

# 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.*

# Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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

## AS WE GATHER

Sometimes our faith is weak, and we wonder if God will hear our complaints and prayers. But He is always there, listening in love and offering grace and blessings. The bigger question is whether we will hear His promises and forgiveness. Today's Reading from Habakkuk is a resounding "yes," for it is a reminder that we trust our heavenly Father because of the greatest gift we have received: faith. Sometimes, like with the apostles in today's Gospel, it seems we need more faith, but God, who has given us that precious gift, promises, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). In the Epistle, Paul rejoices over Timothy's faith in our Savior, who "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Paul encourages Timothy to "guard the good deposit entrusted" to him and each person of faith (2 Timothy 1:14). Rejoice, for today that faith moves us to hear, listen, and respond in word and song.

## PRELUDE

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker" settings by Jan Bender and Jacob B. Weber

## 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

**903     This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

### INVOCATION

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

**People:**        **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Leader:**        Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**People:**        **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

**Leader:**        Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**People:**        **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Leader:**        God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins, He sent His son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**People:**        **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

392 God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me. (Refrain)

ref Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry,  
Sin, death, and darkness;  
God's love was working  
To make me free. (Refrain)

3 He sent forth Jesus,  
My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus  
And set me free. (Refrain)

4 Jesus, my Savior,  
Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Paid all I owed. (Refrain)

5 Now I will praise You,  
O Love Eternal;  
Now I will praise You  
All my life long. (Refrain)

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## MINISTRY MINUTE

### ✂ WORD ✂

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

*(Though evil seems to prevail, “the righteous shall live by his faith.”)*

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received.

<sup>2</sup> How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. <sup>4</sup> Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

<sup>1</sup> I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. <sup>3</sup> For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. <sup>4</sup> "See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright-- but the righteous will live by his faith—

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“I’ll Not Be Shaken”

Wendell Kimbrough; arr. by Mikayla Spanovich

*For God alone I wait in silence.  
My soul is still before the Lord.  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.*

*(refrain) I’ll not be shaken, I’ll not be shaken,  
For all my hope is in His love.  
From God alone comes my salvation;  
I’ll wait and trust His steadfast love.*

*Put not your hope in gain of riches;  
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.  
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty  
Who turn to God alone for help. (refrain)*

*Pour out your heart to God our refuge  
And trust in Him to hear your cry.  
No other hope will never fail you,  
No other love will not run dry. (refrain)*

## EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1–14

*(“Guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”)*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

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<sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

<sup>7</sup> For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

<sup>12</sup> That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

<sup>13</sup> What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 17:1–10

*(Temptations to sin)*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. <sup>2</sup> It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup> So watch yourselves.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup> If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the LORD, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'?

<sup>8</sup> Would he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

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

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## HYMN

587 I Know My Faith is Founded

## 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.**

### 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.

## OFFERING

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

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

setting by Aaron David Miller

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY

687 Thine Forever, God of Love

- 1 Thine forever, God of love!  
Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be  
Here and in eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest  
They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,  
O defend us to the end!
- 5 Thine forever! Thou our guide,  
All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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## PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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

794     The Lord, My God, Be Praised

## POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

setting by Benjamin B. Culli

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Ruth 1:1-19a; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19

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.	Jacob Anderson
	8:30 a.m.	Matthew Shipman
	11:00 a.m.	Charles Wallace
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Bill Westbrook
	11:00 a.m.	John Zvirgzdins
Acolytes:	11:00 a.m.	Kyleigh Hill, Logan Hill
Soloist:	Ted Laesch	
Organist & Accompanist:	Kathleen Stahlhut	
Director of the Week:	Earl Wendt	
Elder of the Week:	Gene Weidner	

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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](http://www.chapelofthecross.org) Sundays at 11:00 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.

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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:

*Friends of New Americans	*Shoebox Ministry	*Helping Hands Food Pantry
Lutheran Chaplains	Lutheran Heritage Foundation	Lutherans for Life
Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms	Day 3 Seeds
KFUD Radio	L.A.M.P. Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots	

*\* indicates special emphasis in 2025*

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English District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*