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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.

Please introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!

Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion at Mount Cross (Reprinted from October 2022 Grapevine)

Dear Mount Cross Community,

One of the sacred privileges of my role as pastor and priest, and one of my very favorite parts of the job, is inviting people to the Lord's table to receive the living Christ present in the form of bread and wine. Sometimes the invitation can be short and sweet: "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Or, it can be more involved. The invitation to Holy Communion that most stirs my own soul is one based on the invitation used by a community of Christians on the small island of Iona, Scotland:

*This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord,
It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you and has promised to meet you here.*

Every time I hear or speak those words, I think, "That is what grace sounds like."

We know Holy Communion is not a reward given to those who have somehow earned it by perfect worship attendance, memorization of Luther's *Small Catechism*, a sinless life, or the ability to explain how bread and wine truly become the body and blood of Christ. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a pure gift, given by our gracious Lord, to nourish our faith, forgive our sins, strengthen us for love and service, and connect us with each other. It is a beautiful, holy, and life-giving mystery.

Both the Episcopal Church, in which I am ordained, and the ELCA, to which Mount Cross belongs, permit all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion, even infants and young children, although in ELCA congregations, customs vary widely on the age at which children begin communing. (For more information, see the ELCA document called *The Use of the Means of Grace* <https://bit.ly/ELCAMEansOfGrace>). It is my practice to encourage parents to allow even their youngest children to receive Holy Communion so they always know themselves to be God's beloved children who are welcome at the Lord's table. As they mature, we will help them grow in their understanding of this special gift.

I like the way Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, says it on their website:

"Anyone coming to the Lord's Table with an open hand will be served Holy Communion."

We are hungry in body and soul. God feeds us. Sometimes it is as simple as that.

Please contact me if you have any questions about how to deepen your own preparation for and experience of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I look forward to seeing you at the Lord's Table!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Julie Morris

CHORAL PRELUDE - “Anthem for Resurrection” (Neale/Smart; arr. Althouse)

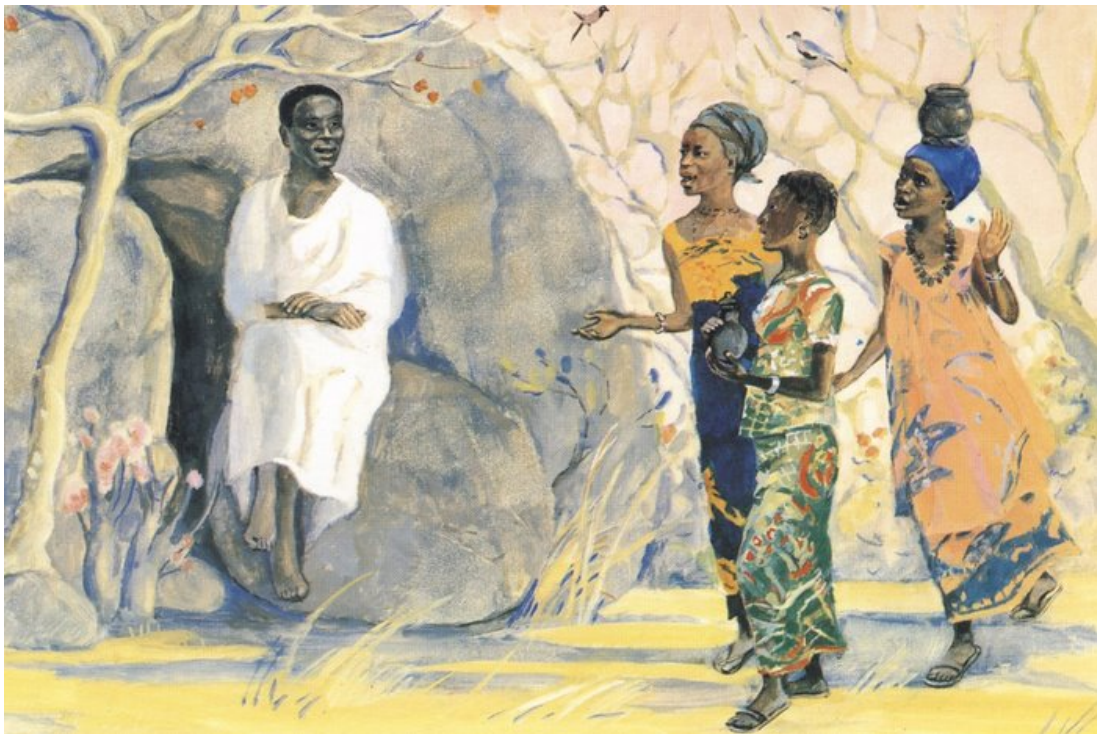
Mount Cross Choir; Guy Ervin III, piano; Sean Harbour, trumpet

*The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad.
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

(repeat first verse)

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light.
And list'ning to His accents may hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful. Let earth her song begin.
Let the round world keep triumph and all that is therein.
Invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.
Praise the Lord for He is risen! He is risen today!*



JESUS MAFA. Easter, Empty Tomb, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48301> [retrieved April 3, 2023]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

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

As able, the assembly stands.

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in treble clef and the bass line is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in four columns, with the first column containing the main text and the second column containing the refrain 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the next four lines. The fourth system contains the final four lines of the lyrics. The music concludes with a double bar line.

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!

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.

C **Amen.**

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

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.**

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the congregation is sprinkled with water as we sing "This is the Feast."



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

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through 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 - "Raising the Alleluia" - Pastor Julie Morris and Joe Zimmerly

Children through 5th Grade are welcome (but not required) to come up for the Children's Message and then follow the staff to the Parish Life Center for an age-appropriate Bible lesson and activity. They will return to the sanctuary before Holy Communion. There are faith activity bags available near the front door for children who would rather stay in church.



CHILDREN'S SONG - "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" - ELW 172 (sing 2 times)

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



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ²Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 - "This Is the Day" (Garrett)
Please join the Choir in singing this morning's psalm.

Group 1 = Women (Soprano/Alto); Group 2 = Men (Tenor/Bass); All = Everyone
 (or sing in whatever way you're comfortable with)

Musical notation for the first line of the psalm, featuring Group 1 and Group 2 parts. The notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

1. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the
 2. O - pen to us, o - pen to us your_ gates, O God, your_
 3. You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will

Musical notation for the second line of the psalm, featuring Group 1 and Group 2 parts. The notation continues the melody from the first line.

Lord has made. We will re - joice, we will re - joice and be
 gates, O God. We will go in, we will go in and will
 praise your name. We will give thanks, we will give thanks for your

Musical notation for the third line of the psalm, featuring Group 2 and All parts. The notation continues the melody.

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
 praise you, Lord, and will praise you, Lord. O - pen to us your_
 faith - ful - ness, for your faith - ful - ness. You are our God, we will

Musical notation for the fourth line of the psalm, featuring Group 2 and All parts. The notation continues the melody.

Lord has made, we will re - joice and be glad in it.
 gates, O_ God; we will go in and will praise you, Lord.
 praise your name. We will give thanks for your faith - ful - ness.

Musical notation for the fifth line of the psalm, featuring Group 1, Group 2, and All parts. The notation concludes the piece with a double bar line.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
 O - pen to us, o - pen to us your_ gates, O God.
 You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

Words: based on Psalm 118:19, 24, 28.

Music: THIS IS THE DAY; Fijian folk melody, adapt. Les Garrett, © 1967, 1980, Universal Music - Brentwood-Benson Songs, admin. Music Services. All rights reserved.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Celtic Alleluia" - ELW 174

Refrain



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

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

Verse



Now he is liv - ing, the Christ.

Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con - quered death,

o - pened heav - en to all be - liev - ers._____

To Refrain

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 - "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" - ELW 389, Verses 1-3

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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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.**

Note: The term "catholic" (lower case "c") does not refer to any specific denomination or group of Christians. The term comes from two Greek words that together mean "throughout the whole." So when the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it refers to the whole or universal Christian church in all times and places.

The assembly may be seated.





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Bring relief to areas devastated by storms and natural disasters. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world, especially our own country, Ukraine, Russia, the Holy Land, Iran, and Afghanistan, that all may experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. Embrace all who need our prayers, especially everyone on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for **Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Craig Abernathy** (son-in-law of Judy & Bob Winters), **Jim and Joyce Boyd** (friends of Scott & Nora Fajnor), **Barbara Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **the family of Glenn Channels, Brianna Davis, Vicky Edell, Doria and Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Kate Fisher, Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Joe & Karen Diehl), **Jerry Kochans, Jack & Penny Luhrsen, Steve Mathis** (friend of Darryl & Allison Johnson), **Pam McAnally** (friend of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Schuyler Morgan** (cousin of Allison Johnson), **Karen Nelson, Heather Rogers** (granddaughter of Nancy and Jim Jaeger), **Celia Joy and the entire Moraga family, Julia Rowley** (granddaughter of Nancy & Bill Rowley), **Neil Rubin** (son of Brian & Janet Rubin), **Christy and Phil Schaefer** (sister-in-law and brother of Evonne Kuchera), **Dianne Selbrede, Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **the family of Beth Yaros** (friend of Carina McVeigh).

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 Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

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

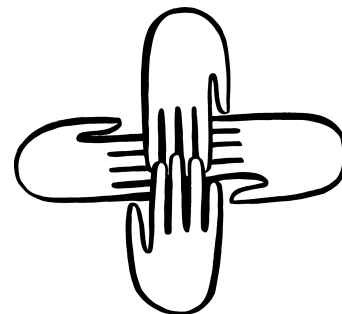
Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**



OFFERTORY - "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" - WOV 671

Refrain

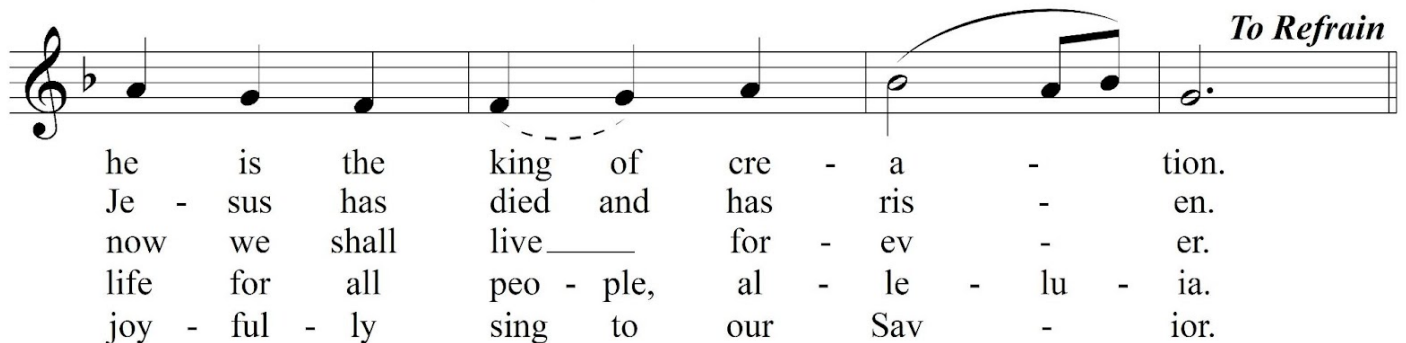


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his__ name.

Verses



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the__ earth;
2. Spread the good news o'er all the__ earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
4. God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing__ God,



To Refrain

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
now we shall live__ for - ev - er.
life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Text and Music (ALLELUIA No. 1, 88 and refrain): Donald Fishel; arr. Betty Pulkingham,
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OFFERING PRAYER

A Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our 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 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 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, Almighty God,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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 This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord,
 It is made ready for those who love God and
 for those who want to love God more.
 So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
 you who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
 you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.
 Come, because it is the Lord who invites you
 and has promised to meet you here.

The assembly may be seated.

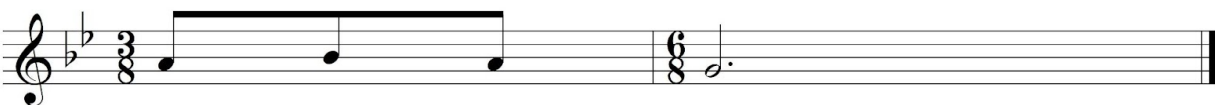
LAMB OF GOD - "Eastertime Lamb of God" (O FILII ET FILIAE, adapt.)



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),
 adapt & harmonized by Marty Haugen, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 (in the center ring)**. 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

COMMUNION SONGS - "Cornerstone" (Mote/Liljero/Myrin/Morgan/Bradbury) - CCLI Song # 6158927

Verse 1

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less, than Je-sus' blood and
right-eous-ness. I dare not trust the sweet-est frame,
but whol-ly trust in Je - sus' Name.
sus' Name. Christ a -

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

Chorus

lone. Cor-ner - stone. Weak made strong in the Sav - ior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

♩ Verses 2 & 3

2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un-
3. When He shall come with trump-et sound, oh may I then in

chang-ing grace. In ev -'ry high and storm-y gale,
Him be found. Dressed in His right - eous ness a-lone,

my an - chor holds with - in the veil. Christ a -
fault - less stand be - fore the throne.

Chorus

lone. Cor-ner - stone. Weak made strong in the Sav - ior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

Lord, Lord of all.

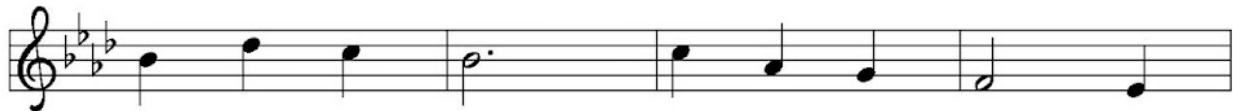
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” - ELW 377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

“In Christ Alone” (Getty/Townend)



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh— full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song— this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe!— this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the love of God was cru - ci -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er pluck me from his



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid; here in the
 me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
 hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand. _____
 death of Christ I live. _____
 pre - cious blood of Christ. _____
 pow'r of Christ, I'll stand! _____

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

P The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

C **Amen.**



SENDING SONG - "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" - ELW 619 - Verses 1, 2 & 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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 - "Prince of Denmark March/Trumpet Voluntary" (Clarke; attr. Purcell)

Sean Harbour, trumpet; Guy Ervin III, organ

Thank you to all of our music ministers - Carina McVeigh and Brian & Tiana Stouch, songleaders; our wonderful Mount Cross Choir - Fred Antrim, Carol Broderick, Randy Churchill, Kris Dawson, Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Darryl Johnson, Gayle Johnson, Evonne Kuchera, Dan Nelson, Susan Prosser, Barbara Recker, Becky Riley, Keith Selbrede, and Bill Stoll; Guy Ervin III and Sean Harbour, instrumentalists - and to all who served as worship assistants this morning! Easter blessings!

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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 **Easter Breakfast** (before and) after worship today!

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



Masking Guidelines at Mount Cross

Masks are **optional** in all indoor and outdoor settings at Mount Cross. We encourage all members to take precautions to protect themselves and others from illness. We continue to offer seating outside for Sunday worship. Thank you for your cooperation and care.



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Our Easter calla lilies were given by

Joan Brundage - In memory of my father, Robert Springer, and in honor of my mother, Patricia Springer; in memory of Bob's parents, John & Helen Brundage; and in memory of Bob & in celebration of my birthday

Barbara Burke - To honor Joan Brundage on her Easter birthday! To honor the memories of family and friends, in honor of my children and grandchildren, in thanksgiving for prayers for Doria & Vladimir Fanning, and to the glory of God

Dave & Becky Gilbertson - In honor of and thanks to our Mount Cross staff

Mary Goodenough - In memory of my parents and my in-laws

Gordon & Melissa Henry - In memory of Lois Greason and in memory of Edith Henry

Cy & Gayle Johnson and Family - In celebration of Easter and the Risen Christ, in memory of our parents and grandparents, and in memory of many dear friends and family

Evonne Kuchera and Jeanne Kuchera-Sikoff - To the glory of God

Kate and Tom LaCalamita

Pastor Julie Morris - In thanksgiving to God for the congregation of Mount Cross Lutheran Church where we seek to learn and live Christ's way of love.

Ken and Becky Riley - In memory of Gae Lisenby, Valerie Simpson, Paul & Dorothy True, Edith & GW Riley, and for the Blessing of the family of Mount Cross Lutheran Church

Emily Schweers - In honor of my Grandparents

The Schweers Family - To the glory of God

Alan & Jean Scott - To the glory of God

The Stoll Family - In memory of Diane Tapangco, Alice Fisher, and our loved ones

Anne & Gil Valencia - In honor of our parents, Randy & Jennifer Churchill and Gil & Jan Valencia

Anne & Gil Valencia - In honor of our children Emily, Jackson, & Sophia Valencia

Thank you to all who donated Easter lilies for our worship.
You may take your plants home after our Easter Sunday service today.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, April 9

Easter Breakfast, before or after worship,
and Easter Egg Hunt, after worship
See details below.

Monday, April 10

Easter Monday -

Church Office Closed

CDC Closed through April 17

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 3:00 p.m.

Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

Many Meals at St. Mary Magdalen,
5:00 p.m.

We're serving dinner at St. Mary Magdalen
tonight. To volunteer, contact Karin Grennan.

Men's Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m.

A Men's Al-Anon group meets in the Parish Life
Center at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

4H Arts & Crafts, 5:30 p.m.

4H Arts & Crafts will meet in the Parish Life
Center at 5:30 p.m.

CDC Board Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, April 12

NO PROGRAMS

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
The bell choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

The choir rehearses in the sanctuary, working on anthems and music for Sundays.

Thursday, April 13

Care Team, 2:00 p.m.

The Care Team meets at 2:00 p.m.

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Zoom,
7:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 15

Al-Anon, 10:00 a.m.

Al-Anon meets at 10:00 a.m.
in the Parish Life Center.

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

For information on our weekly programs,
email Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

This information is offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill for information purposes. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations.

Just Mercy Film for Easter

Over this holiday weekend, people may have some extra time to watch a movie. The film *Just Mercy* connects with Good Friday and Easter Sunday themes. It is a good choice for families with children ages 13 and above. It is a powerful, true story that follows young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his battle for justice as he defends a man sentenced to death despite evidence proving his innocence. Rated PG-13, *Just Mercy* is 2 hours and 16 minutes long and available to stream for free on Amazon.com. To go deeper, use this discussion guide <https://dominiquegilliard.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Just-Mercy-film-questions.pdf>

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship:
<https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2023>. **The cost is \$40.00;** 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, let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy. If you ordered flowers, please remember to pay for them - online or in the offering, marked for "Flowers."

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.

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** (tuna or chicken) are always a good choice. They could also use **cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.** Please do not donate food that is expired.

Thanks for your support.

Easter Breakfast - TODAY, April 9

Our Youth Group is hosting the annual Easter Breakfast, before and after worship **today**, 8:00-11:30 a.m. (pausing for 9:30 a.m. worship) in Luther Hall. All proceeds from the freewill offering raised will go towards the Youth summer trip to the Western States Youth Gathering at Cal Lutheran. We hope you can make it!

Easter Egg Hunt - TODAY, April 9

After worship on Easter Sunday, we invite all children (Toddlers - 8th Grade) to participate in our Egg Hunt, located in the church playground area. Kids are invited to bring their own basket, however, we will have bags that your children can decorate and keep if they need one. We can't wait to see you!

Share the Joy of Easter with a Greeting Card

A list of Mount Cross members and friends who would delight in receiving Easter cards is available to anyone who would like to share a greeting this year.

The Care Team **Easter Card Suggested Mailing List** with addresses is available:

- - in the church office, or
- by emailing or calling Susan Prosser, Care Team, prosser1@sbcglobal.net or 805-657-6222 to mail or email it to you.

Use the list to send to one person, a few, or the entire group. Be assured that your greeting will brighten the day of the recipient and bring added meaning to both their and your celebration.

Remember that Easter is a season not just a day, so cards sent this week will be every bit as appropriate. May you experience the wondrous joy of Easter.

Play Date Sunday - April 30

Join us **Sunday, April 30**, for another **Family Serving Sunday**, followed by our **Play Date Sunday** as well. All are invited to participate in various worship assistant roles (ushering, greeting, acolyting, reading, communion, etc.) Afterwards, we welcome you to enjoy community with one another for a play date at the church. Please pack a lunch for your family. Our host for the event is Tracy Blois if you have any questions (tracy.allyson@gmail.com).

A Prayground is Coming!

To address the needs of many families with young children attending worship, the Family Faith Formation Committee will be piloting a Prayground space for young children in the sanctuary. Starting April 30, we will be developing a space where young children, specifically babies and toddlers, will be able to experience worship comfortably. This space will include a rocking chair or two, some blankets or cushions, a soft rug, and some small chairs. This helps carry out our mission of inclusivity and being a welcoming place for families and little ones to grow their faith. This does not negate the need for a nursery or Children's Church; rather it supplements our existing spaces and programs. We are excited to see how this space develops and will be evaluating its use through the summer.

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Forum - April 23

The Reconciling in Christ Task Force (RIC) is holding periodic faith formation forums to discuss what it means to be inclusive and celebrate all people, specifically the LGBTQIA+ community. Join us for our next forum on **Sunday, April 23**, at **11:00 a.m.** We will have a guest speaker, Marty Kreman, from Holy Trinity Lutheran, Thousand Oaks, who will share his personal family's story.

We are also offering the following video called "Here I Am" that you can watch prior to this April 23rd forum. This documentary is about 34 minutes. Parents, children, pastors, and a psychologist speak from the heart about coming out in a Christian environment. <https://vimeo.com/158130932>

VBS Registration!



We are so excited for another year of **Vacation Bible School**, with "Operation Restoration." You might have heard all the details about what we will be doing, but if you need a refresher, please check the church website: <https://www.mountcross.com/vacation-bible-school.html>

We are offering VBS to all kids ages 4-10. If you are older than 10, you can volunteer! It is a great way to collect service hours for school.

To Register:

Please fill out the registration form using this link: https://bit.ly/MCVBS_2023

Payment is not required to reserve your spot. The credit card option on the form is linked to our Square account which is how we did our online registration payment last year. However, we do accept other forms of payment (cash, check, and Venmo). Financial assistance is available upon request (joe@mountcross.com).

We will fill up all 75 spots before the month of May, so if you are unsure if your child can or cannot attend, it might be best to reserve the spot and cancel later if needed.

Mount Cross Is Now Accepting Venmo!

If you would like to give to Mount Cross via our Venmo account, our handle is @MountCross-LutheranChurch, or you can scan the QR code below. Thank you!

Please be sure to indicate what your payment / donation is designated for.



