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*For those of you worshiping with us in person,
thank you for wearing your mask
and observing social distancing
at all times during the service.*

**2nd Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" - ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

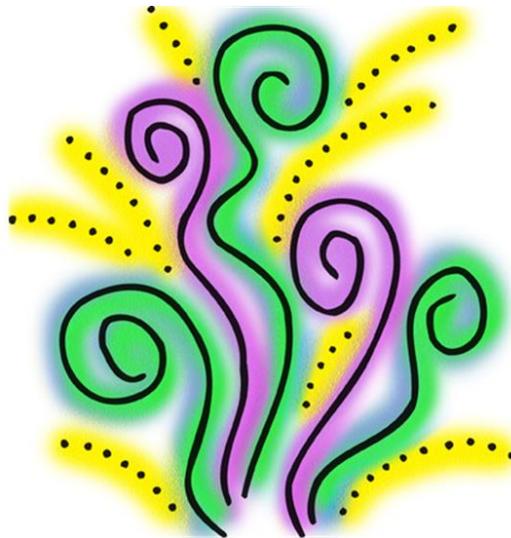
P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**



P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "This Is the Feast" - ELW Setting 2



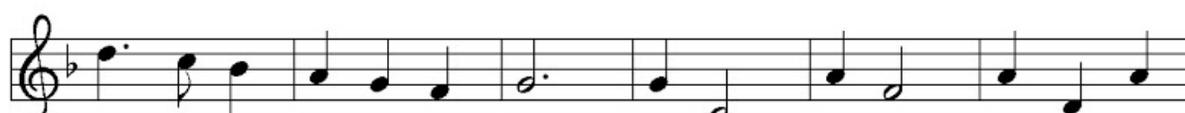
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

CHILDREN’S SONG - “This Is the Day” (Garrett)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the
 Lord has made. We will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
 Lord has_ made, we will re-joyce and be glad in it.
 This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Text (based on Psalm 118:24) and tune: Les Garrett, © 1967, 1980, 1986, Scripture in Song.
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FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - "Behold, How Pleasant / Miren qué Bueno" - ELW 649 (sing Refrain in Spanish & English; English verses)

Refrain / Estribillo



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!



1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:
1 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

Refrain / Estribillo



es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

2 *Miren qué bueno es cuando
nos reunimos todos juntos:
se parece al rocío
sobre los montes de Sión. Estribillo*

3 *Miren qué bueno es cuando
nos reunimos todos juntos:
porque el Señor nos manda
vida eterna y bendición. Estribillo*

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" - ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.



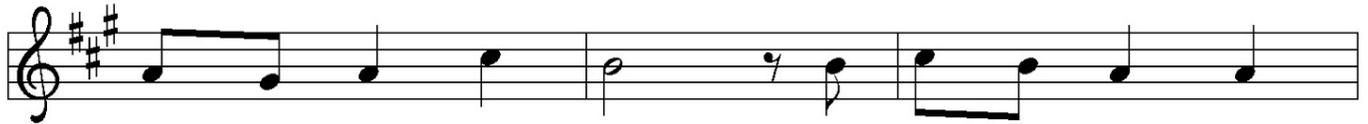
SERMON - Vicar Amanda Berg

As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "We Walk by Faith" - ELW 635



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Bring relief to areas affected by natural disasters and give your whole creation the promise of new life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Teach us to be people of peace who are courageous in acting for racial justice and reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A You have placed within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Bless our Care Team and be with all those who need your care, especially *(those on our prayer list)*. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give us fellowship and relationship with one another in this Mount Cross faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**



OFFERING SONG - "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds - ELW 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

- P God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

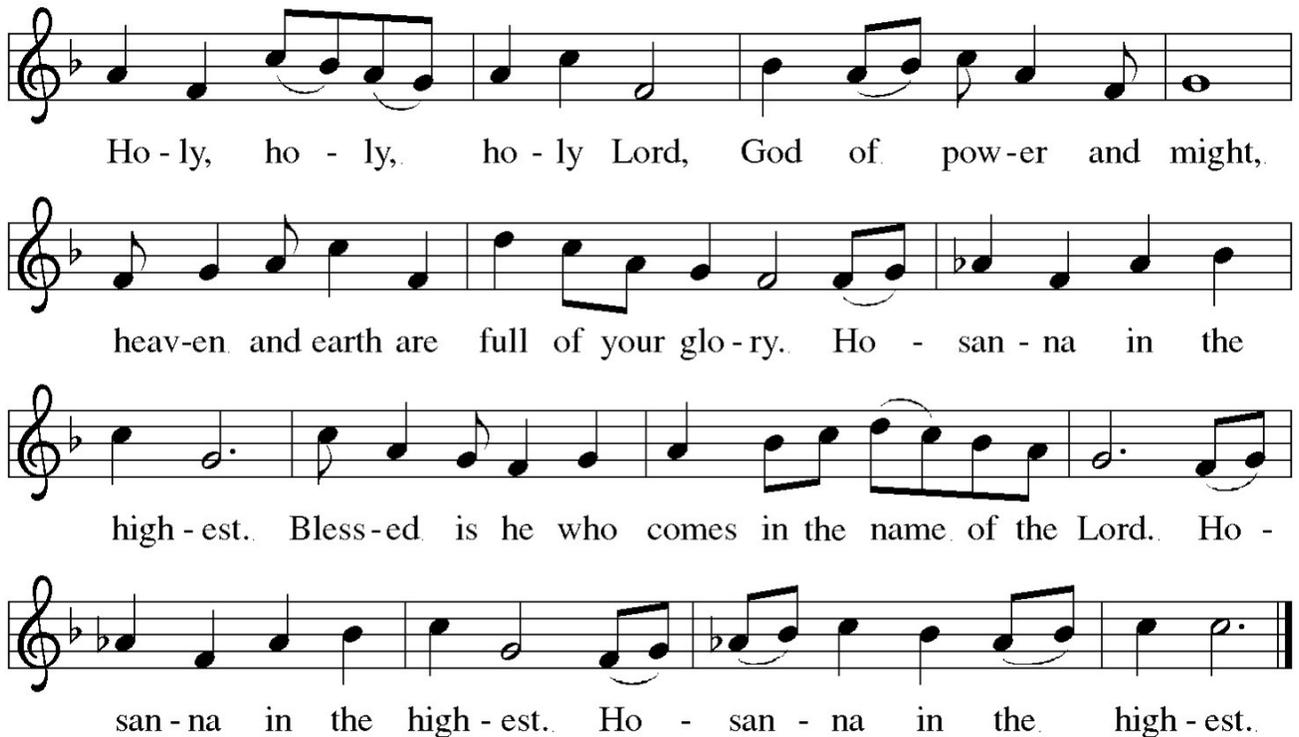


As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

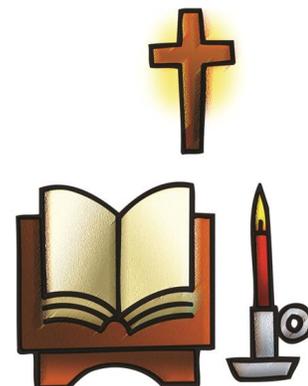
P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

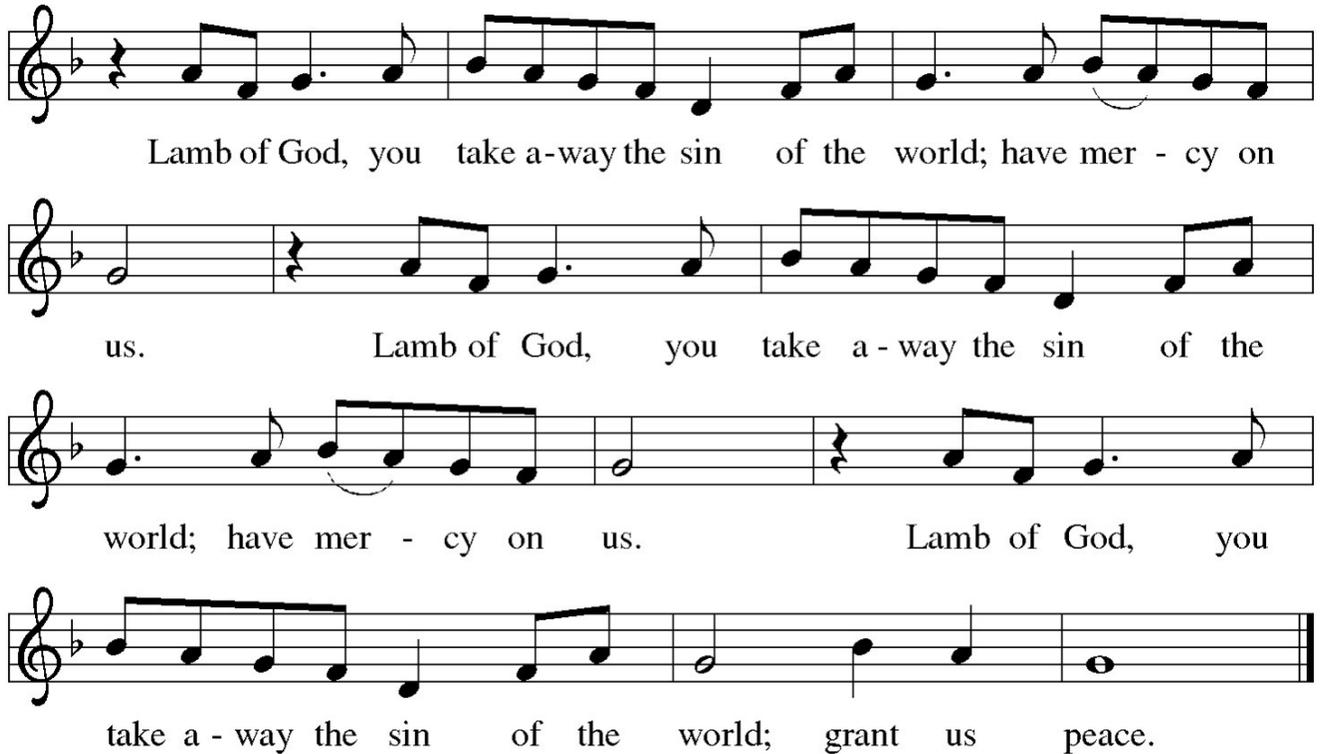


BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The assembly may be seated.

P The risen Christ welcomes you.
Receive him with a grateful heart.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

All joining from home are invited to say the following prayer:

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.



(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

COMMUNION SONG - "Lord of All Hopefulness" - ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

Our God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Rooted in God's grace,

C **we joyfully witness and serve.**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
by Melody and David Faltin
in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.*

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<https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us. Here is the **Zoom link**:

<http://bit.ly/CommunityConversationTime>.

Or to join by phone, call **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for the **meeting ID (889 0267 0619)** and **passcode (302996)**.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception both in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.

We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

Synod Worship for Today

Although Mount Cross has our regular Sunday worship on-site and live-streamed today, we invite you also to view Sunday worship created by the five synods of our region of the ELCA. It is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpLXvHtS04w>

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers, for researchers, all involved in the vaccine efforts, and for the families grieving the loss of each victim.

We pray for peace, unity, and understanding in our country.

We pray also for Elizabeth A, Cynthia Bishop (friend of Bob and Judy Winters), **the Brazil family** (friends of the Blois family), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Steve Doshier** (Paul Crockett's brother-in-law), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Tabitha Ebright, Nora Fajnor** (as she recovers from her kidney donation), **Ron Higginbotham, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Joan Husband** (friend of Bill & Glenda Greason), **Jack** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Nancy Jaeger, Ric Kienitz, Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **the family of Kathryn Mann** (mother of Marilyn Gardner and grandmother of Meredith Smith), **Dale and Mona Mueller** (cousin of Lois Watts), **Karen Nelson, the family of Bob Purdy, Allan Steele** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **the family of Laney Zambri.**

Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks. If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, April 11, 2021

Children's Church Zoom, 9:00-9:20 a.m.

Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for the Zoom information.

Youth Group at the Beach, 1:00 p.m.

High School Youth gather with Joe Zimmerly; email joe@mountcross.com with questions.

Monday, April 12, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and then push pound (#).

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the church. Contact Pastor Julie, pastorjulie@mountcross.com, or Vicar Amanda, amanda@mountcross.com, if you have questions.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon
Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays. It's a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio.

Join as often as you'd like. Join: <http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom> OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968.

Meeting ID:
847 4745 9576, push pound (#).

CDC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
The CDC Board meets at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with the Children, Youth & Family staff from 5:00-6:00 p.m., **on site**. Any questions, contact Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we gather for Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Via Zoom:

<http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights>

OR you can call in by phone, 1 (669) 900 6833.
Meeting ID: 827 1932 0163, Passcode: 615543.

Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students preparing for Confirmation meet with Joe Zimmerly **on site**. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) if you have any questions.

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.

We meet every other Thursday to study the Gospel for the upcoming week. Contact Pastor Julie, pastorjulie@mountcross.com, if you would like to be on the Men's Bible Study email list. To join us on Zoom, please use the following link, <http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>, or call (408) 638 0968. The meeting ID is 891 5038 5706 and the Passcode is 521872.

Re-Opening Committee, 7:00 p.m.
The Re-Opening Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
To find out about our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person attendance for our outdoor worship. Those attending need to sign in, have their temperature checked, wear masks, and observe social distancing. We have some chairs available or you may bring your own.

We also need worship assistants:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/88920928020/false#/invitation>. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for Children's Church with a fun story and gathering! Please print out your children's bulletins before the meeting. If you need a hard copy, please message Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

LWR Backpacks

We have a new batch of fabric waiting to be transformed into backpacks. Sign out a bag during drive-through Communion or during the week in the office - or send Melissa Henry a text or email and she can deliver you a bag. Each bag has enough supplies to sew 5 simple backpacks... and takes about an hour to complete. Bring it back to church when you have sewn it and we'll get the ropes in before we start filling them with school supplies in August.

Legacy Giving/Endowment Requests

The Legacy Giving Team is currently soliciting requests for distributions from the Endowment Fund. Requests may be made in the areas of Missions, Education, Children and Young Adult Ministry, Worship and Music, as well as capital projects. Please include requested funding amount and a justification statement. The Legacy Giving Team will consider all requests and will submit recommendations to the Church Council for funding.

Provide funding requests to Carol (office@mountcross.com) in the church office by Friday, April 30, 2021. Any grant-requesting committee or charity will be invited to give a three-minute presentation on their ministry and how it serves Mount Cross and our community on May 16, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.

Additional Vaccine Sign-up Site

If you are having trouble getting a vaccine appointment, you can try myturn.ca.gov. Unlike venturacountyrecovers.org, you can make both first and second dose appointments at the same time, and the site shows more availability.

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

Please read the following three stories from the local paper just this week. The *Ventura County Star* wrote about different events - all of them tied to racism. We have work to do in our neighborhoods!

[Thousand Oaks man accused of hate crime in Camarillo \(vcstar.com\)](#)

[Proposed Oxnard city council resolution condemns racism against Asians \(vcstar.com\)](#)
[Candlelight vigil held to honor victims of Asian American hate crimes \(vcstar.com\)](#)

Altar Flowers

We have altar flowers, when requested, for our outdoor worship. To request flowers: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost remains \$35.00; you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers for a special occasion, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.