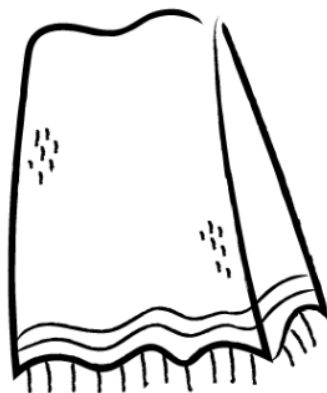


# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service of the Word  
Fourth Wednesday in Lent  
March 13, 2024

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO GUESTS

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 to our website of our 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday and other special services. We believe that this technology is a wonderful way to reach out to our homebound, to our visitors, and to our world! Recordings of these services are also archived to the website, [chapelofthecrosslutheran.org](http://chapelofthecrosslutheran.org).

## ATTENDANCE

Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of the pew before or after service or use the QR code on the back of the bulletin to record your attendance.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP | Veit Dietrich, d. 1549

*Lord God, heavenly Father, may your Holy Spirit strengthen our hearts and confirm our faith and hope in your grace and mercy. Although we have reason to fear because of our conscience, our sin and our unworthiness, we may nevertheless, with the woman of Canaan, hold fast to your grace and in every trial and temptation find you a very present help and refuge; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*

## OPENING HYMN | Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440, st. 1



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

- 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.**

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

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- 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.

## ABSOLUTION

- 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.
- C** Amen.

## GOSPEL PREPARATION | Return to the Lord (Sing twice)

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re -

turn to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and mer-ci-ful,

slow to an - ger, and a - bound-ing instead-fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL | John 13:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you

are clean, but not every one of you."

<sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup>I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup>I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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.

# HYMN OF THE DAY | Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

LSB 980



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show



us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.



1	Kneels at the feet of His friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2	Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,	Var - ied in col - or and
3	These are the ones we will serve;	These are the ones we will
4	Kneel at the feet of our friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet,	Mas - ter who pours out Him - self	for them.
race;	Neigh-bors are near - by and far	a - way.
love;	All these are neigh-bors to us	and You.
feet:	This is the way we will live	with You.

SERMON | Rev. Andrew Nelson

OFFERTORY | Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440, st. 6

6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '6' before the word 'Gra'. The music is written in a simple, clear style with whole and half notes. The lyrics are: '6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es, Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es. May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior, That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.'



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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 | Amazing Grace

LSB 744

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

# PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP | The Parish School Hymnal, 1926

*Heavenly Father, let your blessing be on us as we pass through these holy days in which we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord. Set his example before us, that we may follow him in willing obedience, learn his gracious humility, and be filled with his love and spirit of self-sacrifice, and learn the lessons of a life pleasing to you and helpful to our neighbors; through him who loved us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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As the family at Chapel of the Cross,  
our mission is to  
SHARE the Gospel,  
SEEK the Lost,  
STUDY God's Word, and  
STRENGTHEN One Another.

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