

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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To the Parents of Our Young Children –

We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies. All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

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

To All Worshippers –

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

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!

**The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Miriam Hoffmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "All Are Welcome" - ELW 641 - Verses 1-3

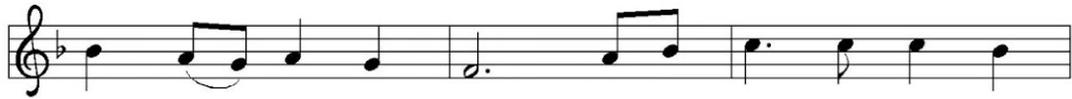
As able, the assembly stands.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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



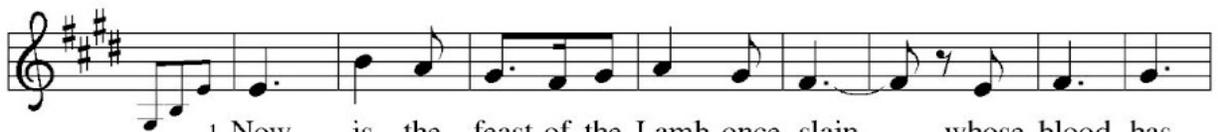
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

CHILDREN'S SONG - "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" - ELW 752 (sing 2x's)

The image shows a musical score for a children's song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

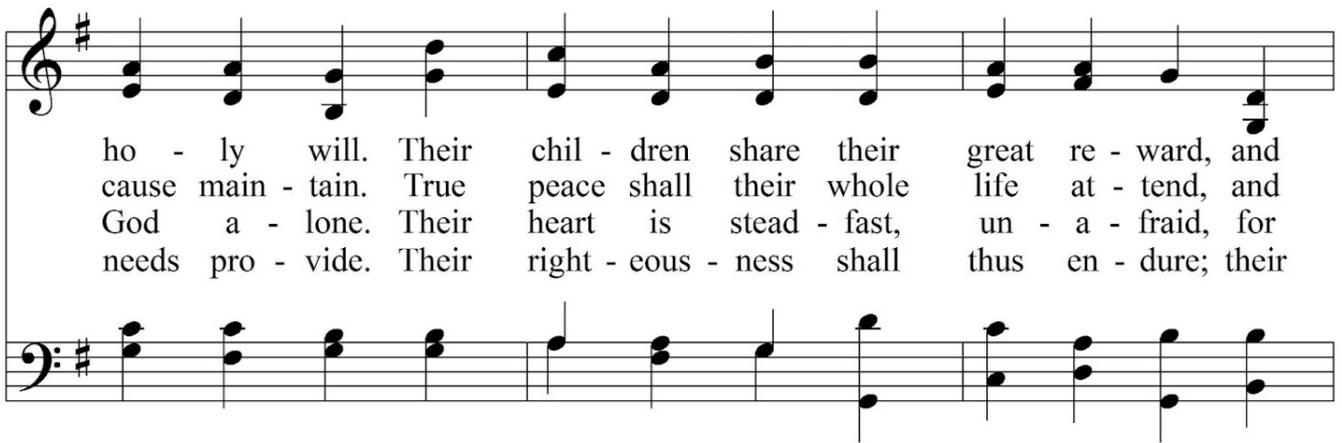
L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112 - "How Blest Are Those" (Psalter/TALLIS' CANON)



1. How blest are those who fear the Lord and great - ly love God's
2. The peo - ple who be - friend the weak in jus - tice shall their
3. By e - vil tid - ings not dis - mayed, the right - eous trust in
4. Dis - per - sing gifts a - mong the poor, the right - eous for their

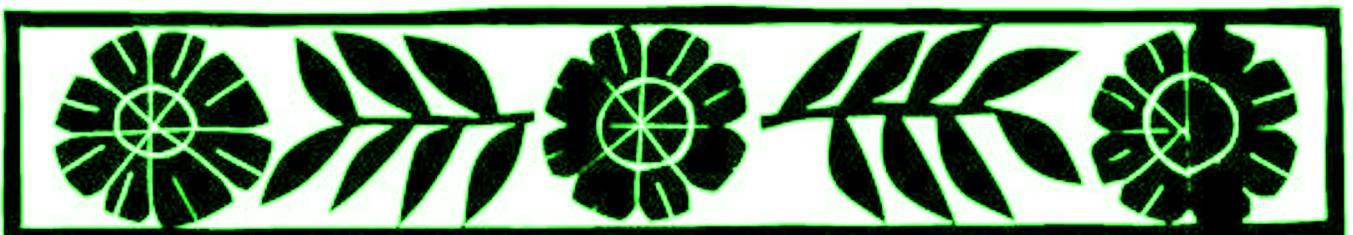


ho - ly will. Their chil - dren share their great re - ward, and
cause main - tain. True peace shall their whole life at - tend, and
God a - lone. Their heart is stead - fast, un - a - fraid, for
needs pro - vide. Their right - eous - ness shall thus en - dure; their



bles - ings all their days shall fill.
long their mem - 'ry shall re - main.
they shall see their foes o'er - thrown.
strength in hon - or shall a - bide.

Words: *Psalter*, 1887; rev. *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987, © Faith Alive Christian Resources.
Music: TALLIS' CANON (LM), Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585.



SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

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

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

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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 - "In Christ There Is No East or West" - ELW 650

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature.

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Bring peace to Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East, and Afghanistan. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its many ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Bless the students, families, and staff of our Child Development Center with an amazing and inspiring new session. Embolden our personal and corporate witness in inviting others to the table. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

- A For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving, especially those on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Levi (friend of Dan & Karen Nelson), **Barbara Burke, Crista** (niece of Karen Cherry), **Marion Cole, Joseph and Rosanna DeVere** (son and daughter-in-law of Jody DeVere), **Guy Ervin III, Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Kathy McBroom** (friend of Nancy & Bill Rowley), **the family of Lucille Miley, Marion Murray** (aunt of Patricia LaCalamita), **Karen Nelson, Scott Otjen** (friend of Mary and Ric Kienitz), **Ellie Ranson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **the family of Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner), **the family of Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **Diana Washington** (friend of Karen Cherry).

*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.**

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 - "Lord of All Hopefulness" - ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

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:



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.



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



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

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.

P 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:

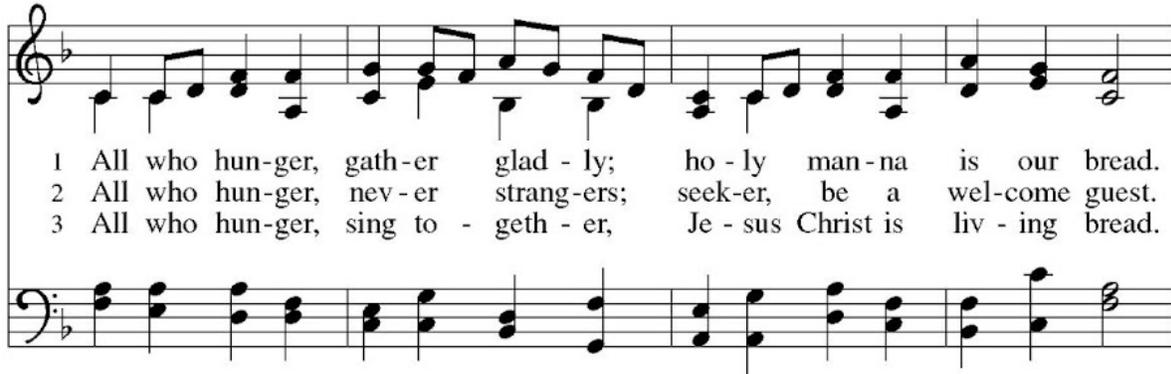
I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

(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.

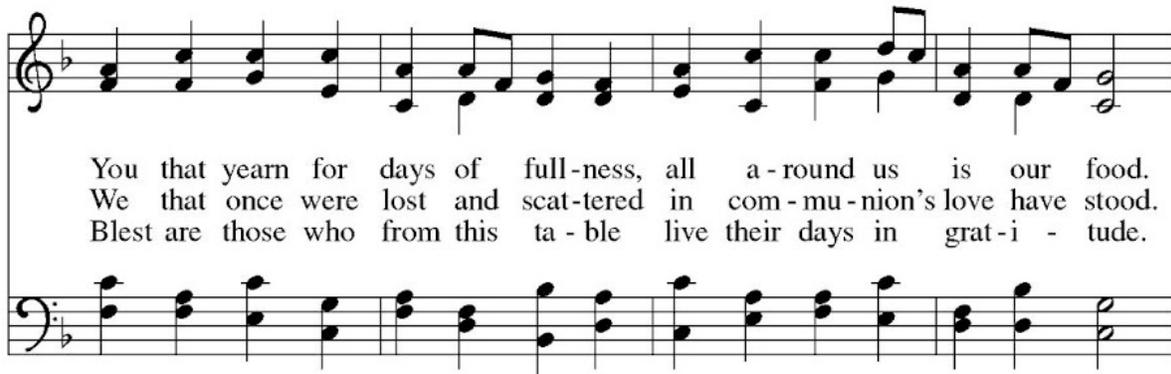
COMMUNION SONGS - "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" - ELW 461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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“What Feast of Love” - ELW 487



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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 - "Shine, Jesus, Shine" - ELW 671

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine; — fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.
Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; — set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow; — flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.
Send forth your Word, — Lord, and let there be light.

Verses

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -
dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on — us.
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry.
Set us free by the truth you now bring — us.
Mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

To Refrain

Shine on — me, shine on — me.

Text: Graham Kendrick

Music: Graham Kendrick, SHINE, JESUS, SHINE (9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain)

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Miriam Hoffmann

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Jim and Susan Prosser in honor of granddaughter Vera's 3rd birthday.*

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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 28

Sunday blessings!

Monday, August 29

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, August 31

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, September 1

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)

CDC Meet and Greet, 9:30 a.m.
The Child Development Center will have a Meet and Greet at 9:30 a.m.

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

Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.
The Property Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Friday, September 2

Senior Adult Ministry Committee Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

The Senior Adult Ministry Committee will break bread together at 11:30 a.m.

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.

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.

Have you thought about energy retrofits being part of the fight for racial justice? The Sierra Club and Earthjustice have. Here's an interview with Sharonda Williams Tack, a leader of Sierra Club's Healthy Communities Campaign, speaking with James Norton from Earthjustice about their work together in Michigan, where they've been working on a big project with utility companies there for the last few years. [For Some, Energy Efficiency Is the Difference Between Keeping the Utilities on or Having Them Shut off | Earthjustice](#)

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.)

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.

Your Hands, God's Work

God's work.
Our hands.

This Sunday, August 28, on the patio after church, we again have two opportunities to put your hands into service work.

Firstly, thanks to many people for continuing to sew LWR backpacks - now they are ready for their rope. If you've never done it before, come and learn. If you've participated the last few years, come and finish a bag or two. It takes less than 5 minutes to do one bag, and then they are added to the pile to fill with school supplies in October.

The second opportunity is to decorate a lunch bag for Harbor House. We'll have markers and crayons available and it only takes a minute or two to write something nice on the bag to be used for lunches later.

Last of the HEALTH MINISTRY EDUCATION Series - END-OF-LIFE ISSUES **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 1:00 p.m. - DECISIONS & DOCUMENTS**

People of all ages may unexpectedly be in a position where they cannot speak for themselves, such as an accident or severe illness.

Have you given thought to important matters that may affect decisions that need to be made upon your death or incapacitation? Learn how to make decisions and share your values, and preferences in advance. Presenters include Teri Helton, frequent speaker on this subject; Jennifer Christeson, Mount Cross Health Ministry Social Worker; a local estate planning attorney; and Pastor Julie Morris. There will be time for questions. All members are encouraged to attend & bring a friend. There is no target age or gender!

Refreshments and resource materials provided.

Worship in the Park & Church Picnic
Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

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](#)

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](#).

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.