

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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thank you for wearing your mask (indoors required; outdoors optional).
and social distancing outdoors when singing.*

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE - Sonata for Flute & Basso Continuo, BWV 1034 - 1st Movement (J.S. Bach)

Justin Thai, flute; Guy Ervin III, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris and Joe Zimmerly

GATHERING SONG - "Gather Us In" - ELW 532

As able, the assembly stands.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence for reflection)

C Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, 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.**



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 - "Glory to God" - ELW 213

Refrain

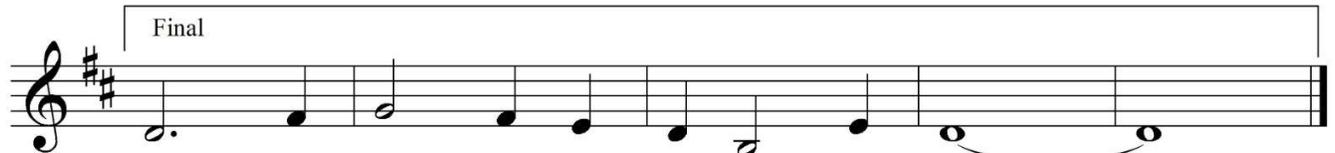


Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



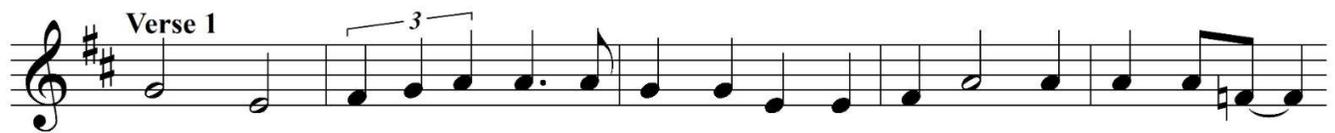
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Final



earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Verse 1



1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Verse 2



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

To Refrain



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. _____
To Final Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

CHILDREN'S SONG - "Children's Liturgy Dismissal" (O'Brien)

O - pen their ears. O - pen their hearts.
 O - pen their lives to you, O Lord. _____

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FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

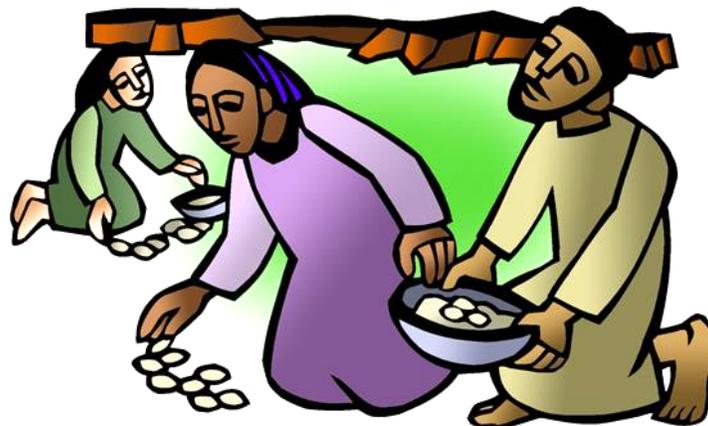
⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



SONG OF RESPONSE - "I See the Lord" (Falson) - CCLI Song # 1406176

Verse

I see the Lord
Seated on the throne exalted
And the train of His robe
Fills the temple with glory
And the whole earth is filled
And the whole earth is filled
And the whole earth is filled
With His glory

Chorus

Holy holy holy holy
Holy is the Lord
Holy holy holy holy
Holy is the Lord of lords

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Alle, Alleluia” (Schaner/Keil)

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

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GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

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

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

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

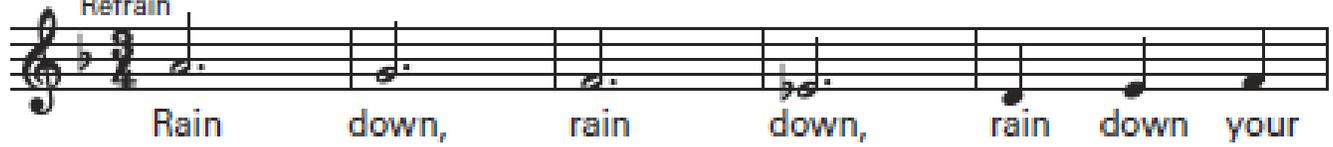
The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

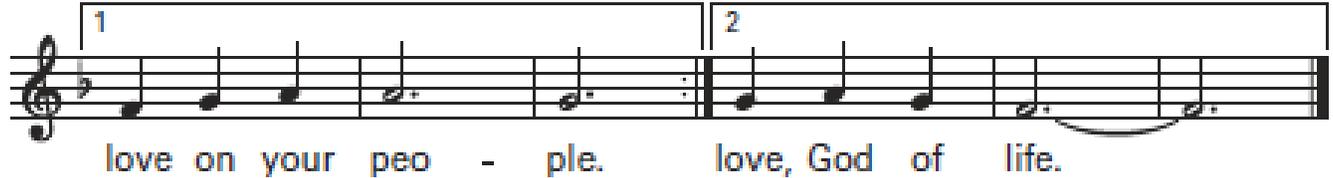
As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "Rain Down" (Cortez)

Refrain

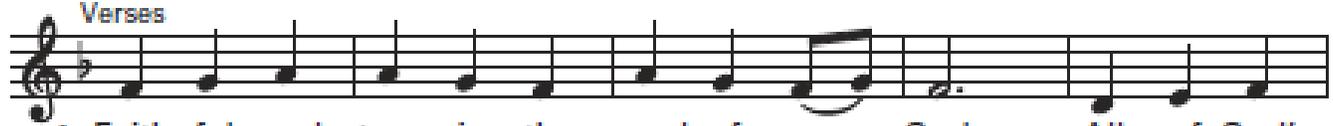


Rain down, rain down, rain down your



love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

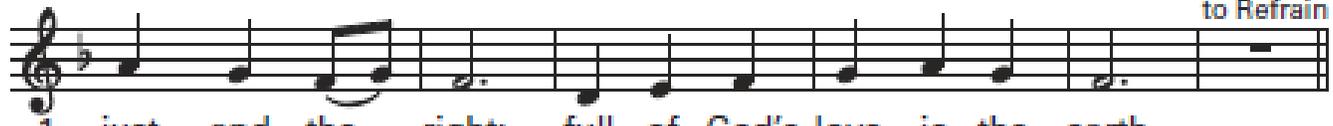
Verses



1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

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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 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.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore peace and unity. Keep us safe during this pandemic as we navigate new ways of doing ministry and being church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those who are accustomed to rejection or prejudice. Prepare us to welcome all in the name of Christ, and help us to grow as an anti-racist congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You command the rivers and seas and all the earth. As our Vacation Bible School journeys on the “River of Life” this week, be with the children and families who take part and make it an enriching experience for them. Give strength and inspiration to the staff and volunteers who lead VBS. May it be a time of blessing for all involved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Surround with your healing love those who are hurting, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "By Your Hand, You Feed Your People" - ELW 469, verses 1 & 2



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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OFFERING PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for you are the source of light and life,
you made us in your image,
and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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



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



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

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, b. 1937

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P We praise you, all-holy God,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
for lands and seas and all their animals.
We praise you for your covenant people,
and for centuries of faithful Christians.
We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who, on the night before he died 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.

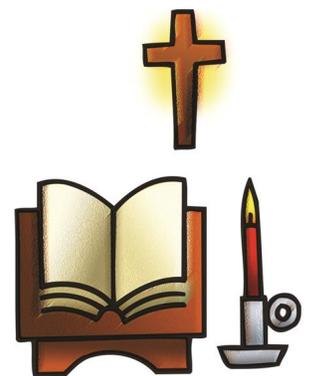
And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
C **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
and renew the world with your mercy.
We praise you, all-holy God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit
today, tomorrow, 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

P Taste and see that the Lord is good!

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "This Is the Body of Christ" (Bell)

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be
whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,
cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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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 - "All Who Are Thirsty" (Brown/Robertson) - CCLI Song #
2489542

Verse

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing



“One Bread, One Body” - ELW 496

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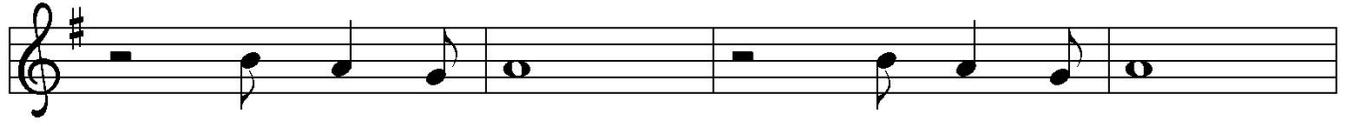
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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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.**

BLESSING

P Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Holy eternal Majesty, † Holy incarnate Word, and Holy abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

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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 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Gail Cline** (daughter of Karen & Jim Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Bob Edell, Betty Ertel, Natalie Faltin, Linda Frantz, David Gale** (friend of Herb & Jo Holler), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Karen** (mother of Julie Merrick), **Lucille Miley, Norm Morgan, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Mia Ranson** (granddaughter of Evonne Kuchera's friend), **Bob Sharp** (grandfather of Jaimie Marroquin), **Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Jerry Warren**.

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

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, August 1, 2021

Children's Church Zoom, 9:00-9:20 a.m.
Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
for the Zoom information.

Fair Trade Sale, after worship
Purchase Fair Trade coffee and other items in the
Pavilion after worship.

VBS Decorating, 1:00 p.m.
Help is needed to finish decorating for Vacation Bible
School. Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly
(joe@mountcross.com).

VBS Training, 3:00 p.m.
Training for Vacation Bible School will be at 3:00 p.m..
Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly
(joe@mountcross.com).

Monday, August 2, 2021

Vacation Bible School, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Vacation Bible School begins! Please pray for the
children, volunteers & staff for a wonderful week of
"River of Life"!

Learning Committee, 7:00 p.m.
The Learning Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
Contact Tracy Blois or Joe Zimmerly for more
information.

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Vacation Bible School, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Please pray for the children, volunteers & staff for a
wonderful week of "River of Life"!

VBS Night at Zander's Game House,
5:00 p.m.
Join VBS families for a fun night. The cost is \$5 per
person. To sign up, use this link:
<https://signup.com/go/pXpDEAt>

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Vacation Bible School, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Please pray for the children, volunteers & staff for a
wonderful week of "River of Life"!

"Stories Around the Campfire" Bible
Study at St. Columba's, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Come to the labyrinth area behind St. Columba's
Church for "Stories Around the Campfire," Wednesdays
in August from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the Gospel
reading for the upcoming Sunday. See more
information below.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
The Bell Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m.,
in the sanctuary loft.

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.
The Men's Bible Study, led this week by Bill
Stoll, meets on Zoom. The Zoom Link is :
<http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>, or call (408)
638 0968. The meeting ID is 891 5038 5706 and
the passcode is 521872.

VBS, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Please pray for the children, volunteers & staff
for a wonderful week of "River of Life"!

VBS Program, 6:00 p.m.
The VBS children will present a special program
of the songs they've learned during the week.

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

Re-opening Committee, 8:00 p.m.
The Re-opening Committee meets at 8:00 p.m.,
via Zoom.

Friday, August 6, 2021

VBS, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Please pray for the children, volunteers & staff
as they finish their week of "River of Life"!

Next Sunday, August 8, 2021

VBS Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship
We'll cap off our "River of Life" week with 9:30
a.m. worship on Sunday morning.
We'll also thank our Moorpark College Interns
as they finish up their semester.

All Church Beach Day, 4:00 p.m.
Join Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com) at San
Buenaventura State Beach!



ALL CHURCH BEACH DAY

AUGUST 8TH / 4PM

SAN BUENAVENTURA STATE BEACH (BRING \$10 FOR PARKING)

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person attendance for our worship indoors. Those in the sanctuary are asked to wear masks. We also have some chairs available in the pavilion if you are not comfortable inside; masks are optional there, social distancing requested. We also need worship assistants: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/88920928020/false#/invitation>. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

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

Children's Church (Sunday School)

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

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Most of our programs are on summer break. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl ministry could use additional helpers to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to those in need of comfort. To give a shawl or for instructions to knit or crochet one, contact Diana Hagen (805-482-6411).

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS will be back from August 2-6 at Mount Cross and we need volunteers to help put together this special event.

Sign up at <http://bit.ly/VBSVolunteers21>.

If you have questions, please contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

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.

Altar Guild Opportunities

Do you have an interest in the preparation of the Lord's Supper? Are you looking for a behind-the-scenes way to serve the church? Are you looking to meet new and old members of the congregation? Please consider volunteering for the Altar Guild. We are getting back to a new normal for set-up and clean-up and are looking to revitalize the Altar Guild. There will be a training for all by Pastor Julie in September (exact date to be determined), on the procedures to follow. Please let Carol Broderick (805-444-2898, cell, or carolbroderick@msn.com) or Carol Browning (office@mountcross.com or 805-482-3847) know if you are interested in this opportunity.

Time for More Summer Reading

If you missed the opportunity to listen to Caste by Isabel Wilkerson in a small discussion group at Mount Cross, take some time during August and pick it up to READ. Copies are available from the Camarillo Library (both paper copies and digital) if you prefer not to purchase. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is a nonfiction book that describes racism in the US as an aspect of a caste system – a society-wide system of social stratification characterized by notions such as hierarchy, inclusion and exclusion, and purity. It's a bit of a tough read, but well worth your time.

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at MyTurn.CA.gov or for walk-ins. Locations available throughout the county!

Altar Flowers

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

More Ways to Give

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

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

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. Thanks for your support!

Worship Guidelines

The Re-opening Committee met and has decided to stay the course for our worship.

Masks are still required for indoor worship. Although some places have chosen to make masks optional for those who are vaccinated, we, as Lutherans, love to sing and there are concerns about singing indoors and keeping people safe, which is our first priority. Because we love to sing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 12), masks are required indoors for worship. Masks are optional **outside** and we offer seating in the pavilion outdoors, but we ask you to keep socially distanced from those not in your household.

Thanks for your continued cooperation in following these guidelines to help keep Mount Cross safe.

Vitalant Blood Drive

Join us **Sunday, August 29**, from **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** for a blood drive at Mount Cross, benefitting Vitalant. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/MCBloodDriveAugust29>. There is a huge shortage of blood right now, so please consider signing up for a time and sharing the information with your friends and family!

August Book Study

Join us on Zoom, selected Thursdays in August, at 5:00 p.m., as we study four chapters each session of *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

All are invited to this four-part book study on the *NY Times* bestseller *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, next sessions on **August 12 & 26 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom**, led by Tracy Blois, Jessica Easter, Becky Gilbertson, Tim Helton, and Pastor Julie. **Please come having read chapters 9-12 (and 13-16 for 8/26).** We are covering four chapters each meeting. **RSVP to Bill Stoll at billstoll50@gmail.com.** **Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/JustMercyMC21>** Meeting ID: 849 0965 9726 /Passcode: 069721/Dial in by phone, 1 408 638 0968. For more information contact Pastor Julie (pastorjulie@mountcross.com) or Bill Stoll (billstoll50@gmail.com).

Young Adults Worship and Dinner

Calling all young adults! We will be meeting Thursday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Cross for worship. Afterwards, we will go grab some dinner locally so make sure to bring some money for food.

For any questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

“Stories Around the Campfire” Bible Study at St. Columba’s

St. Columba’s Episcopal Church (1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo) invites Mount Cross to come to the labyrinth area behind the church, for our “Stories Around the Campfire” sessions on the Wednesdays in August (4, 11, 18, 25) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Bring a folding chair, your favorite beverage (adult beverages permitted), and join us as we discuss the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.