

# 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. 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.

### **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 16, 2022

11:00 a.m.

*Please note: This worship service is live streamed and recorded.*

## AS WE GATHER

On the second Sunday of each Epiphany season, the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ sent by God is grounded in the Gospel of John, who gives us the deepest insight into the goal of our Lord's entire earthly ministry. We hear of water and wine and the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism we are made the Church, the Bride of Christ. In Holy Communion, wine bears the blood of Christ's cross to us, the price of our forgiveness and deliverance. Now the same Spirit who empowered Jesus all along the way of the cross empowers us. The one Spirit enables each of us to love God and one another in a united worship of God and a variety of service and care for one another. "The faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14) overflow in us who already now celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb and His kingdom, which has no end.

## PRELUDE

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

setting by Ryan Meyer

## 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.*

✘ PREPARATION ✘

*Please stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**411** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1** I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. (Refrain)
  
- ref** In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
  
- 2** I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)
  
- 3** I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

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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: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

People: **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 cleanses us from all sin.**

Leader: Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. 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

808 O Sing to the Lord

- 1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
  
- 2 For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
  
- 4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
  
- 5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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

**Leader:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1–5

*(The bridegroom rejoices over his bride.)*

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. <sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. <sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 128

Leader: Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways.

People: **You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

Leader: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

People: **Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.**

Leader: May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,

People: **and may you live to see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

*(The work of the Spirit in everyday Christian life)*

<sup>1</sup> Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

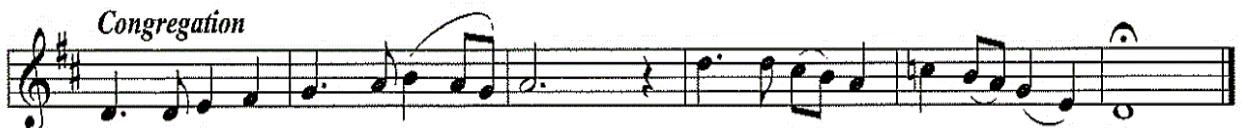
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

Cantor: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Congregation*



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

Cantor: *This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.*

Cong.: **Refrain**

*Please stand*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 2:1–11

*(The wedding at Cana)*

<sup>1</sup> On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,  
<sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."  
<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

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

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

## HYMN OF THE WORD

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
    Manifested by the star  
    To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
    Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
    And at Cana wedding guest  
    In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
    Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
    Manifest in valiant fight,  
    Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
    Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.

5 **Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

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## **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

"We Shall Overcome"

setting by Chuck Marohnic

*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.**

## ANTHEM

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

- 1 *Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.*
  
- 2 *When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.*
  
- 3 *When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.*

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## 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.**

*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

533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal

- 1 **Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,  
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:  
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!**
  
- 2 **Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!  
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.  
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!**
  
- 4 **Jesus has come as the King of all glory!  
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,  
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;  
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!  
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!  
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

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## POSTLUDE

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal”

setting by John Behnke

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30

Find a devotional guide on the readings at [www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether](http://www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether)

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Jedidiah McClellan
	11:00 a.m.	Alex Goodwin
Lector:	11:00 a.m.	Kristine Geisz
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Zoe Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Joel Marriott
Soloists:	5:00 p.m.	Nate Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Nate Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Matt McEuen
Instrumentalist:	Nate Laesch, trumpet	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	

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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 KFUE 850 AM Sundays at 4:00 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.

### Chapel Ministry Staff

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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	*Christian Friends of New Americans	*Food for the Poor
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Lutherans for Life	KFUE Radio
Chapel Summer Camp	Apple of His Eye	Hope Center for Families

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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