

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 7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

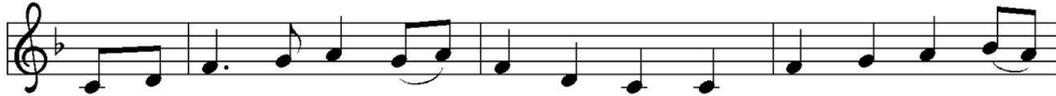
PRELUDE - "Amazing Grace" (NEW BRITAIN; arr. Purifoy)

Justin Thai, flute; Guy Ervin III, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson

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

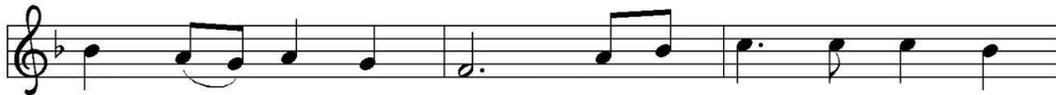
As able, the assembly stands.



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.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C **Amen.**

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

C Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

P Rejoice in this good news:
In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

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 Setting 2



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



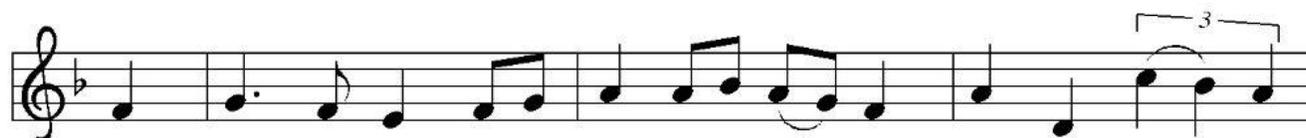
1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



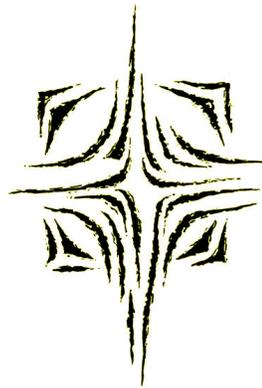
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40 - “Wait for the Lord” (Taizé)

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Verses

1 Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

4 Take delight | in the Lord,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.

REFRAIN

5 Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust | in the Lord,
and see what | God will do.

6 The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.

7 Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

8 Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.

REFRAIN

9 For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.

10 In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.

11 But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

39 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O Lord;
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.

40 You, O Lord, will help them and | rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek refuge.

REFRAIN

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

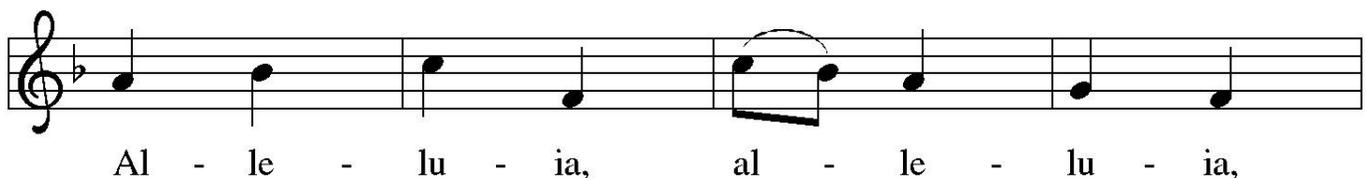
⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L Word of God, word of life.

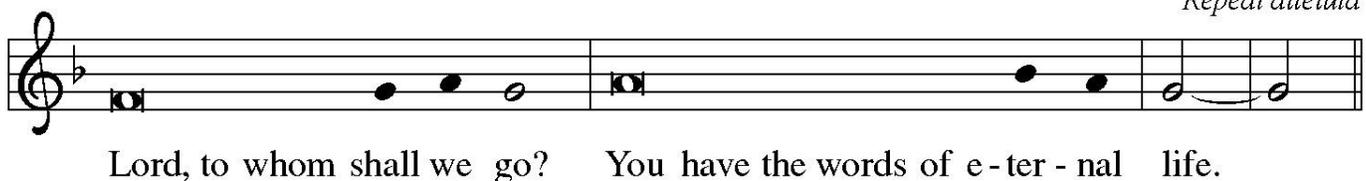
C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia" - ELW Setting 2



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

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

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson



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

SONG OF THE DAY - "Build a Longer Table" - ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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 The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens, especially our local farmworkers and the Abundant Table. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As the body of Christ here at Mount Cross, we pray for those who will be baptized, affirm their baptism, and be received as members of our congregation next Sunday, and we give thanks for their faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes and bring your light to all those who need to distance themselves from unhealthy family situations. Inspire us, through the example of Joseph forgiving his brothers, to forgive those who have caused us offense, anger or distress, and give us the humility to seek forgiveness and grace from people we have hurt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that are hurting in any way. Bring peace to families who are remembering and celebrating the lives of their loved ones, including Joyce & Ed Cordell, Howard Wullschleger, and Donald Stevenson. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. We ask for grace for all who need your care, especially those on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Aliah Alegria (friend of Jessica Easter), **Bob Anderson, Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Heather Askew** (daughter of a cousin of Joan Brundage), **Ed and Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Bob Brown** (friend of Pastor Julie Morris), **Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Scott Fajnor, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Penny Luhrsen, Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Mary O'Donnell, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Marina Olsen** (cousin of Marni Engh), **Jayne Pompey, Jim Prosser, James Purcer, Cheyenne and her family** (student of Denise Sobolik), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Val Starkgraf, Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **the family of Howard Wullschleger.**

*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 God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**



OFFERING SONG - "Beautiful Savior" - ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

OFFERING PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.

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.

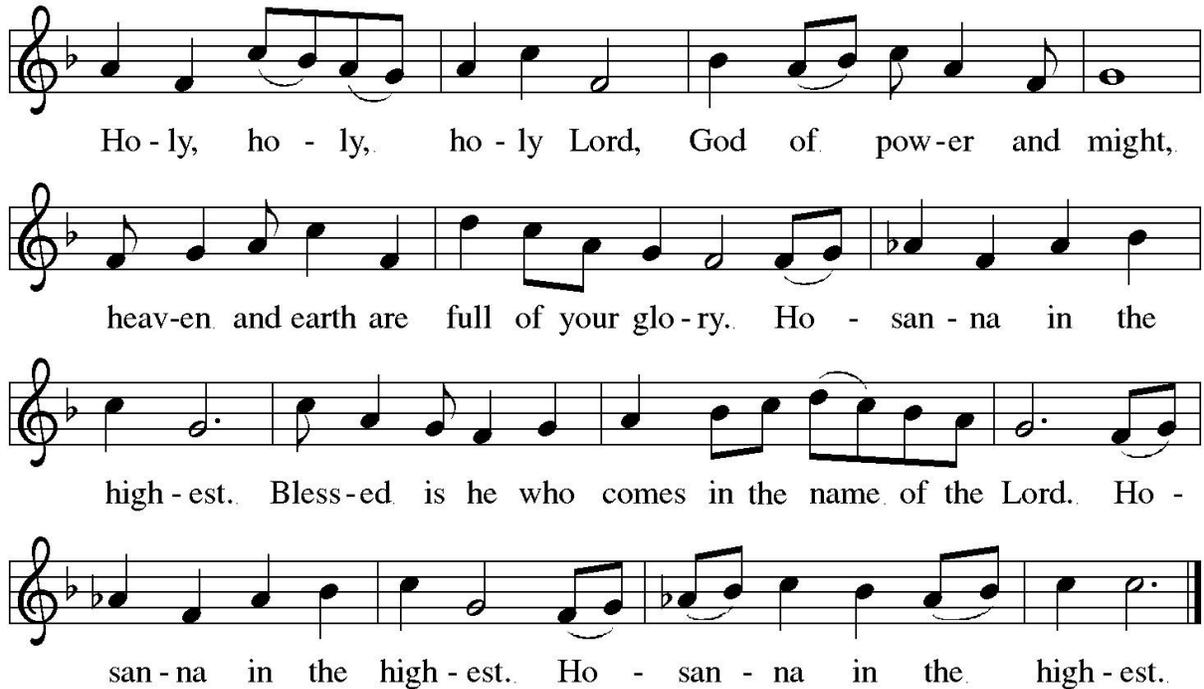
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

P 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 - en 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 Holy God,
the universe declares your praise
and generations bless your faithfulness.
We give you thanks for your dear Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
he 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.

P Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts.
Let them be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup
may be filled with your life and goodness.

All blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church, without end.

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.**

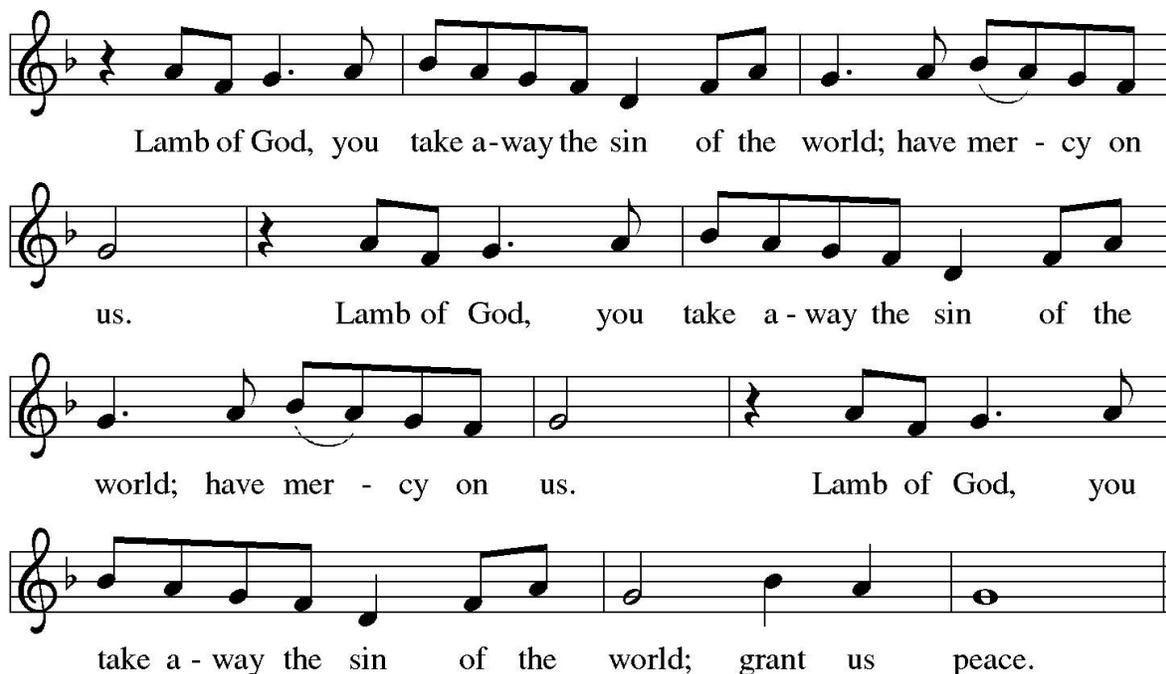


BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 2



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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. 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 - "Prayer of Saint Francis" (Temple)

Sebastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4



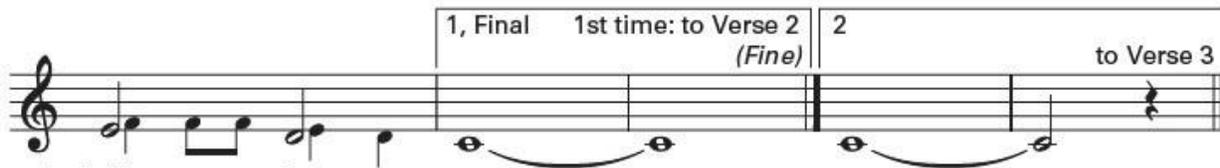
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-



1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
 2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness _
 4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv-ing of our -



1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
 2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
 4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're



1. faith in you. 2. joy.
 2. ev - er
 4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



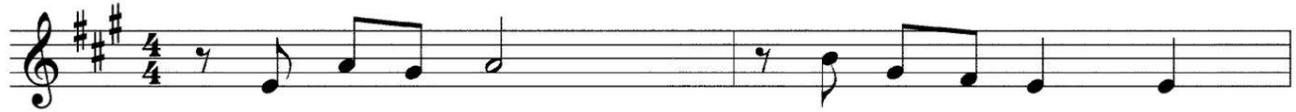
3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-



3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

“Bread for the World” (Farrell)

Refrain



Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger.



Wine for all peo - ples: peo-ple who thirst. May we who eat



be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the



reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -
hearts once bro - ken and where dry-ness sleeps. Where we are
rich and pow'r-ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -



vide your peo-ple you are wait - ing there on bend - ed
tired and wea - ry you are wait - ing there to be the
vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed you walk a -



knee to wash our feet with end-less care.
way which beck - ons us be - yond de-spair.
mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

P The blessing of God our Creator,
✠ Christ our Redeemer,
and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer,
be with you now and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - "How Great Thou Art" - ELW 856 - Verses 1, 2 & 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - "Rock of Ages" (Toplady; arr. McKeown)

Justin Thai, flute; Guy Ervin III, piano

Pastor Julie Morris is on vacation through February 21.

***We are grateful to the Rev. Susan Klein for leading us in worship today
 and to Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson for preaching an inspiring Sermon
 and offering the Children's Message.***

***Today's single arrangement of altar flowers is given by Kris and Bill Dawson
 to celebrate Pat and William Dawson's birthdays.***

Today's special altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Cordell family in loving memory of Joyce Cordell, who passed away on November 16, 2021.

Ed and Joyce Cordell were members of Mount Cross while they lived in the Camarillo area, sang in the choir, and volunteered with Vacation Bible School. Ed Cordell passed away in 2011, and a memorial was held for him here at Mount Cross. Joyce moved from Camarillo to be closer to family in the Moraga area, and was able to attend church there for a time.



Today, we sang “Beautiful Savior” and “How Great Thou Art,” and listened to “Amazing Grace” and “Rock of Ages” to remember and celebrate Joyce and Ed. We welcome extended family members of Ed and Joyce who are here worshipping with us this morning.

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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.**

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.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, February 20

Youth Group

The High School Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. onsite. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for info.

Monday, February 21

Presidents' Day - Church Office

Closed / CDC Open

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 22

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

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and is following the *Gather* magazine study.

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

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

Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Property Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23

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

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

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center to study the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Wednesday Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday dinner is at 6:00 p.m., in the Pavilion or Parish Life Center. Suggested donation, \$5.

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

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

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for info.

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:15 p.m., masked and with the doors open.

Thursday, February 24

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 26

Work Day at Boys & Girls Club of Oxnard, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

See the announcement below for details about the Peace & Justice Work Day at the Boys & Girls Club of Oxnard.

Labyrinth Prayer Walk, 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly Labyrinth Prayer Walk will be at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 280 Royal Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93065. Contact Kris Dawson with questions.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee meets monthly to review our COVID precautions. 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/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

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, Youth, and Family Ministry

Our programs are mainly on Wednesdays. Check the newsletter or email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for 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 as we learn together.

Talks at the Desk - a weekly video from ELCA African Descent Ministries

We hope you have been enjoying getting to hear from Black Lutherans across the US in the Talks at the Desk. Don't forget, a new video comes out every Wednesday at 5:30 pm on the Facebook page or at [African Descent - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.facebook.com/AfricanDescentEvangelicalLutheranChurchinAmerica) during the whole of February, which is Black History Month. A discussion guide to help individuals and congregations engage with these conversations is available at [ELCA.org/ADM](https://www.elca.org/ADM). Continue the conversation on Twitter with [#TalksAtTheDesk](https://twitter.com/TalksAtTheDesk).

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at [MyTurn.CA.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or for walk-ins.

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship:

<http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost is \$35.00; 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.

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).

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.

Worship Guidelines

Although the masking guidelines have opened up for the State and the County, the

Re-opening Committee is staying the course for our worship until they can meet again.

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 5), 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.



Blood Drive - February 27

Since the beginning of the pandemic, there has been a serious blood shortage. **Next Sunday, February 27**, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Mount Cross is hosting a blood drive through Vitalant Blood Services. **Sign up** at <https://bit.ly/BloodDriveFeb27>.

Come give the gift of life at Mount Cross.

Work Day at Boys and Girls Club of Oxnard

When: **This Saturday, February 26**, check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
work day 9:00 a.m.-Noon, lunch Noon-1:00 p.m.

Where: Boys and Girls Club Teen Center, 126 E 7th St, Oxnard, CA 93030

What: We will be painting their outdoor patio wall, building garden boxes, and cleaning up their outdoor space - there is a job for everyone!

Why: Inspired by the book *Just Mercy*, Mount Cross Peace & Justice team has been called to serve the needs of incarcerated and at-risk youth in our community.

We have been building relationships with the teen center since 2021 and look forward to improving their outdoor patio space (painting and building garden boxes). Please join us!

Who: Contact Tracy Blois (tracy.allyson@gmail.com, 619.277.2059), Bill Stoll, or Becky Gilbertson with any questions.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/jNbmTnPxDxHouQ9>

Lent Is Coming

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

In partnership with St. Columba's Episcopal Church, we'll offer **three options for services** that day

7:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon at St. Columba's

7:00 p.m. here at Mount Cross Lutheran.

The 7:00 p.m. service will be livestreamed.

All are welcome to St. Columba's Chapel on **Mondays, beginning February 28**, at 7:00 p.m., for ***Lectio Divina*** on the upcoming Gospels for the Sundays of Lent. This ancient practice of reading and reflecting on the scriptures helps us enter into our Sunday worship more fully.

On the **Wednesdays in Lent** (March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6), we'll host St. Columba's for a **Lenten Class, Dinner, and Holden Evening Prayer**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. each week, here at Mount Cross. Our theme will be "Embracing an Adult Faith" as we explore a richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology, featuring renowned theologian Marcus Borg. (The class will also be repeated on Zoom - <https://bit.ly/LentClass2022> - on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. each week.)

4th Midweek Moviegoers

The 4th midweek movie for February is ***Death on the Nile*** (PG-13) at the **Roxy** on **Tuesday, February 22**, at **6:15 p.m.** Please email Joan Brundage at jbrundage@roadrunner.com with any questions or comments.

Hope you can join us!

CROP Hunger Walk - March 13

Dust off your walking shoes and join the 39th Annual **Camarillo Crop Hunger Walk**. Mount Cross will host this year's walk and we have a new route set up! On Sunday, **March 13**, we will walk the 3.4 mile course to help raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. You can **sign up** online on the website: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/camarilloca>.

Join the Mount Cross team and/or make a donation online.

We need a few volunteers for registration and crossing guards so if you can help, look for Gordon Henry on the church patio on Sunday.

Concordia Choir at Ascension Lutheran - February 28

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs, the world-renowned **Concordia Choir** of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. perform on **Monday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.**, at **Ascension Lutheran Church** (1600 E. Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks).

Dr. Michael Culloton conducts the 69-voice a cappella choir on his first tour in a varied concert ranging from the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements. The Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical mastery and incredible sound. Visit ConcordiaTickets.com for tickets today! Tickets also available at the door. Masks required for all performers, staff, and audience members.

THANK YOU!
Mount Cross Lutheran Church's 2022 Collection
raised:
\$640 and 134 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

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February 13, 2022

Alison Reese
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Executive Director
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Hospitality Sign-ups Now Online!

Who doesn't enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a light snack after church on Sunday mornings? Sign-ups for hosting a Sunday morning Hospitality on the patio has gone online. The link is: https://bit.ly/MtCross_Hospitality. Thank you for your service to the Mount Cross community!

Winter Camps - DATE CHANGES

In the interest of the health and safety of guests and staff, **several of the LRCC Winter Retreats were pushed back**. If you have questions, please contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com) or email office@lrcchome.com.

February 25-27 - NEXT WEEKEND

El Camino Pines Middle School & High School Winter Retreat COMBINED

March 11-13 - new date
El Camino Pines Family Winterfest