

# 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!**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE - "Softly and Tenderly" (arr. McChesney)**  
*Mount Cross Handbell Choir*

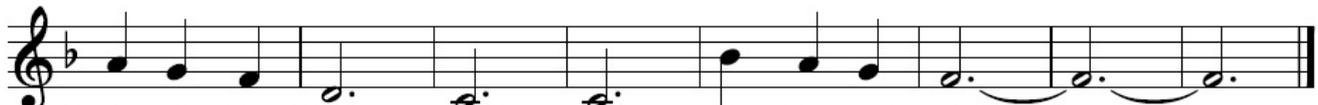
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris**

**GATHERING SONG - "Open My Eyes" (Manibusan)**

*As able, the assembly stands.*

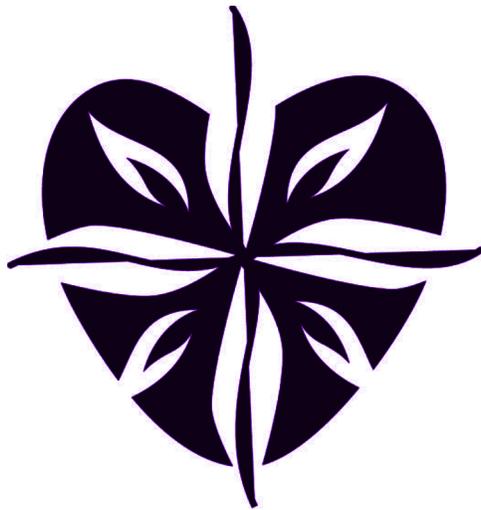


1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.  
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.  
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.  
4. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** In the name of God, +  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us on our pilgrimage.

**C** **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us.  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.  
Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God comes near to you  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with us and teaches us how to live in love.  
C **Amen.**

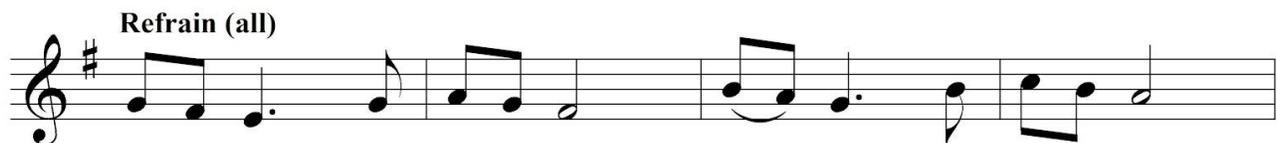
## GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE - Mass of Remembrance (Haugen)



*Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord:*  
*Final: A - - - - - men.*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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 - Blessing of Prayer Shawls

*We dedicate these shawls this morning with thanks to knitters Diana Hagen, Melissa Henry, Joanie Swindle, Marjorie Viets, and Barbara Recker.*



## FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 126 - "When God First Brought Us Back" (Daw/WAYFARING STRANGER)



1. When God first brought us back from ex-ile, we were as dazed  
2. Once more, O Lord, re-store your peo-ple; come with your sav -



as those who dream. Then were our mouths brim-ming with  
- ing help a - gain, as to the brook - beds in the



laugh-ter; joy from our lips gushed like a stream. The god - less  
des - ert you bring the sweet, re - viv-ing rain. Let those who



cried in en - vious won - der, "Look what the Lord  
sow with tears and sigh - ing sing as they reap



has done for them!" In - deed our God has great - ly  
and joy pro - claim: may those who weep when seed is



blessed us; re - joice and sing, Je - ru - sa - lem!  
scat - tered gath - er their sheaves and praise your name.

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## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

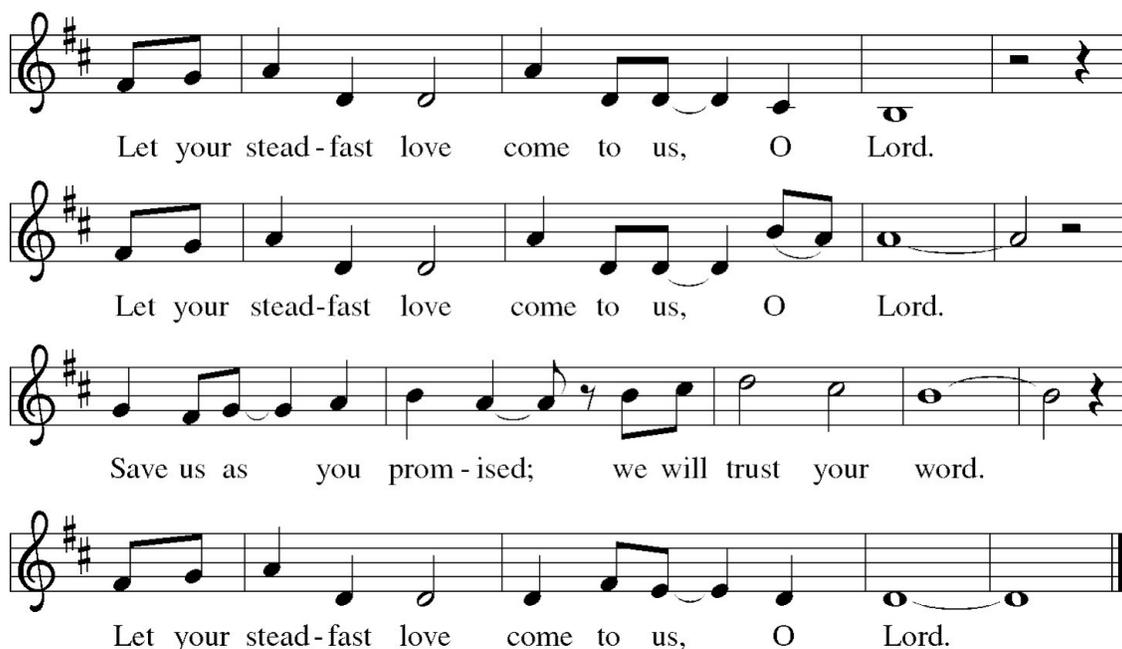
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Lent Gospel Acclamation" - ELW Setting 8



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## **GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

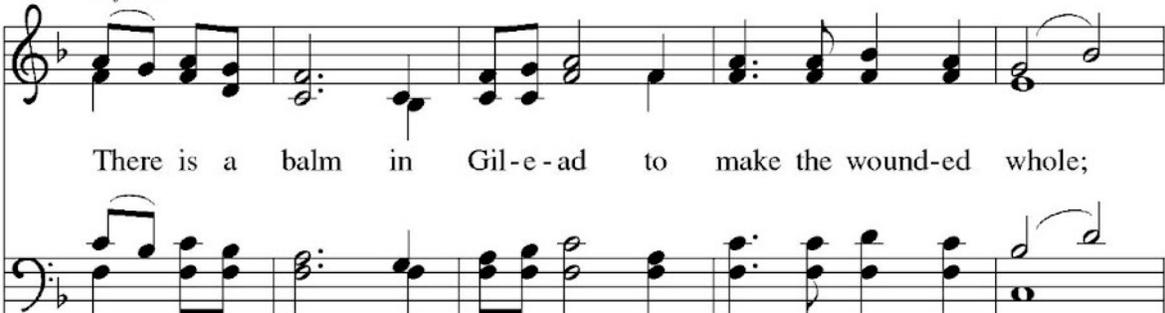
## **SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "There Is a Balm in Gilead" - ELW 614

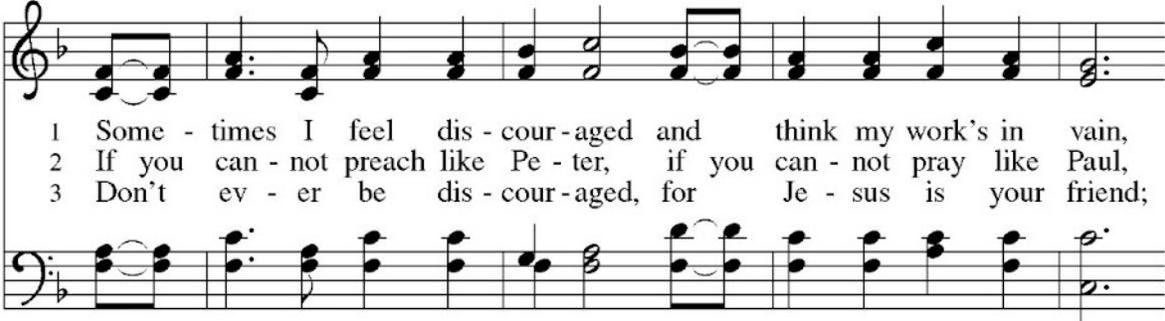
*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

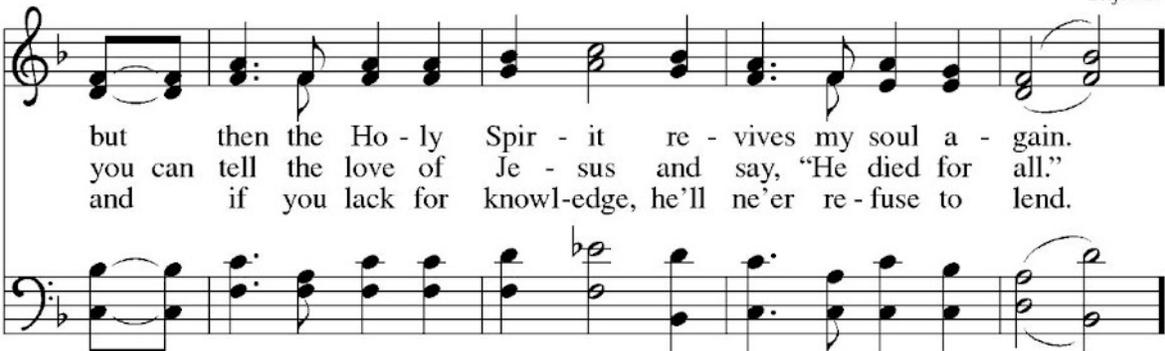


there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Do a new thing for creation, O God. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world, O God. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations and bring an end to the war in Ukraine. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us, O God. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Teach us to be supportive of and accepting of those with Autism. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism, prejudice, and intolerance of any kind. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer, O God. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list ...

## PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Ed and Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Jackson Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **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), **Linda Frantz, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Jim Prosser, Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler), **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](mailto:office@mountcross.com) or call 805.482.3847.*

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

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

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake  
of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**



## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING SONG - "Two Meditations on the Cross" (arr. Kinyon)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

### OFFERING PRAYER

A Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

P And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,"

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,"

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry."

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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.

The sixth system of musical notation concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

P Holy God, mighty and merciful,  
by your promise  
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
and you bound yourself to your people of old,  
blessing them and calling them to be a blessing to others,  
By your promise  
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living Vine,  
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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 his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing.  
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth  
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, 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.**

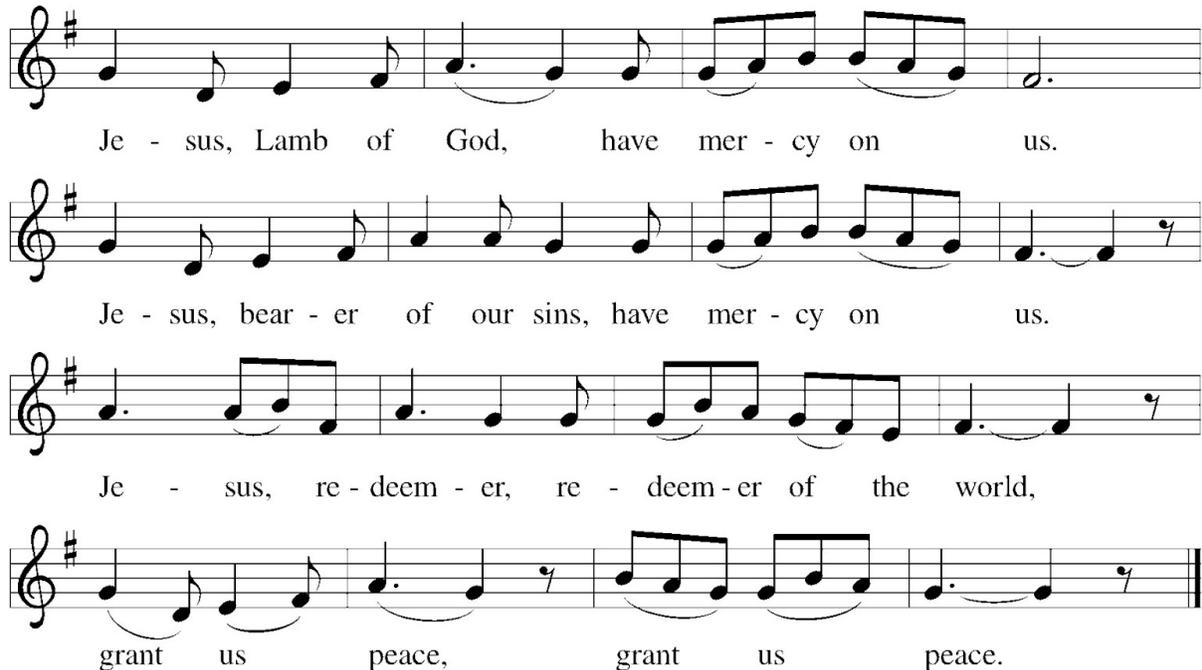
### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

*The assembly may be seated.*



## LAMB OF GOD - "Jesus, Lamb of God" - ELW 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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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. Grape juice is in the inner circle of the trays. 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.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

**COMMUNION SONGS - "Turn Your Eyes" (Romanacce, Lemmel, Winebarger, Stiff, Trout) - CCLI Song # 7120053** (We do not have permission to reprint the music for this song).

*Verse 1*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

*Verse 2*

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embrace  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

*Chorus*

Jesus to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus our glory and our prize  
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

*Verse 3*

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the lion awake  
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

*Chorus*

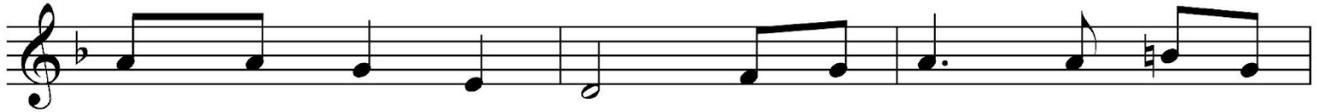
Jesus to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus our glory and our prize  
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You  
*(repeat Chorus)*  
Oh, Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.



**“Tree of Life” - ELW 334**



1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling  
 4. God of all our fear and sor - row, God who



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and  
 lives be - yond our death, hold us close through each to -



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the  
 mor - row, love us near as ev - 'ry breath, love us



rise with ev - 'ry morn. \_\_\_\_\_  
 bod - y of our Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 riv - er, you the sea. \_\_\_\_\_  
 near as ev - 'ry breath. \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,  
 you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
 Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**C Amen.**

*As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.*

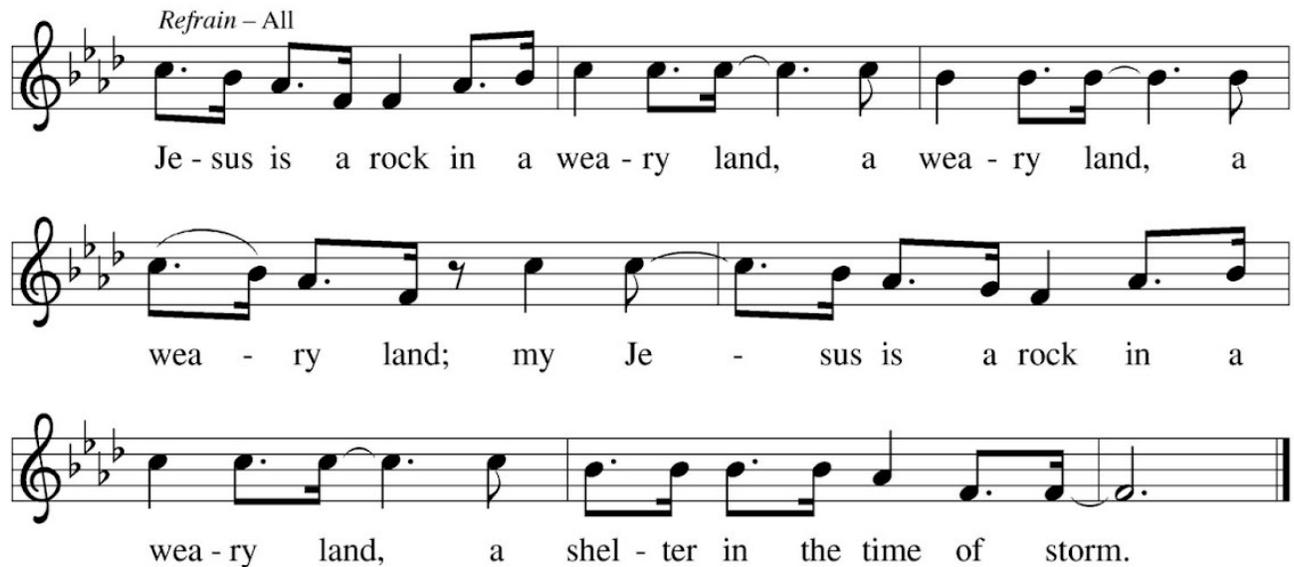
**BLESSING**

**P** May Christ, who calls you to take up your cross,  
 give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens.  
 And the blessing of God our Creator, + Redeemer  
 and Giver of life be with you now and always.

**C Amen.**

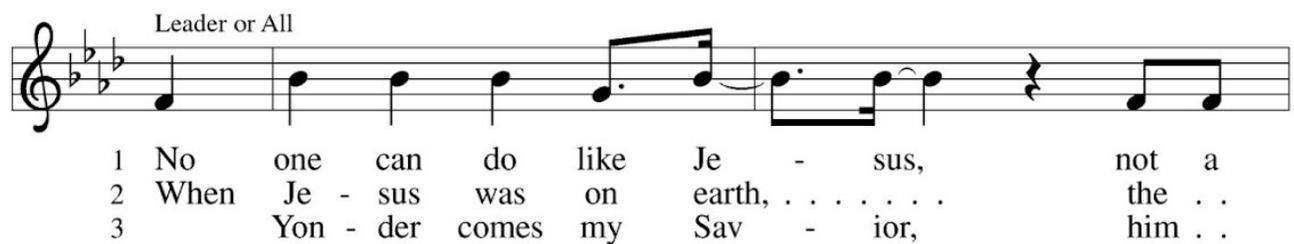
# SENDING SONG - "Jesus Is a Rock" - ELW 333

*Refrain - All*

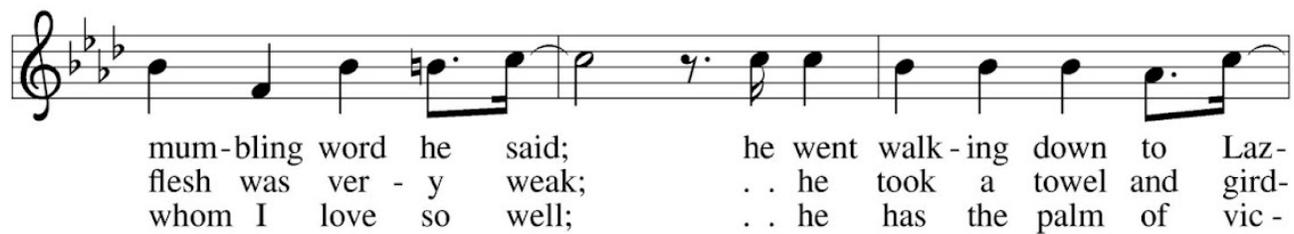


Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

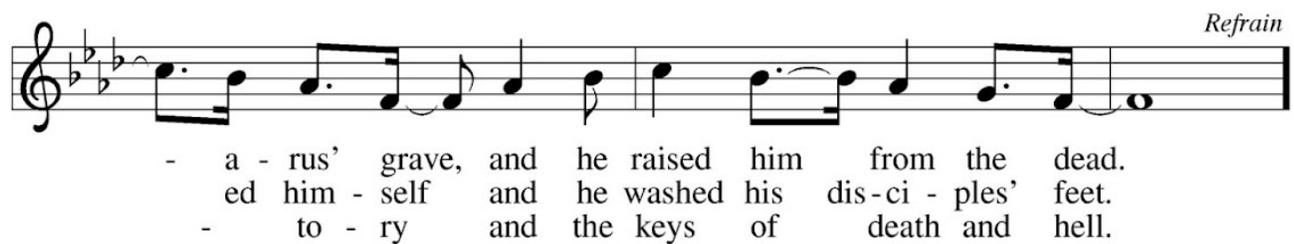


1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

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- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE - "All Glory, Laud & Honor" (arr. Kinyon)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

Thanks to our Mount Cross Handbell Choir for their music today - Guy Ervin III, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Barbara Recker, Jean Scott, Melissa Sobolik, Aimee Stoll, and Linda Young.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Scott and Nora Fajnor in honor of Nora's 1-year kidney donation anniversary, and by Joan Brundage in loving memory of her parents' anniversary (Robert and Patricia Springer) and in celebration of her birthday.

April is Autism Awareness Month. Thank you for supporting Nathan Johnson and others in our church and community with Autism.

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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 3

Fair Trade Sales after Worship

Purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other items on the patio after worship.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls, 9:30 a.m.

Worship

Today, we bless prayer shawls made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Diana Hagen.

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

The High School Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com)

### Monday, April 4

Presto Pasta Youth Fundraiser,  
All Day

See the flyer and details below - support our youth by eating at Presto Pasta in Camarillo - dine in or take out.

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Service & Missions Zoom, 6:00 p.m.

The Service & Missions Team meets at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Learning Committee Zoom,  
7:00 p.m.

Learning Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are invited to join! Contact Tracy Blois at [tracy.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.allyson@gmail.com) for details. Learning Committee plans our children, youth, and family programming working closely with Joe and the amazing CYFM team.

Lectio Divina at St Columba's,  
7:00 p.m.

All are welcome at St. Columba's Episcopal (1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo) for this final Lectio Divina to reflect on the Gospel for Palm/Passion Sunday.

## **Tuesday, April 5**

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

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and is following the *Gather* magazine study.

### **Peace & Justice Team, 7:00 p.m.**

The Peace & Justice Team meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, <http://bit.ly/MCPeaceandJustice>

### **CDC Board, 7:30 p.m.**

The CDC Board meets at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

## **Wednesday, April 6**

### **Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.**

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

### **"Embracing an Adult Faith"**

#### **Lenten Study, 5:00 p.m.**

Our final Lenten Study with St. Columba's meets at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Mount Cross Parish Life Center.

### **Bell Choir, 5:45 p.m.**

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

### **Wednesday Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.**

Our Wednesday Soup Supper is at 6:00 p.m., in the Pavilion or Parish Life Center. Financial donations appreciated but not necessary.

### **Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.**

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

### **Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m.**

All are welcome for Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary, also livestreamed.

### **Choir, 7:30 p.m.**

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary following Holden Evening Prayer, masked and with the doors open.

## **Thursday, April 7**

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

Men's Bible Study meets for breakfast at Marie Callender's (185 E. Daily Drive). A \$15 donation covers breakfast and a tip, but don't let cost prevent you from attending. No RSVP necessary; questions, contact Randy Churchill ([hchurchill@verizon.net](mailto:hchurchill@verizon.net))

### **Food Share Volunteering, 6:00 p.m.**

See the information below to sign up to volunteer at Food Share from 6:00-8:00 p.m..

### **Executive Committee, 7:00 p.m.**

The Executive Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

### **Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.**

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

## **Announcements**

### **Sunday Worship**

We always need worship assistants, especially for technology. We will train you. Contact Vicky Edell at [vickyedell5@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

This week's work is a bit of a history lesson, and ties together two items our congregation supports. It's spring, and almost Earth Day, so let's read a bit about [The CSA's Roots in Black History - Modern Farmer](#). Shelby Vittok wrote this article last May, so keep that in mind as you read the first two paragraphs... but the rest of the article is just a fascinating history of the CSA in America, and the struggle of small farmers throughout our history.



### **[The CSA's Roots in Black History - Modern Farmer](#)**

"The ideas that [Martin Luther] King [Jr.] and others stood for, first and foremost, came from the importance of land and farming for Black communities in the South," says Clyde Ford, a corporate trainer on racial justice and author of *Think Black*, as well as the forthcoming *Freedom Dues*, the story of how Black labor built America.. The popular narrative about the civil rights movement is ... [modernfarmer.com](http://modernfarmer.com)

### **Altar Flowers**

To request flowers for our worship:

<http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. 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](mailto: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**

Thanks be to God, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are declining in our community. Below is the updated COVID-19 guidance from our Mount Cross Re-Opening Committee.

**Effective March 13, 2022:**

- For indoor worship at Mount Cross: As a caring community, **we request that you wear a mask if you will be singing in worship.** If you will not be singing, masks are strongly encouraged.
  - In **all other indoor settings** at Mount Cross, **masks are strongly encouraged.**
- There may be situations in the life of our community where we will require masks out of concern for vulnerable people.
- When committees, groups, or individuals meet indoors, please defer to the needs of those who are immunocompromised or are at greater risk of serious illness, or those who live with them.

Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation, and love for your neighbor that you have displayed throughout the pandemic.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie

## **Easter Lilies - Sign Up to Donate**

Easter is Sunday, April 17, and we want to be sure our worship environment reflects the joy of the celebration with beautiful pastel calla lilies as part of our decor. If you would like to **dedicate a calla lily** in honor or memory of a loved one (or for some other dedication), we have a SignUp form online: <https://bit.ly/EasterLilies2022>.

The lilies are \$8 and can be paid online or by check (marked for "Easter lily").

Please sign up **by tomorrow, April 4.**



## **Food Share Volunteer Opportunity**

Join us for another opportunity to **volunteer at Food Share on Thursday, April 7, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Please sign up using this link: <https://cerv.is/0303g0M5Xgj>. All participants must be 12 years or older. If you would like to carpool, please meet at church at 5:30 p.m. on that day.

## Mount Cross Lutheran Church

### FUNDRAISER AT PRESTO PASTA

**Monday, April 4, 2022**

Eat at Presto Pasta anytime on this day and they will donate 20% of your total bill to Mount Cross Lutheran Church. Valid on dine in or take out. Simply present this flyer at the restaurant when ordering. Flyers may not be distributed at Presto Pasta.

**1701 Daily Dr, Camarillo  
805-445-7737**

Join us **TOMORROW, April 4**, for our **Youth Fundraiser** at **Presto Pasta** in Camarillo anytime from 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Make sure to show this flyer at the counter so our youth receive credit. Thank you all for your continued support of our youth here at Mount Cross!

### **Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk Update**

Thanks to all the people who helped make the 39th Annual Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk a success. Mount Cross was the host church this year and we had over 125 walkers from four congregations (and their friends) walk and raise funds to help fight hunger. We have almost \$17,000 in donations so far - with 25% staying here in Camarillo for our hunger agencies.

You can still do a virtual walk (pick your own route) and donate at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/camarilloca> Thanks again - Gordon Henry

### **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.

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

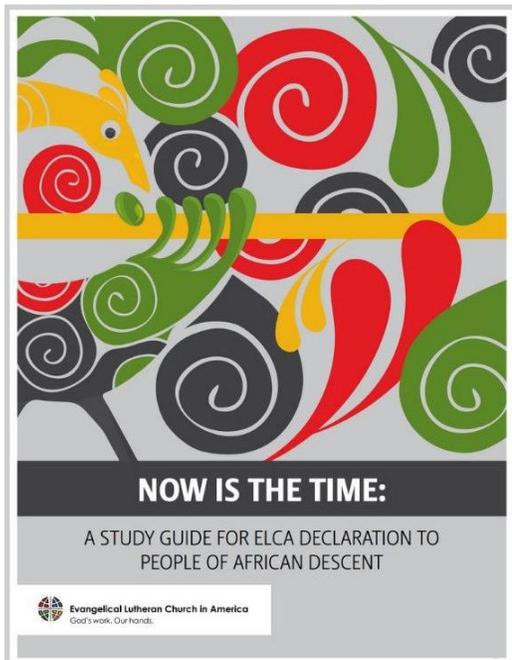
Helping Hands is the **Mount Cross service group** that assists by arranging and serving at memorial/funeral receptions held at Mount Cross. Help is currently needed in the role of coordination. We currently are in **need of one or two additional co-coordinators for this ministry to continue**. If you are interested in more information on serving as a co-coordinator for this important ministry, please contact Marilyn Gardner at 805-368-0554 or [momgardner\\_722@msn.com](mailto:momgardner_722@msn.com).



**- Aid to Ukraine Matching Donations**

Thanks to the generosity of Nelsonville Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church in Amherst, WI, all **congregational gifts given through Lutheran World Relief will be doubled** – up to \$258,000!

Your love will provide food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukraine crisis. You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at [lwr.org/match](https://lwr.org/match) or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write “Ukraine Match” in the memo line.



**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  
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](https://bit.ly/NowIsTheTimeELCA)

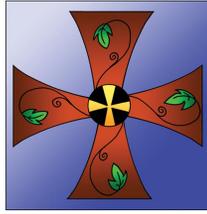
Questions: [Desta@CalLutheran.edu](mailto:Desta@CalLutheran.edu)

Facilitated by:

- Pastor Kacey Hahn, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Renton, WA

- Desta Goehner, Spiritual Director

Director of Congregational Relations at California Lutheran University



## **Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Week is our annual pilgrimage to the heart of our faith.

In Jesus' death and resurrection, we experience the triumph of goodness over evil and the victory of life over death.

**Come and be renewed by the saving acts of God.**

### **Palm Sunday, April 10**

\*9:30 a.m. worship at Mount Cross with a palm procession and the reading of the Passion.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14**

Noon at St. Columba's Episcopal Church for those who need a daytime service.

\*7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at Mount Cross.

We remember the last supper, hear Christ's commandment to love one another, celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, and strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

9:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m. Night Watch at St. Columba's

Sign up for a half-hour slot to pray and reflect on Jesus' Agony in the Garden.  
<https://bit.ly/NightWatch2022>

### **Good Friday, April 15**

Noon Stations of the Cross outdoors at St. Columba's Episcopal Church.

\*7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") at Mount Cross.

Candles are gradually extinguished as we read the Passion, interspersed with music to aid our contemplation of the suffering and death of Christ.

There will be an opportunity to reverence the cross.

### **The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16**

7:00 p.m. at St. Columba's Episcopal Church.

Meet at the outdoor fire pit for the lighting of the new fire of Easter. We will process into the church to hear the foundational stories of our faith, proclaim the Easter Gospel, and celebrate Holy Communion on this night when Jesus passed over from death into life.

### **Easter Sunday, April 17**

\*9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday worship at Mount Cross

followed by an Easter breakfast for all and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

**Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

If you need transportation to any of these services, please contact the church office as soon as possible, 805-482-3847 or [office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com).

*\*denotes the services that will be livestreamed.*

St. Columba's Episcopal Church is located at 1251 Las Posas Road in Camarillo.