

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.

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Please note: The 11:00 a.m. worship service is live streamed and recorded.

AS WE GATHER

With great celebration the throngs of people welcomed Jesus, but they did not comprehend that His gift of life would come at the cost of His own death. We are not in the dark about what awaited Jesus. We know that His great love for us was tested in death on the cross. We know that Jesus was not a victim, but the willing Savior who was determined to pay the price of our redemption. Today, we celebrate the great love that our King has for us.

PRELUDE

“Prelude in B Flat Major”

J. S. Bach

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

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Pastor: Rejoice with all your heart, people of Zion!

People: Shout in triumph, people of Jerusalem!

Pastor: Look! Your King is coming to you:

People: He is righteous and victorious.

Pastor: He is humble and rides on a donkey,

People: on a colt, a young pack animal.

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, when we could not come to You because of our lost condition, You came to us in the person of Your only Son, Jesus Christ. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the cross, that we might behold You and receive Your grace. Father in heaven hear us now as we confess our sins to you.

People: **O God, we approach Your throne of mercy because we know we are sinners. We stand accused by Your Law. Our thoughts have often been rebellious and impure and have not focused on You. Our words have often been unkind and unholy, and have failed to tell of Your love. Our deeds have often been erroneous and selfish and we have not served You and others as we ought. Forgive us and help us to live as Your people for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: For your sake, Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world to give His life, to pay the price for your sin. Because your King came and died for you, you are forgiven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

KYRIE (*Lord, have mercy*)

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

(The servant's obedience)

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 118:19-29

Pastor: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

People: I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

Pastor: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

People: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: From the house of the LORD we bless you.

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Pastor: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

People: **With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

People: **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

(Christ's example of humility)

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (8:30 a.m.)

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Chandler / Rawsthorne

*Christ is our cornerstone on him alone we build;
With his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled;
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joy above.*

*Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious show'r on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.*

*O then with hymns of praise these hallow'd courts shall ring;
Our voices will we raise the Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long that glorious name.*

Please stand

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

(Jesus enters Jerusalem)

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna! "

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,

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¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon notes:

Please stand

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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.

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.

OFFERING

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



Scan to give online

(11:00 a.m.) *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

Stuart Townend

*How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

Please stand

OFFERTORY

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our firstfruits give!**

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

The Lord's Supper is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life, and salvation. In response to God's command in Scripture, we are to examine ourselves prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are five basic questions by 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 a baptized believer? 2) Do I believe I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? 3) Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin? 4) Do I promise with God's help to turn from sin and live a God-pleasing life? 5) Do I believe in the true teachings of God's Word, namely that the Body and Blood of Jesus are truly present, powerful, and effective in the Sacrament? Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a differing confession and yet desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.(see Matthew 26:26-29; 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:17- 34)

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: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefoe, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song.

SANCTUS (*Holy, holy, holy*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles-s-ed is He, bles - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

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.

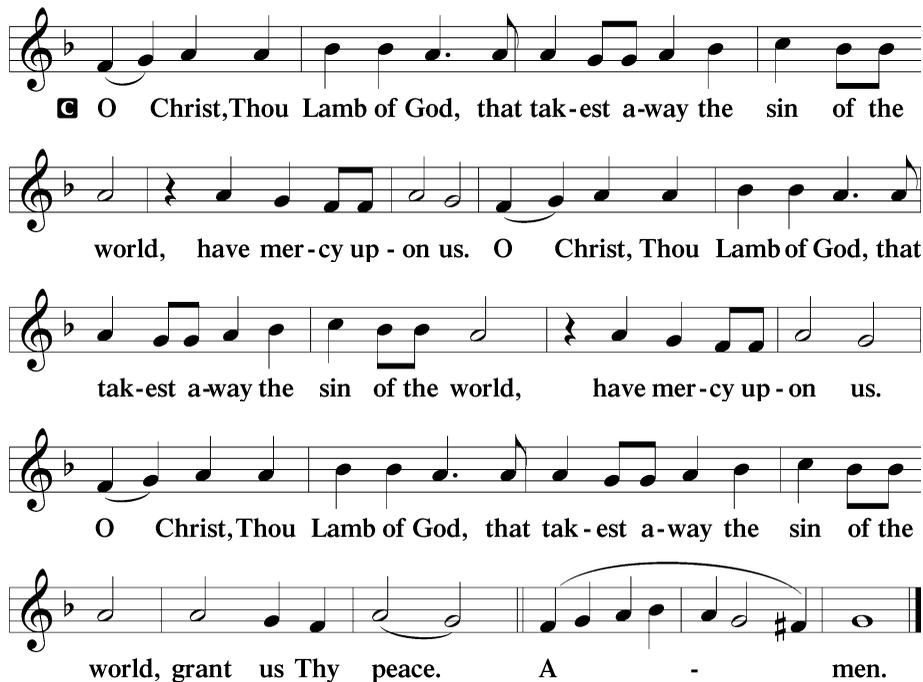
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*)



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant 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.

Children and those who cannot yet commune are invited to come forward and kneel at the rail with arms crossed to receive a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet
550 Lamb of God
440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

SILENT PRAYER

You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:

I thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have permitted me, unworthy as I am, to partake of this Your most holy body and this Your most precious blood. I pray that it may be to me for the forgiveness of all my sins, for strength in resisting temptations, for service in Your kingdom and finally for the glories of life that has no end. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Gaston Béliér

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Find a devotional guide on the readings at <https://chapelofthecross.org/devotions>

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Charles Wallace	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Marilyn Kreitner
	11:00 a.m.	Milo Lombard
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Lucie Hill
	11:00 a.m.	Logan Hill
Choir:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Nate Laesch, Mark Petersen
Director:	Matt McEuen	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ezekiel Laesch	
Pianist:	Zoe Laesch	
Director of the month:	Steve Geisz	

