

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.

All Saints' Day

November 7, 2021

11:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

On the Feast Day of All Saints', we pray that we would be numbered among those who rejoice in the blessings of the fuller presence of God in His eternal kingdom. With thankfulness, we recall those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who now rest from their labors. On this special day, we remember the blessed saints of times long past and those of recent times as well. As we think of their blessed state, we also rejoice that we, too, are among the blessed, living out our daily lives as the baptized children of God in this time and place. By God's grace in Christ, we have a promised place among the saints and can joyfully claim this day as ours!

PRELUDE

Reflections on "O Waly Waly"

arr. for handbells by Sandra Eithun

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

677 For All the Saints

- 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 3** Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 6** The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 7** But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 8** From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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: We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

People: **Holy God, You have called us to obey You in all things, according to Your commands. We have failed so very often to be obedient, even though You have set us apart to be holy. We have been sinful in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our sin and seek Your cleansing forgiveness. Amen.**

Pastor: Saints of God, know that even as we confess our sins we are forgiven by our God who first called us to be holy. 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 Christ, and by His authority, 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

671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

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3 **Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:**
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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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, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

(God is worshiped by multitudes in heaven.)

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 149

Pastor: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

People: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Pastor: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

People: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

Pastor: Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

People: May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,

Pastor: to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
People: to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,

Pastor: to carry out the sentence written against them.

People: This is the glory of all his saints. Praise the LORD.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–3

(We are called God's children now through His love.)

¹ How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Deep River (with Shall We Gather at the River)"

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,

That promised land where all is peace?

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river;

Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Please stand

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus speaks the 'Beatitudes'.)

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor: Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who mourn,

People: **for they will be comforted.**

Pastor: Blessed are the meek,

People: **for they will inherit the earth.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: **for they will be filled.**

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Pastor: Blessed are the merciful,
People: for they will be shown mercy.

Pastor: Blessed are the pure in heart,
People: for they will see God.

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers,
People: for they will be called sons of God.

Pastor: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE WORD

982 Blest Are They, the Poor in Spirit

**1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled. (Refrain)**

**ref Rejoice and be glad!
Blessèd are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.**

- 2 **Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill. (Refrain)**

- 3 **Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They shall see God! (Refrain)**

- 4 **Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)**

- 5 **Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see. (Refrain)**

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon Notes:

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

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Traditional spiritual

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: On this Day of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving those of our church family who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of His people through the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in His mercy God has summoned them to His presence that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever. We especially remember this day:

Melvin Foehse	November 4, 2020
Delores Wilson	November 24, 2020
Virginia Schmidt	December 2, 2020
Norman Meyer	December 4, 2020
Aida Popp	December 11, 2020
Marilyn Benoist	December 13, 2020
Harold Scott	December 29, 2020
Brittany Bermel	December 31, 2020
Frank Lehner	January 14, 2021
Dorothy Tonietto	February 2, 2021
Thelma Dunger	February 15, 2021
Marilyn Krauter	February 23, 2021
Joyce Weidner	March 22, 2021
Bunny Neustadt	April 4, 2021
Celina Dietiker	April 6, 2021
Craig Boehmer	May 3, 2021
Betty Freebersyser	May 6, 2021
Gerald Nieberding	June 3, 2021
Eleanor Naus	July 3, 2021
Marla Ackerman	July 12, 2021
Nancy Bruder	July 31, 2021
Joann Steinbrueck	August 1, 2021
Judith Seavert	September 1, 2021
Vicki Francis	September 16, 2021
Ted Vogel	September 20, 2021
Ilse Hornig	October 1, 2021
Keith Landry	October 24, 2021
Cheryl Boehmer	October 29, 2021

Pastor: Blessed are they that die in the Lord from now on, for they will rest from their labors, and their deeds will follow them. (*Revelation 14:13*)
Let us pray: In joyful expectation for the resurrection of the body to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all those who have gone before us in faith, whom we pause now to name in our hearts. (*Silence*)

We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and we hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. May their memory among us be blessed, and may we follow their footsteps of faith to Your eternal presence in the heavenly kingdom.

People: Amen.

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.**

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

680 **Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

- 1** **Thine the amen Thine the praise**
 Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
 Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
 Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

- 2** **Thine the life eternally**
 Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
 All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
 Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

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- 3 **Thine the truly Thine the yes**
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 **Thine the kingdom Thine the prize**
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 **Thine the glory in the night**
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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POSTLUDE

“For All the Saints”

William H. Bates

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrew 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-13

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Alex Goodwin
Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	5:00 p.m. David Stahlhut 8:30 a.m. Carla Rainey 11:00 a.m. Milo Lombard
Acolyte:	Zeke Laesch
Choir:	Chapel Bells
Singers:	8:30 a.m. Lynda Christian, Denise Koch 11:00 a.m. Lynda Christian, Denise Koch
Handbell Director:	Jen Schmidt
Organist & Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak
Instrumentalists:	Bud Shultz, clarinet

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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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