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 1, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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

AS WE GATHER

All Saints' Day has become a day to remember the faithful departed. But today is not only about the saints of the past. The saints of the present faithfully fill our pews and confess the name of Jesus. While Christ has called home His church triumphant, the church militant continues His mission to make disciples of all nations. On this day, we celebrate the victory of Jesus, who makes a home for those who rest in the faith and fuels the church in active service to His kingdom.

PRELUDE

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" John Eggert

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.

2 *Oh, what glory, far exceeding*
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_eternal gates.

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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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

677 For All the Saints (choir sings verses 4 and 5)

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!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
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!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
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!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father,
People: who created us.

Pastor: In the name of the Son,
People: who redeemed us.

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,
People: who sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
People: His praise in the assembly of the saints!

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

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Pastor: We pray…Beloved God, we rejoice to be numbered with all Your saints in light. Let us with all boldness and confidence come before You to confess our sins and to hear Your Word of forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed. We ask You to forgive and renew us, so that we may joyfully live as Your saints in time and in eternity. Amen.

Pastor: On account of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, God the Father promises us His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of our Lord 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.

Pastor: Go forth, therefore, as joy-filled saints in the light of Christ!

People: Amen. Praise and thanks be to God!

HYMN

677 For All the Saints

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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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 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.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9–17

(John's heavenly vision sees an uncountable multitude whose robes have been made white in the blood of the Lamb.)

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!"

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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.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–3

(The children of God await with hope the transformative appearing of Christ.)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with
our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim
concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we
proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We
proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship
with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heav'ns Adore Him" Frazna Joseph Haydn
arr. David Clydesdale

Praise the Lord! Ye heav'ns adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! For He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord! For He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne:
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.
So on earth Thy will be done!
Amen, Amen!

Please stand

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

(Christ announces blessings upon the lowest and the least.)

1 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:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those
who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of
evil against you because of me. 12 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

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.

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:

Paul Fruend	November 27, 2025
Olinda McEuen	December 9, 2025
Maire Trelz	January 15, 2026
Loretta Bolar	March 3, 2026
Arminous Matthews III	April 16, 2026
Wilma Bowen	April 19, 2026
Vernice Jung	April 21, 2026
Mark Datillo	June 6, 2026
James McBride	June 21, 2026
Wilma Miller	July 2, 2026
Rosie Williams	July 10, 2026
Stephanie Wallace	September 13, 2026
Lila Wilhite	October 1, 2026
Carolyn Faerber	October 14, 2026

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.

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

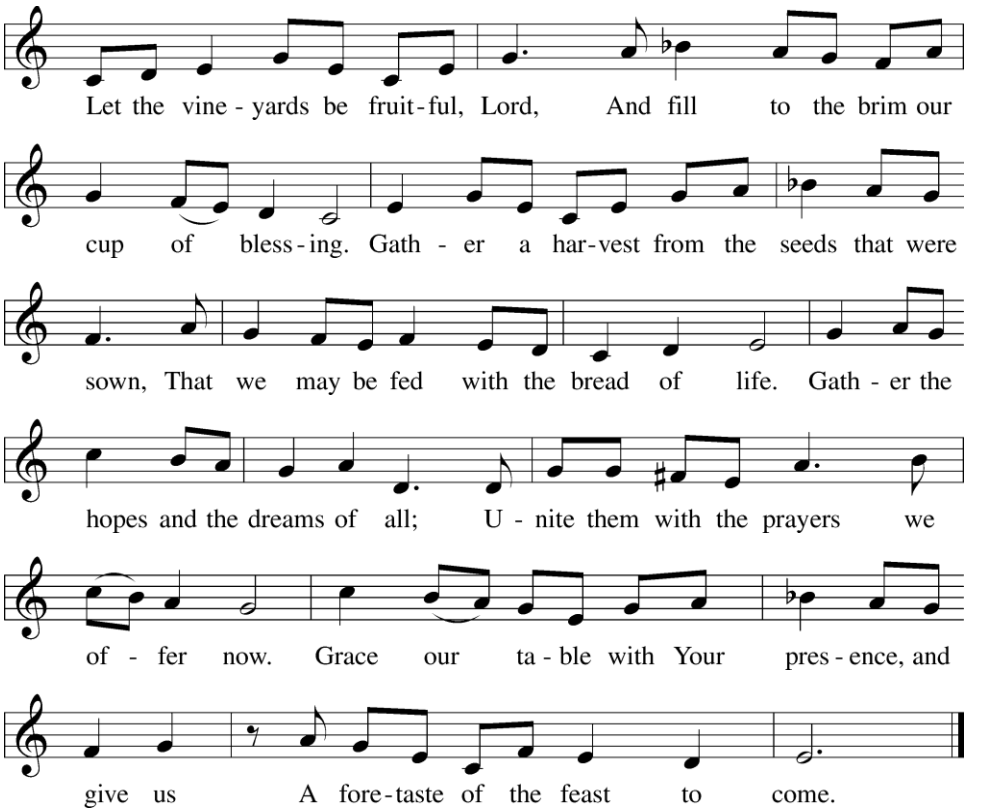
Scan to give online

"For All the Saints" John Behnke

Please stand

OFFERTORY

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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PRAYER

Pastor: 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

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

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" Jan Bender

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Find a devotional guide on the readings at https://chapelofthecross.org/devotions

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Ellory Glenn	
Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch	
Lectors:	5:00 p.m.	David Stahlhut
	8:30 a.m.	Marilyn Kreitner
	11:00 a.m.	Charles Kinder
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Eve Zvirgzdins
	11:00 a.m.	Lucie Hill/Madison Williams
Choir:	Choral Singers	
Instrumentalists	Johnathan Clayton, trumpet	
	Nate Laesch, trumpet	
	Zoe Laesch, handbell	
Organist:	Timothy Mars	

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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.chapelofthecross.org Sundays at 11:00 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:

*Friend of Moms
Lutheran Chaplains
Concordia Seminary
Day 3 Seeds

*Lutheran Early Response Teams
Lutheran Heritage Foundation
Friends of New Americans
L.A.M.P. Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots

*Helping Hands Food Pantry
Lutherans for Life
Shoebox Ministry
KFUO Radio

** indicates special emphasis in 2026*

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