

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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To the Parents of Our Young Children –

We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies.

All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.

To All Worshippers –

The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community.

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!

**2nd Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "All Creatures Worship God Most High!" - ELW 835 - Verses 1-3

As able, the assembly stands.



1 All crea-tures, wor - ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor
grain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



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

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister continues:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, the water that flows into our Calleguas Creek Watershed, the water of the Pacific Ocean, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

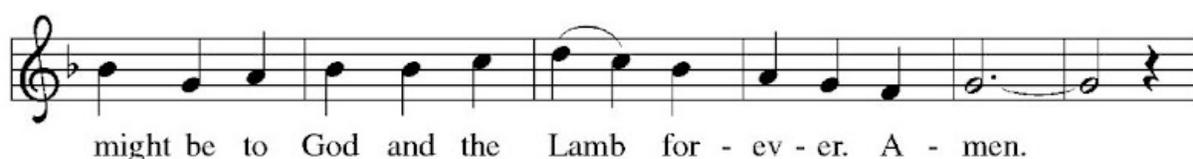
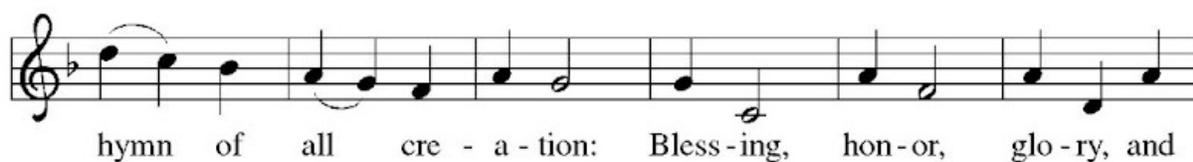
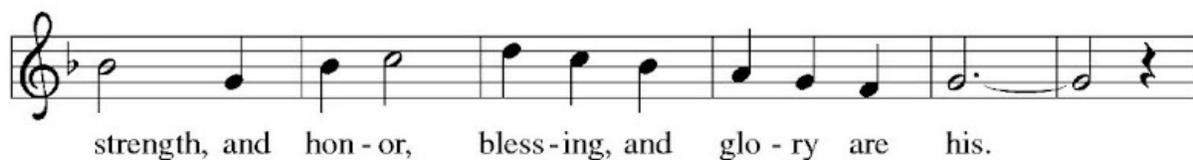
C **Amen.**

GREETING

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



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 Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 150 - "Praise Ye the Lord" - ELW 872

Refrain

Praise ye the Lord, hal - le - lu - jah!

Ev - 'ry - bod - y, praise the Lord.

1 Praise God with the sound of the trum - pet;
 2 Praise God with ho - ly cym - bals;
 3 Praise God in the ho - ly tem - ple;
 4 Praise God on top of the moun - tains;

praise God with the lute and the harp;
 praise God with strings and with pipes;
 praise God for al - might - y deeds;
 praise God both day and night;

praise God with the tim - brel and danc - ing;
 praise God with clash - ing cym - bals;
 praise God for those boun - ti - ful mer - cies;
 praise God down in the low val - leys;

Refrain

praise God wher - ev - er you are.
 praise God with all of your might.
 for God ful - fills our needs.
 praise God be - cause it's all right.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 (sing 2x's)

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.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

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 [Jewish authorities], 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 - Pastor Julie Morris



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

SONG OF THE DAY - "Now the Green Blade Rises" - ELW 379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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 Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church, and especially our Mount Cross congregation, to serve as witnesses of your goodness, telling others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. Renewing God, **hear our prayer.**

On this Earth Day weekend, renew your people's commitment to live well with your creation. Shape us as responsible stewards of this world you have given us. Help us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. Renewing God, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. Bring peace to Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, and the Holy Land. By your Holy Spirit, channel our leaders' attention toward serving those who are most in need. Renewing God, **hear our prayer.**

A Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. Bring healing and strength to everyone who is suffering in any way, especially those on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Lisa, the family of Bob Anderson, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Ed and Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Courtney Burke, Jackson Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Niki Carmichael** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Dwayla Carr** (cousin of Gayle Johnson), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Scott Fajnor, Doria and Vladimir Fanning** (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **the friends of Linda Frantz, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Jerry Kochans, Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **the family of Mercedes Olivera** (sister-in-law of Courtney Burke), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Jim Prosser, Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Amar Shaw** (nephew of Gordon and Melissa Henry), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **the family of Mike Waldron** (brother of Denise Sobolik), **Veronica White** (Fun with Faith parent), **Jessica Willis** (sister-in-law of Carol Broderick), **the family of Marilyn Woody** (sister of Sonja Demeter).

*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.*

A Renewing God, **hear our prayer.**

God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud (*pause*) ... Renewing God, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

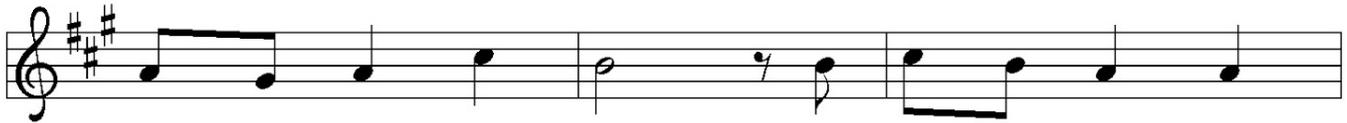
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "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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OFFERING PRAYER

A Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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, God of might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!



Ho - san - na - in the high - est heav'n, al - - - le - lu - ia!



Blest he who comes, who comes in the Lord's name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text adapt.: CB.

Music (EASTER HYMN, 7 7 7 7 and alleluias), J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen, 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/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "Eastertime Lamb of God" (O FILII ET FILIAE, adapt.)

1. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world, have
 2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
 3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, O

mer - cy on us. O Ris - en Lord, O Prince of Peace,
 mer - cy on us. O Ris - en Lord, O Prince of Peace,
 grant us peace. O Ris - en Lord, O Prince of Peace,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Text adaptation: CB. Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE (10 10 with alleluias),
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All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church. Please come forward to receive the bread, and then walk to the side to receive wine or grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays provided. Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges (or those worshipping outside who don't wish to come inside).

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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."

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:

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 SONGS - "See My Hands and Feet" (Bringle/PLEADING SAVIOR)

Verses



1. Touch that soothes and heals the hurt-ing, hands that break a
2. Feed the hun - gry, clothe the nak - ed, vis - it ones in
3. Love and serve with - out dis - tinc-tion all earth's peo - ple,
4. Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil-dren, bind a wound, pre -



loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the wear - y,
need of care, give the home - less warmth and shel - ter:
first and least. Know with - in each act of kind - ness
pare a meal; feet that rush to share good tid - ings,



bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
Christ will find a wel - come there.
hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



See my hands and feet, said Je - sus, love a -



ris - en from the grave. Be my hands and

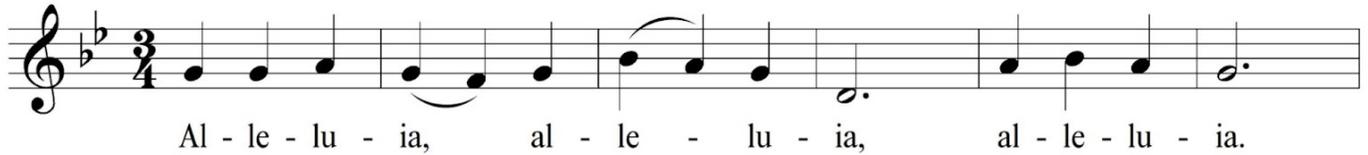


feet, said Je - sus, live as ones I died to save.

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Music: PLEADING SAVIOR (8.7.8.7. D); J. Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830;
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, P.D.



“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” - ELW 386 - Verses 5-8



5. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
 6. "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see,
 7. No long - er Thom - as then de - nied;
 8. How blest are they who have not seen,



that they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed
 and look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less,
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my
 and yet whose faith has con - stant been, for they e -



the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord and God!" he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



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

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: French tune, 15th cent. (O FILII ET FILIAE, 8 8 8 with alleluias).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of abundance,
 with this bread of life and cup of salvation
 you have united us with Christ,
 making us one with all your people.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

P May Christ, who has conquered evil and destroyed death, give you courage and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG - "Alleluia! Alleluia" (Wordsworth/Ode to Joy) - Verses 1, 3 & 4

HYMN TO JOY



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to



1. heav'n - ward raise: Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
2. life is born, Glo - rious life and life im - mor - tal,
3. heav'n - ly grace, Rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry
4. God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior



1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. Christ, who on the
2. On that ho - ly Eas - ter morn. Christ has tri - umphed,
3. From your ho - ly ra - diant face; That, with hearts in
4. Who has won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia



1. cross a vic - tim, For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus
2. and we con - quer By this might - y en - ter - prise, We with
3. heav - en dwell - ing, We on earth, your ser - vants true, Will by
4. to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -



1. Christ, the King of glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
2. Christ to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
3. an - gel hands be gath - ered, And be ev - er, Lord, with you.
4. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827;
adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

DISMISSAL

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

A Rooted in God's grace,
C **we joyfully witness and serve!**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00-11:30 a.m.**

Please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, April 24

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

The high school youth group is meeting off-site at 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com)

Monday, April 25

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 3:00 p.m. Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

Tuesday, April 26

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

The Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m..

Wednesday, April 27

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center to study the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Wednesday Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday dinner is at 6:00 p.m., in the Pavilion or Parish Life Center. Suggested donation, \$5.

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft, masked and with the doors open.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for info.

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:30 p.m, masked and with doors open..

Thursday, April 28

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.

Come to the sanctuary on Friday night and watch the movie *Sing*. See more info below and sign up: <https://signup.com/go/PPTNvho>

Sunday, May 1 - Camp Sunday!

9:30 a.m. Worship

Meredith Smith and others from El Camino Pines will be here to share about camp life and ministry.

Play Date, after Worship
See the announcement below for information.

Saturday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Life for Linda Frantz
Mark your calendars for the Celebration of Life for Linda Frantz.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

We always need worship assistants, especially for technology. We will train you. Contact Vicky Edell at vickyedell5@gmail.com or sign-up online at <https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Our programs are mainly on Wednesdays. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with any questions.

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

These links are offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill to those who are seeking to learn from diverse voices and take action towards reconciliation and healing. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations as we learn together.

On **April 26 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Ventura County Interfaith Community will revisit the topic of what makes a place a sacred space, with panelists from the Buddhist community, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Mount Cross Lutheran Church. This panel discussion will take place via Zoom. You can participate by clicking on this link at the appointed time: <https://bit.ly/3xg9O07>. To join by phone, dial 669 900 6833 and enter the meeting ID (861 0508 8233) and the passcode (087771) when prompted.

This forum is free and all are welcome. Bonus, they recorded an event from February, the first part of this discussion, so if you missed it, you can also watch that Zoom.

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. The cost is \$35.00; you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, please let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another 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.

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!

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. They could also use boxes of breakfast cereal. **Please do not donate food that is expired.**

Thanks for your support.

Worship Guidelines

Following County guidelines, masks are strongly recommended for all people indoors in public places in California. Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation, and love for your neighbor that you continue to show.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie

4th Midweek Moviegoers

The 4th Midweek Movie for April is **The Lost City** (PG-13) at the Roxy next **Tuesday, April 26**, at **7:05 p.m.** Hope you can join us for the movie and/or dinner before if anyone is interested.

Please email Joan Brundage at jbrundage@roadrunner.com with any questions/comments.



Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85242716693?pwd=MOZKT2ZvTVNNMCs5NERjdlBHcW9sUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 4271 6693 Passcode: 185337 Dial-in: 669-900-6833

Family Movie Night - Friday, April 29

Join us for **Movie Night** at Mount Cross on **Friday, April 29**, at 6:30 p.m. We will be watching the movie **Sing** in the sanctuary so make sure to bring a blanket or two for a night of fun ... and there will be popcorn!

If you're interested in attending, please sign up using this link:

<https://signup.com/go/PPtNvho>

Play Date Sunday - May 1

Join us **Sunday, May 1**, for **Play Date Sunday!** Following worship, families are invited to find host Lyndsay Montour in the courtyard as families gather and make their way down to Nancy Bush Park for lunch and park fun. Make sure to pack a lunch for your family to bring with you all and any blankets or chairs to sit in. If you have any questions, make sure to contact Lyndsay (lyndsay.montour@gmail.com). We hope you can make it!

Liturgical Ministers Training - May 14

Now that we seem to have turned a corner on the pandemic and our worship experience is becoming more normalized, we want to review procedures with our liturgical ministers. On **Saturday, May 14**, all lectors, assisting ministers, communion ministers, ushers, and greeters are requested to attend a "Spring Training" session - from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for lectors, assisting ministers, and communion ministers and from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for ushers and greeters. If you're not yet involved in one of these ministries but would like to be, you're welcome to come also. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

Legacy Giving/Endowment Fund 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 & Young Adult Ministry, Worship & Music, as well as Capital Projects. All applications must include the simple one-page form that is available in the office and on our website. College scholarship applicants should work with Joe on an appropriate essay and materials to submit.

The Legacy Giving Team will consider all requests and submit recommendations to the Church Council for funding. Provide funding requests to the Church Office (office@mountcross.com) **by April 30, 2022**. Please contact Tracy Blois (tracy.allyson@gmail.com, 619.277.2059) or Brian Fisher with any questions.



Mount Cross Generosity Story

Many of you have experienced the tremendous blessing that the Helping Hands at Mount Cross provide when you have lost a loved one. For those of you who have not had the Helping Hands ministry wrap you in God's love, I will tell you what an important need they fill. I have lost both my parents and the Helping Hands provided two beautiful receptions after their services.

When a loved one passes away there are often funeral plans that need to be made. This can be a very stressful time for the family. Pastor Julie is wonderful with meeting with family members and providing the spiritual guidance that is necessary to ensure a beautiful celebration of life. But then, there is the time after the service when family and friends gather and share memories of their loved one. Helping Hands, a group of generous men and women at Mount Cross, step in and take care of all the planning and set up of this important gathering. All one has to do is give them an estimate of the number of people who may attend the service and the rest is organized and implemented by the Helping Hands. My family has been blessed by this ministry twice and I cannot overstate the importance of it.

The death of a loved one brings out many different emotions and we are often not in a position to take on the overwhelming job of planning a reception after a funeral. The Helping Hands take on the task, lovingly and willingly, to lessen the stress the grieving family is experiencing. The gathering of family and friends is so necessary for the grieving process. The Helping Hands at Mount Cross provide this absolutely essential ministry that accompanies the celebration of a loved one's life. Please consider joining the Helping Hands at Mount Cross. I cannot put into words the amazing and necessary support they provide to grieving families. Coordinators are needed to continue this essential ministry. Please consider becoming a part of the Helping Hands at Mount Cross.

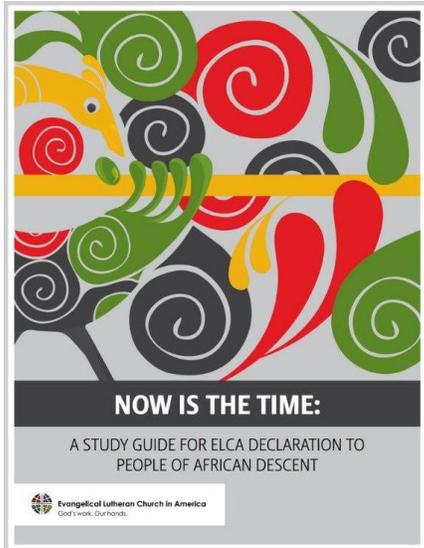
Luanne Crockett

Acts 20:35

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Helping Hands Ministry ... Additional Coordinator(s) Needed!

Helping Hands is the **Mount Cross service group** that assists by arranging and serving at memorial/funeral receptions held at Mount Cross. Help is currently needed in the role of coordination. We currently are in **need of one or two additional co-coordinators for this ministry to continue**. If you are interested in more information on serving as a co-coordinator for this important ministry, please contact Marilyn Gardner at 805-368-0554 or nomgardner_722@msn.com.



ELCA Now is the Time study (5-part series): An ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent

5 Thursdays from 9 - 11 am Pacific Time

April 28 - June 2 (not meeting on May 19)

If you want to journey through this study together, please join us.

Now is the time...

...for white members of the ELCA to face our own resistance and fear

...to name uncomfortable truths

...to let go of guilt and embrace responsibility

...to uncover silence and complicity

...to acknowledge the depths of systemic racism and white supremacist culture and thinking

...for repentance, and the time to trust God's liberating grace, which gives us courage to face an uncomfortable past and walk boldly into a new future of racial justice and reconciliation, and of structural change.

We can do this work better in community. Join us.

When: 5 Thursdays from April 28 - June 2, 9 - 11 am Pacific Time (not meeting on May 19)

Format: Zoom webinar (everyone on camera)

Must register in advance: bit.ly/NowIsTheTimeELCA

Questions: Desta@CalLutheran.edu

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