive a word of blessing.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**466** Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

**1** Christ has arisen, alleluia.

**Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.**

**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,**

**Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain**

**ref** Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;

**Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**2** For three long days the grave did its worst

**Until its strength by God was dispersed.**

**He who gives life did death undergo;**

**And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain**

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain

4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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474 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! (Refrain)

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. (Refrain)

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. (Refrain)

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. (Refrain)

5 City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! (Refrain)

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*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation which we have received in the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As You have given us this foretaste of the feast to come, strengthen us that we may be bold in our witness until the day when You call all believers to feast forever around Your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

*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**

**461** I Know that My Redeemer Lives

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.**
  
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**

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5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

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## POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in G Major”

Theodore Dubois

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:  
Acts 5:29-42; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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## Upcoming Events

### Rummage Sale

Friday April 28, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday April 29, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Ascension Service

Thursday May 18, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

### Confirmation Sunday

Sunday May 21, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher & Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Theodore Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	George Tomazi
	11:00 a.m.	Matt Gahr
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Zoe Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Audrey Runser
Choirs:	Chapel Bells & Choral Singers	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Directors:	Jen Schmidt	
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe	
	Nate Laesch & Ted Laesch, trumpets	
	Zeke Laesch, French Horn	
	Jake Laesch, Euphonium	
	Matt McEuen & Jonah Meyer, percussion	
	Meagan Purcell, violin	

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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 4:00 p.m.  
Live internet streaming at [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://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.

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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:

\*L.A.M.P. Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots

\*Lutheran Bible Translators

Concordia Seminary

Day 3 Seeds

Chapel Summer Camp

\* Helping Hands Food Pantry

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Lutherans for Life

Apple of His Eye

Food for the Poor

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