

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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

**VBS Sunday/
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "It Is Well with My Soul (When Peace Like a River)" - arr. Larson
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Let All Things Now Living" - ELW 881

As able, the assembly stands.



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread
that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us
and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in
the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - VBS Crew

Daily Themes and Bible Stories

Day 1 Theme: "God creates"

Bible Story: Creation - Genesis 1:1-2:1

Day 2 Theme: "God provides"

Bible Story: Water from a rock - Exodus 17:1-6

Day 3 Theme: "God claims"

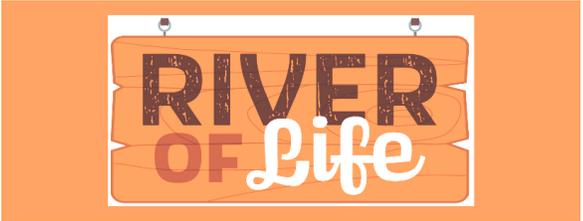
Bible Story: Baptism of Jesus - Matthew 3:13-17

Day 4 Theme: "God protects"

Bible Story - Mark 4:35-41

Day 5 Theme: "God loves, we love"

Bible Story: Jesus washes the disciples' feet - John 13:3-15, 33-35



"Peace Like a River"

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

(Repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain ...

I've got love like an ocean ...

I've got peace like a river ...

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - "Taste and See" - ELW 493

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
 I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice 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 - "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 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

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

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

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then [the Jewish opposition] began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

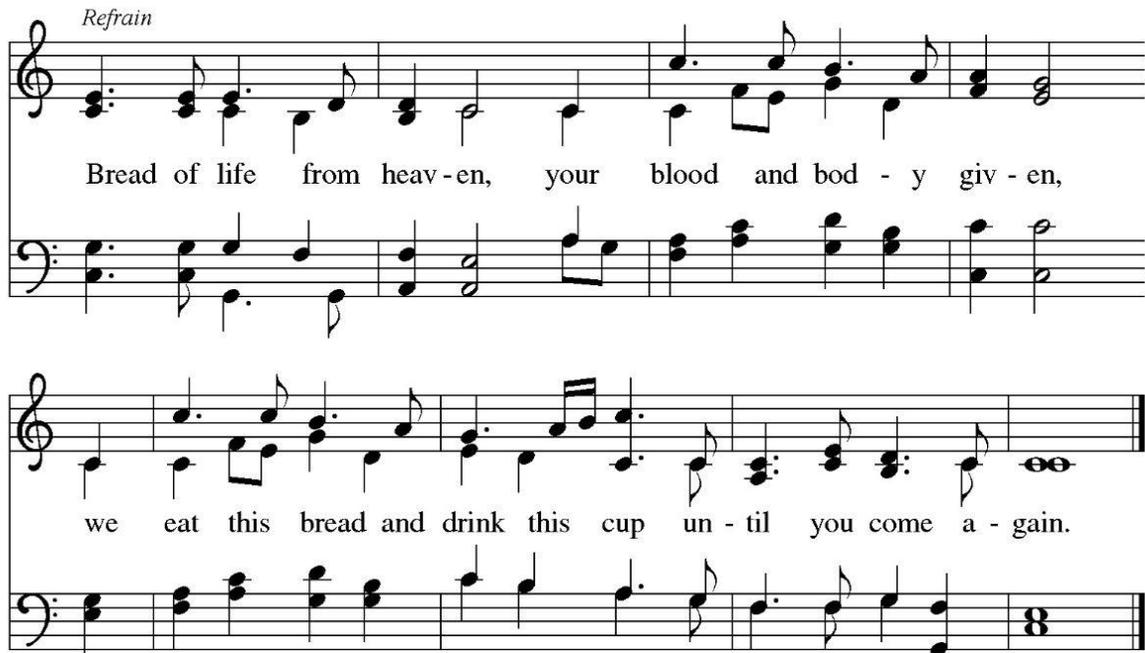


SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

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

SONG OF THE DAY - "Bread of Life from Heaven" - ELW 474 - verses 2-4

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,
we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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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.

God of life, we pray for the church of Christ in all its diverse forms - for mission developers, congregations, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. We also pray for faith communities facing difficult decisions about their future. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we pray for the health and well-being of your creation. We give thanks for shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. Show us how to care for lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and to aid all who lack clean water. Bring relief to all who are suffering because of wildfires and other natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give thanks for all the children, families, volunteers, and staff who participated in our "River of Life" Vacation Bible School. Help us to remember what we learned - that you create, provide, protect, and love us, and you call us to love you and others in return. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of life, we pray for this assembly gathered around your table, for our altar guild ministers who prepare the elements for our communion celebrations, for those who serve communion, and those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we pray for exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. We pray for all who mourn the death of a loved one. We raise up everyone affected by the coronavirus pandemic and all who are ill, 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 - "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" - ELW 523, verses 2 & 3



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



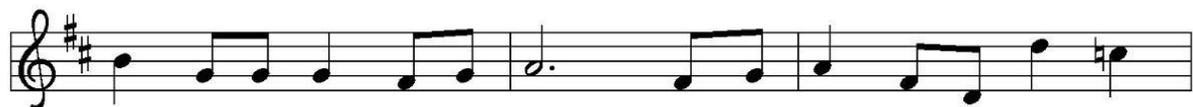
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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.

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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.

P 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.

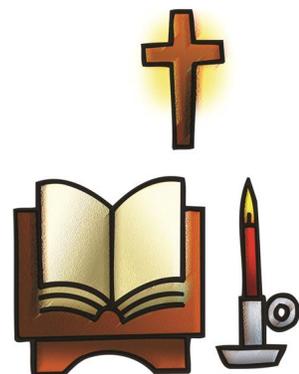
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

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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:



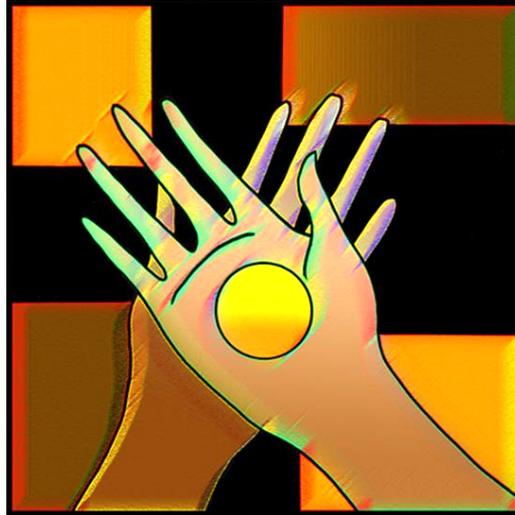
I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

(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 - "Do This in Memory of Me" (Muglia)



Verses

1. I am the bread of life; all who be-lieve
 2. I am the bread of life; who-ev-er comes

1. in me will have e-ter-nal life. I am the bread
 2. to me will not hun-ger a-gain. I am the bread

1. of life come down from heav-en so that all
 2. of life; no one can come to me un-less

1. who eat this bread will nev-er die.
 2. the Fa-ther draws them 7 near to him.

Refrain

Take the liv-ing bread of life, take the cup of sac-
 -ri-fice; do this in mem-o-ry of me.

Take the bod - y and the blood, giv-en free-ly out of love;

do this in mem - o - ry of me;

do this in mem - o - ry of me.

1, 2
1: to Verse 2
2: to Bridge

Final
Do this in mem - o - ry of me.

Bridge
A-men, I say to you, un-less you eat the flesh of the
Son of Man and drink his blood, you shall not have life.

All who will eat my flesh and drink my blood will have

e-ter-nal life, and I will raise them up a-gain.

to Refrain



“Bind Us Together” - WOV 748

Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with

cords that can - not be bro - ken.

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord;

bind us to - geth - er in love.

Verses

1. There is on - ly one God.
2. You are the fam - 'ly of God.

There is on - ly one King.
You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There is on - ly one Bod - y;
You are God's cho - sen de - sire,

To Refrain

that is why we can sing.
you - are the glo - rious new wine.

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.**

THANK YOU TO MOORPARK COLLEGE INTERNS

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 Mystery, † 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 - "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (LAUDES DOMINI) - arr. Callahan
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

***Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Joan Brundage in loving memory of her husband, Bob Brundage.***

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

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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 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, Crista and Bonnie** (niece and sister of Karen Cherry), **Gail Cline** (daughter of Karen & Jim Gramacki), **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), **Emilie** (friend of Carina McVeigh), **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, Toy White** (friend of Becky Riley).

*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 8, 2021

Children's Church Zoom, 9:00-9:20 a.m.

Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
for the Zoom information.

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)

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

"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 12, 2021

Stewardship Committee, 2:00 p.m.
The Stewardship Committee meets at 2:00 p.m.
in the Pavilion.

Just Mercy Zoom, 5:00 p.m.

The third of the four-part book study on *Just
Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson meets at 5:00 p.m.
via Zoom. **Zoom Link:**

<http://bit.ly/JustMercyMC21> Meeting ID: 849
0965 9726 /Passcode: 069721/Dial in by phone,
1 408 638 0968.

Young Adult Hangout, 6:30 p.m.

We are meeting at Mount Cross for discussion
questions. Afterwards, we'll go grab some
dinner locally so make sure to bring some
money for food. Questions, contact Joe
Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com).

Next Sunday, August 15, 2021

9:30 a.m. Worship

We'll acknowledge Cathy Channels, who just
retired from our Child Development Center
preschool after founding it 35 years ago, with a
reception following the service.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee met on August 5 to review our COVID precautions. No changes were made since the last meeting. We continue to require masks for indoor worship. Masks are optional for outdoor worship in the pavilion, but please maintain social distancing.

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).

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.

Consider taking some time in August to join a My Work to Do seminar. Founded in 2018, My Work To Do is an online affinity group designed to help white people build stamina for discussing racism, systemic injustice, racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in their everyday lives.

Those who are feeling lost or overwhelmed are invited into the conversation, especially white people, although Black, Indigenous and People of Color allies are welcome.

Visit www.myworktodo.com to find a group - I highly recommend starting with their "Getting Started" or "Where Do I Begin?" series. What you can expect from a group:

A weekly listening and learning circle that meets on Zoom for 60-90 minutes

Resources around themes of housing discrimination, implicit bias, whiteness as a function, and systems of white supremacy - as well as where we go from here

A space to learn, share, heal, and grow

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!

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.

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 some discussion questions. 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.

Save the Date - Sunday, August 29, 2:00 p.m.

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*Music to
Your Ears*

A program of flute solos
and duets with piano

featuring
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Guy Ervin III, piano

Sunday, August 29, 2021

2:00 p.m.

No charge (freewill offering)

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