

Welcome to Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran!

To Our Guests

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.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18 & 19, 2025
5:00 p.m., 8:30 & 11 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

As a milestone is reached in the history of Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran, we look with thanksgiving at the guiding hand of God in these past 60 years. We rejoice to see and participate in the many opportunities for ministry in the present, and we reach out with hope and prayer, trusting the promises of God for growth and mission in the years that lie ahead. We welcome you, our members and guests, and pray that you would be blessed this day by God's Word and His Sacrament.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EXCHANGE OF PEACE

It is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some 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.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

809 Great is Thy Faithfulness

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We gather to worship God the Lord,

People: **The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: We gather to remember with gratitude and to look forward with hope,

People: **To say thanks for what has been, and “yes” to what will be.**

Pastor: We gather to celebrate life, abundant and eternal, through Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us, not with gold or silver,

People: **but with His own holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death.**

Pastor: We gather to declare that we are His own,

People: **The sheep of His pasture – God’s own chosen people!**

Pastor: We gather to recall the multitude of past blessings,

People: **And to be encouraged to share those blessings with others.**

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Pastor: We gather to worship our God,
People: **To hear His Word, to declare His grace in Jesus Christ, to sing with all the hosts of heaven: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever! Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

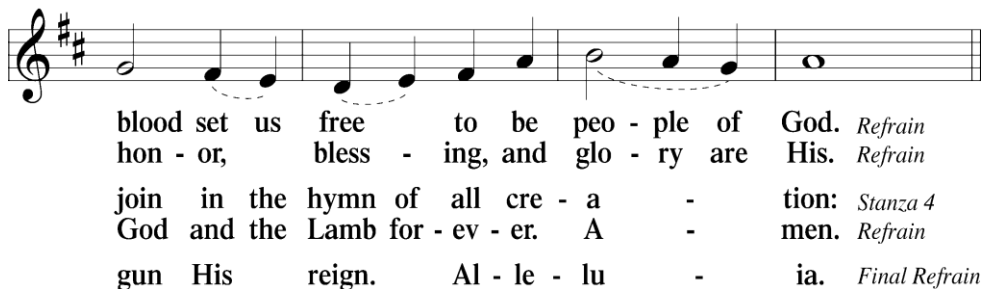
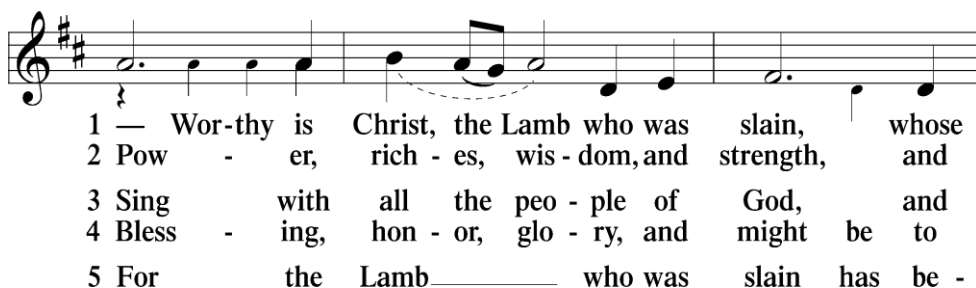
Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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. Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God of the Church, Your Word, Your grace, and the faith You have given to Your children has sustained Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran for these sixty years. Grant to us who are gathered here these same gifts in rich measure, that our vision may not be bound by what we are, but freed for service according to what we might become by the power of Your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✂ WORD ✂

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-16

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. ¹¹ In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

¹² He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. ¹³ Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim. ¹⁴ They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; together they will plunder the people to the east. They will lay hands on Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them. ¹⁵ The LORD will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River. He will break it up into seven streams so that men can cross over in sandals.

¹⁶ There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

People: **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young-- a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

People: **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

People: **As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.**

Leader: They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

People: **Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.**

Leader: Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

People: **Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

People: **O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.**

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.)

“Rivers Of Delight”

David von Kampen

*I will bless the Lord, and praise Him evermore,
In His name my trust shall be;
I will sing His praise and triumph in His grace,
For His righteousness avails for me.*

Refrain:

*With His own right hand He leadeth me,
And the way grows bright as I go;
For with Him I walk by rivers of delight,
Where the living waters gently flow.*

*I will bless the Lord, whose tender loving care
Has been with me all my days;
He has filled my life with mercies ever new,
And merciful are all His ways. Refrain*

*I will bless the Lord, my Shelter and Defense,
I will trust, and fear no ill;
Though I walk alone the valley and the shade,
His rod and staff shall comfort still. Refrain*
Fanny J. Crosby

Please stand

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' "

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE WORD

*For Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran,
Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry, 1965-2015*

A Chosen, Precious Cornerstone

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1. A cho - sen, pre - cious cor - ner - stone In Zi - on laid, as
 2. The stone was set for all to see, As jew - el of that
 3. For Je - sus is that sav - ing Name The One of worth to
 4. All those once lost, con - demned, a - lone, God's grace would claim and
 5. Now none who trust Christ's ho - ly Name Shall stum - ble or be
 (stand) 6. To God the Fa - ther, who is known Through God the Son, true

5



flesh and bone, In - car - nate God Most High; This stone the build - ers
 sa - cred tree, A gem of price - less worth; So faith and hope could
 right - ly claim Re - demp - tion gained for all: Ful - fill - ing God the
 make His own: Washed clean, re - newed, re - stored; As liv - ing stones, born
 put to shame They walk in won - drous light! Made roy - al priests, a
 Cor - ner - stone, All laud and praise af - ford, With God the Spir - it

9



would re - ject, God's will o - beyed as God's E - lect For
 rest se - cure Up - on such love, so rare and pure, Love
 Fa - ther's plan, Christ came to earth as God and man, Un -
 from a - bove, Built on that Name whose name is Love, On
 cho - sen race, A peo - ple for the praise of grace That
 hon - or be, The Three in One, the One in Three, Thrice -

12



us or - dained to die, For us or - dained to die!
 bridg - ing heav'n and earth, Love bridg - ing heav'n and earth.
 do - ing A - dam's Fall, Un - do - ing A - dam's Fall.
 Je - sus Christ our Lord, On Je - sus Christ our Lord.
 called them out of night, That called them out of night.
 ho - ly, gra - cious Lord, Thrice - ho - ly gra - cious Lord!

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Please stand

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY 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.

Loving heavenly Father, Your goodness and kindness is especially evident today. We thank and praise You for creating Your Church and for giving life to this congregation through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

People: **Hear now our prayer as we come to You as Your people.**

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Pastor: We give You thanks, Lord, for the blessings You have given to Chapel of the Cross – Lutheran during these 60 years. For more than a half century we have received blessing upon blessing from You through Word and Sacrament.

People: We praise and thank You for Your faithfulness and love – for being the Lord of the Church – for being the Lord of our lives.

Pastor: Great God, keep us ever mindful of Your mission that You give to us: To show the love of Jesus to the people of North County and beyond so that all may have a living relationship with Christ.

People: Empower, encourage and support us in that mission and ministry today – and in the days, months and years to come.

Pastor: We praise You, Heavenly Father, that we live in a prosperous land, blessed by You. This congregation has shared in that prosperity both as individuals and as a fellowship.

People: Give to us the portion of these blessings as You choose, so that we may have what we need to do Your will.

Pastor: Lord God, we pray for each of the members and friends of this church who are ill or infirm... Lord, sustain these Your children by Your strength and protection.

People: Through Your Word, assure them that You are their rock and their shield, and that nothing will separate them from Your love which is in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Help us, O Lord, to continue to grow as Your people into a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

People: Continue to give us Your Word, and keep us from the evil one.

Pastor: Let Your light, O Lord, shine upon us.

People: Let Your light, O Lord, shine through us.

Pastor: Send us anew, O Lord, into the world,

People: And make Your Word a blessing to all who will hear the message of salvation through us.

Pastor: May the remembering of Your past blessings renew us for our present and future service.

People: Help us always to proclaim: Great is Thy Faithfulness!

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

OFFERING

*During the offering, please sign
the Record of Fellowship found
at the end of each pew*



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“Adagio” (from 6 Sonatas for Organ, Op. 65, No. 2)

F. Mendelssohn

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN

785 We Praise You, O God

1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we praise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament.

There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: I will go to Your altar and praise You, O God – to God, my joy and delight – joining the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, singing a song of thanksgiving and telling of all Your wondrous deeds.

People: (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us Your
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

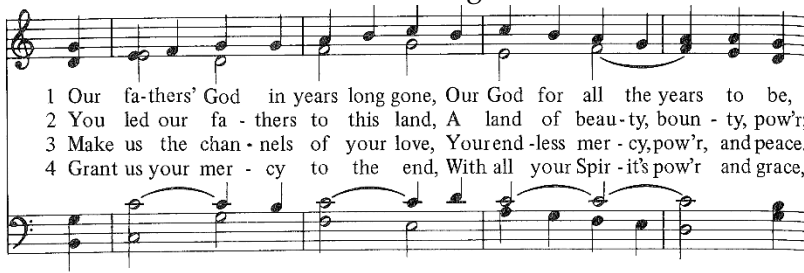
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If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the pastor comes down the aisle.

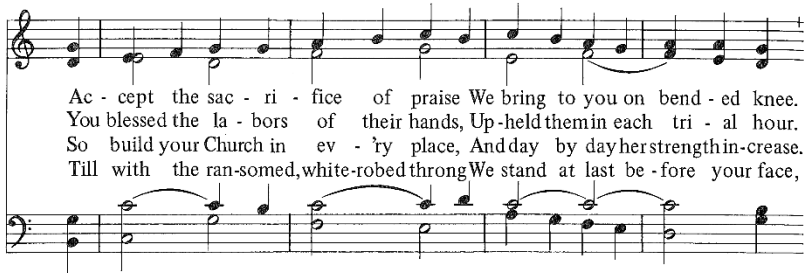
When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

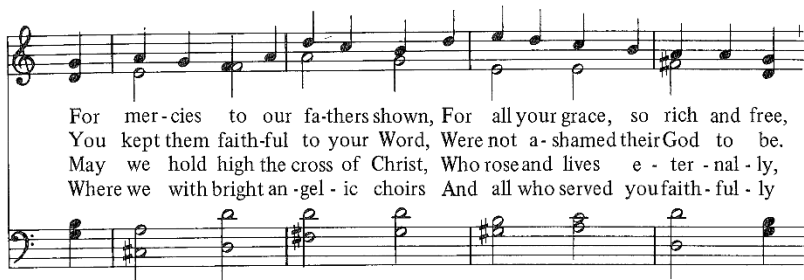
LW 326 Our Fathers' God in Years Long Gone



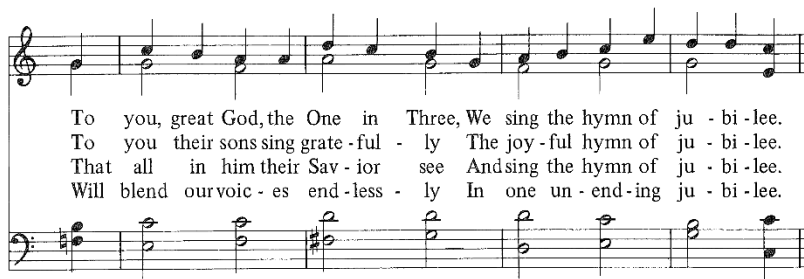
1 Our fa-thers' God in years long gone, Our God for all the years to be,
 2 You led our fa - thers to this land, A land of beau-ty, boun - ty, pow'r;
 3 Make us the chan - nels of your love, You end-less mer - cy, pow'r, and peace.
 4 Grant us your mer - cy to the end, With all your Spir - it's pow'r and grace,



Ac - cept the sac - ri - fice of praise We bring to you on bend - ed knee.
 You blessed the la - bors of their hands, Up-held them in each tri - al hour.
 So build your Church in ev - 'ry place, And day by day her strength in-crease.
 Till with the ran-somed, white-robed throng We stand at last be - fore your face,



For mer - cies to our fa-thers shown, For all your grace, so rich and free,
 You kept them faith-ful to your Word, Were not a-shamed their God to be.
 May we hold high the cross of Christ, Who rose and lives e - ter - nal - ly,
 Where we with bright an - gel - ic choirs And all who served you faith - ful - ly



To you, great God, the One in Three, We sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 To you their sons sing grate - ful - ly The joy - ful hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 That all in him their Sav - ior see And sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 Will blend our voic - es end - less - ly In one un - end - ing ju - bi - lee.

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O GROSSER GOTT
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- 644 The Church's One Foundation
- 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- 828 We Are Called to Stand Together

Please stand

CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, You have blessed us with forgiveness, life, redemption, truth, comfort, and now this blessed communion with Christ and with one another. We thank and praise You once more and pray that this blessed Sacrament may renew and strengthen our commitment to You and to the work You have given us to do as Your disciples. Increase our love and care for this community of faith, for the people of North St. Louis County, and for the mission fields of this world. Help us to do all we can to be in mission in the years to come, until we join the Church Triumphant. In the name of Jesus we pray.

People: 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

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in G Major”

Theodore Dubois

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/devotions

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Mark Koschmann	
Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch	
Lectors:	5:00 p.m.	Clifford Bischoff
	8:30 a.m.	Charles Wallace
	11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Emma Runser
	11:00 a.m.	Nyla Hill
Choir:	11:00 a.m.	Choral Singers
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe	
	Brian Garrison, trumpet	
	Zeke Laesch, horn	
	Gary Lee, cello	
	Jonah Meyer, percussion	
Director:	Matt McEuen	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Elder of the Week:	Jonathan Bellmann	

A Special Word of Thanks to...

The Rev. Dr. Mark Koschmann, for his and his family's presence and for preaching the Word for us today.

Ryan Meyer, for sharing his musical talents with us today.

David Funke, for sharing his words with us at our anniversary luncheon.

Jeff Arnold, for designing the 60th anniversary bulletin cover.

Sandy Otto, for making the 60th anniversary banner.

The musicians and choir who have enhanced our worship this day.

Nancy Swoboda and the 60th anniversary committee for their time and hard work in making the arrangements for this special celebration memorable.