

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.

Christ the King

November 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Who's in charge? At times the world appears to be out of control. Even faithful Christians wonder about the strange and often evil things they encounter. In a world that seems to be dominated by the powers of sin and death, the good news is that Jesus is still King. Today we know His rule by faith, but when He returns in glory all the world will see Him as King and Lord of all.

PRELUDE

"Oboe Sonata in A Minor"

C. F. Telemann

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

804 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

- 1** O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

- 2** O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

- 5** Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

- 6** O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, asking God to forgive us and cleanse us from its guilt and death.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have resisted Christ's reign in our hearts, minds, and lives.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: We have often failed to do the good we know is right and have done the evil we know is wrong; there is no excuse for our sin.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: Frequently we have abused Your gifts of grace and have not helped those in need.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: Too often we have failed to forgive others as You have forgiven us.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: Often we have been quick to judge others and slow to seek their forgiveness for the wrongs we have done to them.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord, You know well our sins—even the secret sins of our hearts. We are truly sorry for all our sins and seek Your aid to amend our sinful lives.

People: Have mercy on us, good Lord. According to your steadfast love, cleanse us from our sin, relieve us from the weight of its guilt, and guide us to know and delight in doing Your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come People of the Risen King”

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**Come people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in
Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice**

**Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace
Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice**

**Come young and old from ev'ry land Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age Our God is all in all
Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, it is Your will to restore all things to Your beloved Son, whom You anointed King of all creation. Unite all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, under the glorious and gentle rule of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14

(God's Kingdom is over all things and will never be destroyed)

⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 93

Pastor: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

People: The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

Pastor: Your throne was established long ago;

People: you are from all eternity.

Pastor: The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;

People: the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

Pastor: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—

People: the LORD on high is mighty.

Pastor: Your statutes stand firm;

People: holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

(Christ is the Alpha and Omega who will return in triumph and glory)

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

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*When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast*

Chorus:

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

*Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast (Chorus)*

*For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last (Chorus)*

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Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

(Before Pilate, Jesus reveals the nature of His Kingdom)

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" ³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" ³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." ³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE WORD

527 O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

- 2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.
- 3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.
- 4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!

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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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

setting by Richard Proulx

Please stand

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.

+++ Special Intercessions +++

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

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.

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
 All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
 Through all eternity.

- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
 The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
 Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
 Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
 The babe of Bethlehem.

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- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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POSTLUDE

“Fanfare in D Major”

J. Lemmens

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 19:28-40

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. Jediah McClellan
	8:30 a.m. Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m. James Marriott
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. Denise Koch
	11:00 a.m. Evan Wallace
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m. Joel Marriott
	11:00 a.m. David Briley
Choir:	8:30 a.m. Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m. Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe Meagan Purcell, violin Matt McEuen & Zach Oliver, guitars Ellory Glenn, bass guitar Glenn Lackey, percussion
Directors:	Ryan Meyer & Carolyn Rusnak
Organist:	Ryan Meyer
Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak

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

** indicates special emphasis in 2021-2022*

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