

# 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. Please take home one of our Welcome Brochures which are located in the pews and on the podium in the Commons Area. 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. During the Sunday 9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour, the nursery is staffed for children ages 0-2. An usher or greeter will be happy to show you where it is located.

## Sunday School and Bible Study

We have an exciting Sunday School program called Kingdom Quest 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 and hallway posters for Bible study locations. An usher or greeter 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 to the Communion rail 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.

## Refreshments

Please join us before and after the Discipleship Hour for coffee and donuts in the Lower Level Commons.

### **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 After the Epiphany

January 18 & 19, 2020

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

## AS WE GATHER

The full identity of Jesus, which is revealed during the Epiphany season, demonstrates beyond a doubt that He is both human and divine. In the nativity accounts, the Gospel writers focus on the humanity of Jesus—that He is born a human baby and grows up with full humanity. In Epiphany, His divinity is revealed as well through His miraculous acts. As Paul wrote to the followers of Christ in Colossae of Jesus: “In Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority” (Colossians 2:9–10). We rejoice in coming to know more fully the Christ who fills us with His Spirit and His love.

## PRELUDE

“We Shall Overcome”

setting by Chuck Marohnic

*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

835 On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand  
2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,  
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:  
Who preached to all who lis-tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—  
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;



“All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;  
This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at God's right hand,  
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour-age I am sent,



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use.”  
Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.  
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.

Lord, gather all Your children,  
Wherever they may be,  
And lead them on to heaven  
To live eternally  
With You, our loving Father,  
And Christ, our brother dear,  
Whose Spirit guards and gives us  
The joy to persevere.

## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus

Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your 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.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the fifth staff is a double bar line, indicating the end of the piece.

I Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diancance of the Fa - ther,  
Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to You eternally.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

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

**Leader:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

*During this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Exchange of Peace, but might simply greet you with a verbal greeting, a wave, or a smile.*

## **WELCOME**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

*(The Light for the Gentiles has come.)*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength-- <sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says-- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel-- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Choir) *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel*

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**Refrain**



(Choir) *With patient hope I waited long For God to hear my plea;  
And from the depths of my despair God's arm uplifted me.  
My feet are set upon the rock Where none can make me fall;  
My mouth is filled with songs of praise To God, my all in all. (refrain)*

(Choir) *How blest are those whose faith is strong Who trust the Lord of Hosts;  
They set no store in empty pride No hope in idle boast.  
The treasures of our fragile minds False Gods of wealth and fame,  
Are naught to those who know God's works And kneel before God's  
name. (refrain)*

(Choir) *The ancient cost of sin forgiv'n Your Law no more requires;  
A willing and compliant heart Fulfills the Lord's desire.  
I always sing of God's goodwill God's praise is my delight:  
My joy, to know this humble life Is pleasing in God's sight. (refrain)*

(Choir) *I celebrate the boundless love Which God has shone to me:  
The patience to endure my cross, The grace to set me free.  
The gifts I truly prize are such That earth cannot remove:  
God's favor for my faithfulness, And mercy for my love. (refrain)*

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

*(Paul writes of the Lord's faithfulness to His people.)*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way--in all your speaking and in all your knowledge-- <sup>6</sup> because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29–42a

*(Jesus is proclaimed to be the Lamb of God.)*

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and

remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

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

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

## **HYMN OF THE WORD**

550 Your Only Son, No Sin to Hide

## **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**

5:00 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"      setting by Charles Callahan

8:30 "Come, Labor On"      John Ferguson

*Please stand*

## **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.**

## **✠ 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.*

## **PREFACE**

**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.**

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Pastor: It is our duty and our delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now do we praise You that You did send to us Your only-begotten Son, and that in Him, being found in human form, You did manifest the fullness of Your glory; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You for Your great majesty.

## SANCTUS

507 Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

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## **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.**

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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*If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.*

*When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- 739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- 696 O God, My Faithful God

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*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**

**964** Lift Every Voice and Sing

## **POSTLUDE**

"Oh, Freedom"

setting by Adolphus Hailstork

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:  
Isaiah 9:1-4; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

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## Psalm 40 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Alex Goodwin
	8:30 a.m.	Adam Rouse
	11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Karen Funke
	11:00 a.m.	Matt Gahr
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Caitlin Manno
	11:00 a.m.	Darius Johnson
Choir:	Choral Singers	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist:	Ryan Meyer	
Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	
Radio Announcer:	Mike Powell	
Elder of the Week:	Gene Weidner	

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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	Eric & Linda Funke in Tanzania	Lutherans for Life
Chapel Summer Camp	KFUD Radio	

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2020*

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