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Welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran!

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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25 & 26, 2021

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

AS WE GATHER

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

arr. Stephen Bulla

WELCOME

✖ PREPARATION ✖

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

- 3 To all life Thou givest—
to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest,
the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—
but naught changes Thee.

**4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.**

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSON 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, **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.

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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

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Father of our Lord Jesus, the strength of all who trust You, help us to live according to Your design and to treasure both Your word of command and Your word of forgiveness. Make our lives to be signs of Your life and the instruments of renewal in our world, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

¤ WORD ¤

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

(The Holy Spirit even comes upon two men in the camp.)

⁴ The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost--also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶ But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

¹⁰ Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹ He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? ¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now--if I have found favor in your eyes--and do not let me face my own ruin."

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¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" ²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-35

Leader: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: **There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number-- living things both large and small.**

Leader: There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

People: **These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.**

- Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
- People:** **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.**
- Leader: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.
- People:** **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—**
- Leader: he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- People:** **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**
- Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.
- People:** **But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.**
Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

EPISTLE

James 5:13–20

(James outlines what Christians ought to do for one another.)

¹³ Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring
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him back,²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

5:00 P.M.

“Lord, from Sorrows Deep, I Call”

Matt Boswell & Matt Papa

*Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation*

*For so long I've pled and prayed
God, come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You*

*Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God, be now my shelter*

*Why are you cast down, my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You (oh, my soul)*

Refrain: *And oh, my soul, put your hope in God
My help, my rock, I will praise Him
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm
You're still my God, my salvation*

*Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God, be then my treasure*

*Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord, my heart will praise You (Refrain)*

8:30 A.M.

"Let the Words of My Mouth"

K. Lee Scott

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
Teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, Singing with hearts full of thanks to the Lord.*

*And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of our Lord Jesus,
Giving thanks to the Father through Him.*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Please stand

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

(Jesus teaches how much God values all who have a relationship with His Son.)

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴² "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be

thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,
⁴⁸ where

"their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

- 1** Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
 And although the way be cheerless,
 We will follow calm and fearless.
 Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

- 2** If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
 Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
 Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe
To our home we go.

- 3** When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
 When temptations come alluring,
 Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

- 4** Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
 Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
 Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

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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

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

arr. Paul Manz

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

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.**

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POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Albert L. Travis

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Genesis 2:18-25; Hebrew 2:1-13; Mark 10:2-16

Find a devotional guide on the readings at 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.	Adam Rouse
	11:00 a.m.	Jedidiah McClellan
Lector:	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
Soloist:	5:00 p.m.	Denise Koch
Choirs:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Bud Schultz, clarinet Matt McEuen & Zach Oliver, guitars Ellory Glenn, bass guitar Meagan Purcell, violin Glenn Lackey, percussion	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist & 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 KFUO 850 AM Sundays at 4:00 p.m.
Live internet streaming at www.chapelowthecross.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	Lutherans for Life	KFUO Radio
Chapel Summer Camp		

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