

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.

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 8 & 9, 2020

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

AS WE GATHER

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world." In the Old Testament reading for today, the prophet Isaiah warns us against the kind of bland outward obedience to God that only goes through the motions. Instead, he urges an obedience to God that grows out of a confident trust in His presence and power. This kind of obedience, Jesus says, brings the light of the Gospel into the world, and Christians who are obedient servants provide a "flavor enhancer" to the earth.

PRELUDE

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Mark Sedio

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

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Blessed are those who fear the Lord,

People: **who greatly delight in His commandments.**

Leader: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.

People: **God is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: You are the light of the world,

People: **a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.**

Leader: Let your light shine

People: **that others may see and give glory to God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Jesus does indeed call us the light of the world and tells us to let our light shine, but there have been times when we have hidden our light. There have been times when we could have shared our light with others, but we refused to do so for fear of rejection. Though we are the light of the world, we sometimes choose darkness instead of light. But we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we have not always walked in Your light. We have hidden Your light from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and our weakness. Illumine and energize us once again to shine Your light to the ends of the earth.**

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. We are the light of the world. We are forgiven in Christ.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into this world of darkness and death to be our light and our life. Strengthen us so that we share and shine the light of Christ throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 58:3–9a

(God urges mercy and compassion to those in need.)

³ 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?'

"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is this the

kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands.

People: **His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: **Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.**

Leader: Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

People: **Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.**

Leader: He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

People: **His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.**

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Leader: He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

People: **The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1–12

(Paul proclaims nothing but Christ crucified.)

¹ When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" — ¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Great Day"

setting by Philip Kern

*Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'.
Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's walls.*

*The chariot rode on the mountain top,
My God, He spoke and the chariot stop.
This is the day of jubilee,
The Lord has set His people free. (refrain)*

*I'll see the chariot come my way,
I'll shout for joy on that great day!
He'll save me with His mighty hand,
and carry me home to the Promised Land. (refrain)*

Please stand

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13–20

(You are the light of the world. Let your light shine.)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

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¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE WORD

698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

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.

OFFERING

"Andante"

F.J. Haydn

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.

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.**

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

578 The Strong Word

POSTLUDE

"Thy Strong Word"

Charles Ore

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Clifford Bischoff
	8:30 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
	11:00 a.m.	Jim Marriott
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Earl Wendt
	11:00 a.m.	Kristine Geisz
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Jacob Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Zachary Oliver
Choirs:	8:30 a.m.	Choral singers
	11:00 a.m.	Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Jacob Laesch, euphonium Matt McEuen, Zach Oliver, guitars Ellory Glenn, bass Glenn Lackey, percussion	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist:	Carolyn Rusnak	
Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	
Radio Announcer:	Leon Steinbrueck	
Elder of the Week:	Jerry Bowen	

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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 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:

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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