



Peace

Peace on earth
and mercy mild,
God and sinners
reconciled!

**The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10-11, 2017
Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church
Saint Peters MO**

Dear Guest,

Welcome to Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church. We are honored to have you here today to receive God's message of love through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you are new to the area and/or are looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family here at Chapel of the Cross. Our mission at Chapel is to teach and preach Jesus Christ - our Savior - because of what He has done for us, namely dying for our sins and rising from the dead to win victory over death. We want to strengthen each other with this truth, as well as proclaim it to all who have yet to hear it. We pray that today's service will strengthen your faith as God speaks His gifts of love, forgiveness, and eternal life to you, and as He moves you to thank and praise Him for these good gifts.

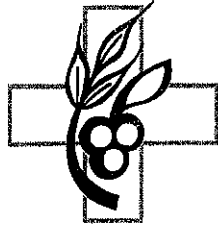
We send a live-stream of our worship services to our website at our 8am and 10:45am services. We believe that this technology is a wonderful way to reach out to our homebound, visitors, and to the world.

Our nursery is located in the Family Room off the Coffee Shoppe.

Please turn off all cell phones while in church.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A HYMN OF INVOCATION may be sung.

Stand

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

C Amen.

Stand

Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
 new cre - a - tion— This child its seal and sign.
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.

5 God dwells with us in darkness
 And makes the night as day;
 Yet we resist the brightness
 And turn from God away.

But grace does not forsake us,
 However far we run.
 God claims us still as children
 Through Mary's infant Son.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 338

1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Is. 9:6; Luke 1:67-75; Is. 61:1-2; 2 Peter 1:3-4

Call to Worship

Emmanuel

Em - man - u - el, _____ Em - man - u - el, _____
— His name is called _____ Em - man - u - el: _____ God with
us, _____ re - vealed in us! _____ His name is
called _____ Em - man - u - el. _____

Invocation

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Exhortation

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Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs in his arms;
He will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Preparation

Promises

(The Congregation may join on the repeat)

Promises, the Word of God is true. Promises, they're true for me and you.

Promises, a guarantee of love, Promises, a gift from God above.

Promises, God's wonderful and great. Promises, we shout and celebrate,

*Promises, sing allelu! Alleluia! **Repeat***

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.**

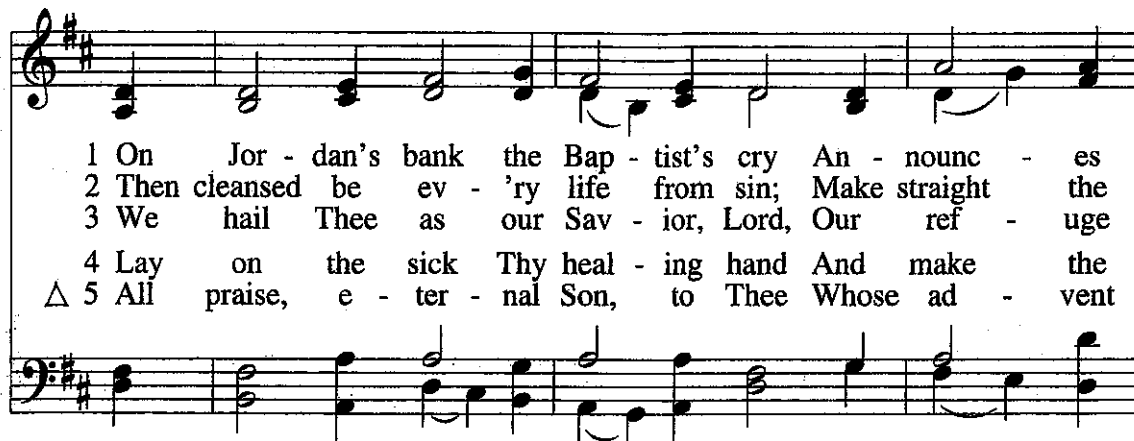
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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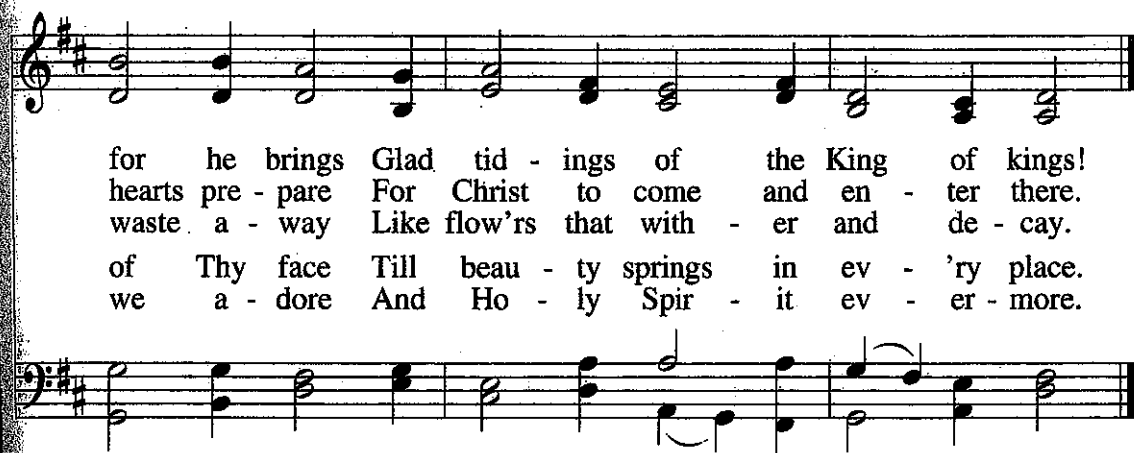
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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Sermon

Rev. James Uglum

"Waiting on a Promise"

Hymn of Response

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
(Stanzas 5)

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All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore. Public domain

Offering

- P: It is the Lord who blesses the work of our hands, therefore we give to Him our thankfulness in our offering for this day.
- C: Our offerings symbolize that all we have and all we are come from God. With thanks we return a part of what is His to Him, as an act of thanksgiving.

During the offering we would ask that you kindly sign the burgundy Fellowship Book and pass it along the pew.

Voluntary

Mary Did You Know

The Flute Ensemble

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

- P:** 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.
- C:** Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound

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- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring with Thy beloved name. Public domain



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SUNDAY: Service 8:00 & 10:45AM
Sunday School 9:25AM
Adult Bible Class 9:30AM

MONDAY: Service 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY:

Mid-Week Devotional Service - 11:00AM
Mid-Week Bible Hour 6:30 - 7:30PM

Holy Communion served on:

1st & 3rd & 5th Sundays
and 1st Wednesday

Non-Communion Blended Divine Service
on 2nd & 4th Sundays

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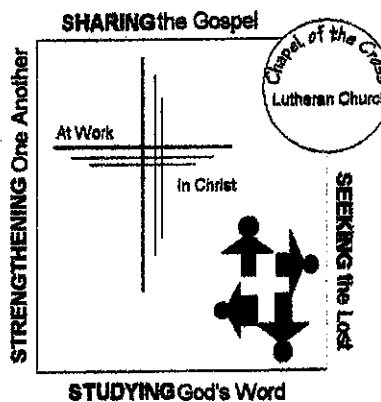


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our mission is to
SHARE the Gospel,
SEEK the Lost,
STUDY God's Word and
STRENGTHEN One Another.

