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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!

**The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
VBS Sunday
August 14, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - “Canon in D” (Pachelbel)

Ben Nathanson, guitar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord” (Evans) - CCLI Song # 120824

As able, the assembly stands.

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord, is
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord, is

Ho - ly One, is here; come bow be -
shin - ing all a - round; He burns with __
mov - ing in this place: He comes to __

fore - Him now with rev - er - ence and fear:
ho - ly fire; with splen - dor He is crowned:
cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter His grace.

in Him no sin is found, we stand on
how awe - some is the sight? Our ra - diant
No work too hard for Him, in faith re -

ho - ly ground. Be still, for the
King of Light! Be still, for the
ceive from Him, Be still, for the

presence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

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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 addresses the assembly:

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

C **Amen.**

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

P To you, O God,
C **all hearts are open, to you all desires known.**
We come to you, confessing our sins.

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.
Show us your ways; teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,
and through the death and resurrection of ☩ Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins.
The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**



GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - “Now the Feast and Celebration” - ELW 167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
 praise and glo - ry for - ev - - er - - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
 freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
 glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-people of
 God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

VBS WRAP-UP/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly



VBS CHILDREN'S SONG - "Love the Lord Your God" - VBS Band (Joe Zimmerly, Andrew Johnson, Ben Nathanson, Ben Fisher, Matt Fisher)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul
and all your mind and love all humankind
as you would love yourself and

Loooove ... the Lord your God, with all your heart ...
tick tick tick BOOM ...
and all your soul and mind and love all humankind.

We've got! Christian lives to live!
We've got Jesus' love to give!
We've got nothing to hide because in God we all find love.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 82 - "There Where the Judges Gather" (Zylstra/AURELIA)

1. There where the judg - es gath - er, a great - er takes his seat;
 2. "Deal just - ly with the need - y, pro - tect the par - ent - less,
 3. God speaks: "I named you rul - ers, to serve the Most High God;

"How long," he asks the - judg - es, "will you pro - nounce de - ceit?
 de - liv - er the af - flict - ed from those who would op - press.
 but you shall die as mor - tals and per - ish by my rod."

How long show spe - cial fa - vor to those of ill re - pute?
 But you are whol - ly blind - ed, you do not un - der - stand;
 A - rise, O God, in judg - ment, your sov - 'reign-ty make known;

How long ne - glect the or - phaned, the poor and des - ti - tute?
 there - fore foun - da - tions tot - er, in - jus - tice rocks the land."
 for yours are all the na - tions, the peo - ples are your own.

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 82, Henry Zylstra, alt.,P.D.
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley.



SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW Setting 10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 - “Canticle of the Turning” - ELW 723

A musical staff in G major with a common time signature. It consists of six measures of quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign and another six measures of quarter notes.

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -

A musical staff in G major with a common time signature. It consists of six measures of quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign and another six measures of quarter notes.

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

A musical staff in G major with a common time signature. It consists of six measures of quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign and another six measures of quarter notes.

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

A musical staff in G major with a common time signature. It consists of six measures of quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign and another six measures of quarter notes.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

A musical staff in G major with a common time signature. It consists of six measures of quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign and another six measures of quarter notes.

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

A musical staff in G major with a common time signature. It consists of six measures of quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign and another six measures of quarter notes.

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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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 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.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners, especially St. Columba's Episcopal during their time of transition and our other local full communion partners. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

- A Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**
- Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of intolerance and injustice. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**
- Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist or other forms of discrimination, and for all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from systems that degrade our fellow human beings and ourselves. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**
- Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly, especially those who participated in Vacation Bible School this past week. Bless all the children, their families, their teachers, and our church staff and volunteers. We pray for those in need in our community. In our joy and in our tears, be near us, especially those on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Tonna Brodie (friends of Becky Riley), **Barbara Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Niki Carmichael** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Crista** (niece of Karen Cherry), **Marion Cole, Joseph and Rosanna DeVere** (son and daughter-in-law of Jody DeVere), **Guy Ervin III, Doria and Vladimir Fanning** (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Kelli Hernandez, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, the family of Eunice Krieger** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Kathy McBroom** (friend of Nancy & Bill Rowley), **the family of Lucille Miley, Tom Morelli** (stepdad of Tracy Blois), **Marion Murray** (aunt of Patricia LaCalamita), **Karen Nelson, Scott Otjean** (friend of Mary and Ric Kienitz), **Ellie Ranson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Norb and Marilyn Rud** (friends of Scott Fajnor), **Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Amar Shaw** (nephew of Gordon and Melissa Henry), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **Mike Valen** (brother-in-law of Bill and Nancy Rowley), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **Diana Washington** (friend of Karen Cherry), **Jessica Willis** (sister-in-law of Carol Broderick), **Cheryl Wolfe.**

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 Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

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

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in
your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - “Refiner’s Fire” (Doerksen) - CCLI Song # 426298

Verses

1. Pu - ri - fy my heart, let me be as gold and pre - cious sil - ver.
2. Pu - ri - fy my heart, cleanse me from with - in and make me ho - ly.
Pu - i - fy my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.
Pu - i - fy my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep with - in.

Chorus

Re - fin - er's fire: My heart's one de - sire is to
be ho - ly, set _ a - part for You, Lord. I choose to
be ho - ly, set _ a - part for You,
my Mas - ter; read - y to do_ Your will.

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OFFERING PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

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heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

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

P Blessed are you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

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

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

P Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**



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

C Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - “O Lamb of God” (Seltz/LAND OF REST)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on the Agnus Dei
Music: LAND OF REST, North American

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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 (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 worshiping outside who don't wish to come inside).

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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

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

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

(We pause for silent prayer).

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

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

COMMUNION SONGS - “May This Church Be Like a Tree” - ACS 1042 (sing in English)



1 *Que-es-ta-i - gle - sia se - a-un ár - bol en el*
 1 May this church be like a tree, be - hind your
 2 May this church be like a tree there in the
 3 May this church be like a tree, O God, that



fon - do de tu ca - sa, que-ha - ya fies - ta, y_a - le -
 house, there in your gar - den, meet - ing - place for joy, and
 street or in the pla - za, for the birds a nest - ing -
 thrives where you have plant - ed; may it stand to show the



grí - a y_o - ra - ción ba - jo sus ra - mas.
 feast, and sim - ple prayer be - neath its branch - es.
 branch, for pass - ers - by a wel - come shel - ter.
 way, your way of lov - ing and self - giv - ing,



Con ra - í - ces bien pro - fun - das y sus bra - zos
 With its roots in earth so fer - tile, and its arms raised
 May it stand as if it's watch - ing, near my house, just
 of - f'ring shade, and fruit for shar - ing, giv - ing up its



ha - cia_el cie - lo, que-es - ta_i - gle - sia sea fe -
 high to heav - en, may this church bear fruits of
 round the cor - ner, wait - ing for this wea - ry
 wood for burn - ing. May this liv - ing church that



cun - da dan - do fru - tos de con - sue - lo.
 jus - tice, acts of lov - ing and com - pas - sion.
 pil - grim with its arms wide to em - brace me.
 names you be a tree of life e - ter - nal.

Refrain / Estribillo



Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,



run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.



Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,



run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.

2 Que esta iglesia también sea como un árbol de la plaza,
nido de pájaros libres y refugio del que pasa;
y que sea como el árbol de la esquina de mi casa,
que me ve llegar de lejos e imagino que me abraza. Etribillo

3 Que esta iglesia sea un árbol, oh buen Dios, en donde quieras,
pero siempre apuntalado por tu amor y a tu manera.
Para dar frutos y sombra o entregar nuestra madera,
que esta iglesia que te nombra árbol de la vida sea. Etribillo

Text: Pablo D. Sosa, 1933–2020; tr. Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

Music: QUE ESTA IGLESIA SEA UN ÁRBOL, Pablo D. Sosa

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“The Kingdom of God” (Taizé) - repeat as needed

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Taizé Community
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - “This Little Light of Mine” (spiritual)

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2

All around the neighborhood, I’m gonna let it shine;
All around the neighborhood, I’m gonna let it shine;
All around the neighborhood, I’m gonna let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3

All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine;
All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine;
All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Thanks to our VBS Band and the Ben Band/Ben² (Ben Fisher and Ben Nathanson) for sharing their gifts of music today!

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Cy and Gayle Johnson and family in loving memory of our mother
and grandmother, Rose Marie Johnson, and
by Mount Cross in thanksgiving for our CYFM Program and VBS.*

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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, August 14

Play Date Sunday, after Worship

Families of young ones (PreK-5th Grade) are invited to pack a lunch and join us at Nancy Bush Park (right down the street) for a park play date. Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com).

Monday, August 15

Stewardship/Generosity Committee,
10:00 a.m.

The Stewardship/Generosity Committee meets at 10:00 a.m.

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

CDC Board Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

The CDC Board meets on Zoom.

Tuesday, August 16

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

For August, we meet Tuesday, **August 16 at 9:00 a.m.** at Camarillo Grove Park (6968 E. Camarillo Springs Rd.) for a gentle hike and Bible study. Children, strollers, and dogs are welcome. Questions, email pastorjulie@mountcross.com.

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Council meets on Zoom.

Wednesday, August 17

Worship & Music Committee,
1:15 p.m.

Worship & Music Committee meets at 1:15 p.m.

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

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

Summer Choir, 7:30 p.m

Those who want to sing through the music for Sunday and work on special music for the summer are welcome in the sanctuary.

Thursday, August 18 - Newsletter Deadline

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 (hrchurchill@verizon.net)

Afternoon Chapel, 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Chapel is at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to this shortened service of Communion, songs, prayer, and fellowship.

Next Sunday, August 21

Health & Healing Sunday, 9:30 a.m. We'll bless our Health Ministry and offer a time for healing prayers during worship.

Worship Guidelines

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

COVID Tests and Masks

Although we would like for COVID to be a distant memory, it is still with us. In case you weren't aware, every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a 3rd round of **free** at-home COVID tests. They're easy to use. Order yours today at <https://www.covid.gov/tests> or call 1-800-232-0233. In addition, if anybody would like a free N95 mask, ask any pharmacist. The masks are stored behind the counter at the pharmacy, provided by the government to help curb the spread. No paperwork required. Stay healthy and safe!

Announcements

Sunday Worship

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

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Our weekly programs return mid-September. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with any questions.

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

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

This week, our work is from our VBS curriculum. First, open your Bible to Psalm 139 and read verses 1-14. We talked about how “fearfully and wonderfully made” we are, and how no matter where we are or what we do, God loves us. We also talked about how we are all different—day 3’s theme was “Different Bodies, Different Gifts” but that no matter what, God loves us. Look in the mirror and say “wow, I am wonderfully made and God loves me.” But then also look at EVERY PERSON you meet and say the same thing. Our last day theme (Bearing Fruit) was based on John 13:34, “just as I have loved you, you should also love one another”. No matter where you are on your anti-racism journey, God loves you and all the people around you, all fearfully and wonderfully made!

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. The cost is now \$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, please let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial!

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross.

Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

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

St. Columba's Food Pantry

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

Thanks for your support.

Adult Bible Study Resources

To study the Bible on your own or with a group that you gather at home, go to elca.org/resources/bible-studies. (We are in Year C—Time after Pentecost.)

Afternoon Chapel

Join us for Afternoon Chapel on **Thursday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Mount Cross sanctuary. This shortened worship service is complete with Communion, singing, prayers, and fellowship. Contact the Mount Cross office at 805-482-3847 if you need a ride to the Chapel Service or for more information.



Connect with Us!

Do you have a YouTube or Facebook account? We'd love to get connected! Make sure to follow **Mount Cross Lutheran Church, Camarillo, CA** on Facebook or subscribe on YouTube to stay updated on all the latest worship recordings and Mount Cross news.

Summer Church Work Day

August 27, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

All hands on deck! Mark your calendars for one more **church work day** this summer, on **Saturday, August 27**, from **8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon**. Come for any part of each morning, no need to sign up in advance. No time is too short, and no job is too small!

We welcome and appreciate your help.

Projects include: weeding hillsides and around the property, pruning, sanding/painting exterior door on sacristy, cleaning Parish Life Center, sanctuary, and kitchen areas, as needed. There is a lot to do and many hands make light work! Please bring your wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pickaxes/mattocks, loppers, shears, and work gloves.

Donuts and coffee will be provided!

If you have any questions, stop by the table on the patio after worship the week before the work day or contact Cy Johnson at clopsj@gmail.com or 805-388-3293.

Let's come and serve the Lord together as one in a body-wide expression of gratitude for these grounds and this facility that He has given to us.

Lutheran Disaster Relief - Flooding in Kentucky

You may have seen the distressing news about flash flooding in eastern Kentucky. A line of severe storms dumped record amounts of rain on the area, overflowing rivers and creeks onto streets and neighborhoods. The floodwaters rose in the middle of the night from July 27 to 28, leaving people little time to evacuate. Rising waters have damaged infrastructure, including roads, bridges and power lines, which hinders rescue efforts. The flooding has damaged hundreds of homes and other buildings and disrupted the lives of families.

Donate online:

<https://community.elca.org/usflooding2022?erid=ad3f75de-3b39-4b40-830b-3e356948a476&trid=ad3f75de-3b39-4b40-830b-3e356948a476>

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "U.S. Flooding" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm CT) or [online](#).

Worship in the Park & Church Picnic

Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 am

Join Us for Park Worship!
In the covered picnic area at Bob Kildee Park
(1030 Temple Ave. in Camarillo)

Bring your most comfortable lawn chairs (some folding chairs will be provided). We will have sandwich sack lunches available. We encourage those who enjoy a more elaborate picnic or who have special dietary requirements to bring your own.

We will all eat together after worshipping together and then enjoy games and fellowship. Invite your families, neighbors, and friends!

Sign-up online at <https://bit.ly/MCPicnic> or at church on Sundays or call or email the church office at (805) 482-3847 or office@mountcross.com.



LUTHERAN RETREATS, CAMPS & CONFERENCES

El Camino Pines & Luther Glen Farm

The 31st Christian Camp Classic - Support Camp!

The 31st Christian Camp Classic is September 29th, 2022, at Sterling Hills Golf Club! Tournament is a 4-player start scramble. \$170 tournament fee includes green fees, cart, banquet and a small donation to camp. Bring your friends for a day of golf and fun.

Raffle and dinner to follow the tournament. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the banquet and raffle. Dinner tickets are \$35. Sign up your foursome today!

[Register Online](#)

Stewardship Is Year-Round

Be Biblical. Let God do the Talking

“...freely you have received, freely you give...”

Matthew 10:8

The Endowment Committee, comprised of elected committee members, holds fiduciary responsibility for the administration of the Mount Cross Endowment Fund, Memorial Gifts, and other gifts. The purpose of the Mount Cross Endowment Fund, which was first established in 2003, is to enhance the mission of Mount Cross Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. It is the desire of Mount Cross to encourage, receive, and administer gifts in a manner consistent with the loyalty and devotion to our Lord, expressed by donors, and in accordance with the policies of this congregation.

The Endowment Fund and Endowment Committee are governed by a detailed section of our Mount Cross by-laws and seek to provide a perpetual source of income to benefit five current categories (not in order of importance):

- Missions: local, regional and world projects.
- Education: college and seminary scholarships.
 - Children and Young Adult Ministry.
- Worship and Music: support for the worship life of Mount Cross.
- Capital Projects: major renovations and building of new facilities.

Ministries of Mount Cross which have received Endowment distributions include College Scholarships, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, LRCC (Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conferences), camp scholarships, shipping costs for personal relief kits and school backpacks with Lutheran World Relief, and many other ministries over the years.