

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**1st Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the
name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you
with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.

C **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG - "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" - ELW 319 - Vs. 1,2,4

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

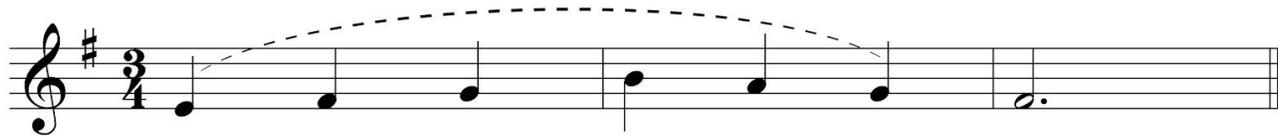
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GREETING

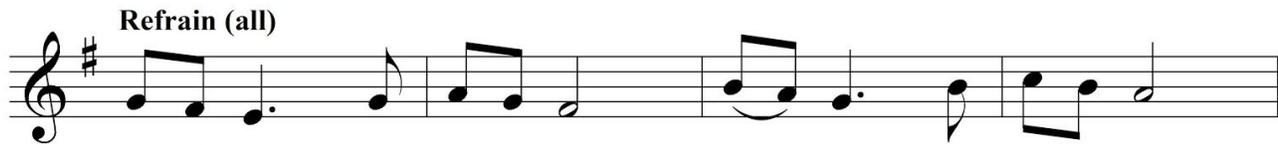
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE - Mass of Remembrance (Haugen)



Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord:
Final: A - - - - men.



Refrain (all)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Holy God, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Vicar Amanda Berg

CHILDREN'S SONG - "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" - ELW 752



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



SONG OF RESPONSE - “To You, O God” (Hurd)

Refrain

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spir-it
to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.
To you I lift up my soul. To you I lift up my soul.

Verses

1. Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your
2. Good and up-right our gra-cious God, show-ing the
3. Stead-fast and kind your ways, O God; all who re-

1. paths, guide me. † You are my Sav-ior.
2. way, guid-ing the hum-ble to jus-tice.
3. vere your cov-e-nant † know your friend-ship.

to Refrain
2

Text: Based on Psalm 25:1, 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.
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SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW Setting 8



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

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

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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 - "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" - ELW 777 - Vs. 1, 3 and 5



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Bless our 2021 Church Council and help them to lead this congregation with wisdom, vision, and courage. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Bring relief to areas of the world ravaged by snowstorms, tornados, or other natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our nation and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to anyone who feels desperate or alone. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern, especially our Care Team; Welcome and Hospitality Teams; Children, Youth, and Family Ministries; and our Child Development Center staff. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF 2021 CHURCH COUNCIL (Video of Zoom Council Meeting)

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership.

Becky Riley, President

Brian Fisher, Vice-President

Herb Holler, Secretary

Keith Selbrede, Treasurer

Craig Blois

Kevin Churchill

Barbara Cranfill

Kristine Dawson

Allison Johnson

Evonne Kuchera

John Marroquin

Susan Prosser

Bill Stoll

Wendy McClary, CDC Representative

Tiana Stouch and Collin Edwards, Youth Representatives

We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

The presiding minister continues.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to lead the congregation in stating its mission, setting goals and priorities, and developing long-range plans.

You are to promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed remain showing on the video screen. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the officers being installed.

P I now declare our 2021 Church Council installed. Almighty God bless and direct them, that they may be faithful servants of Christ.

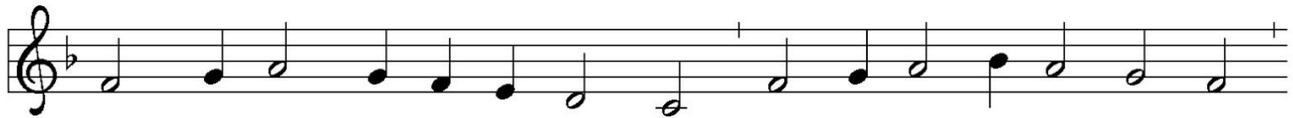
C Amen.

PEACE

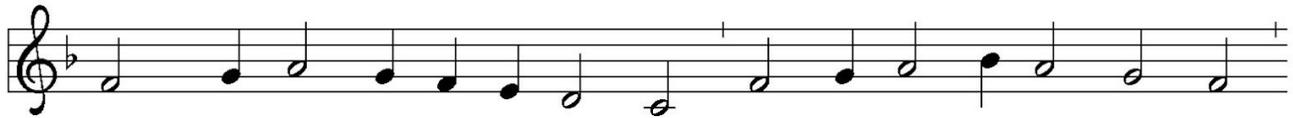
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING SONG - "Praise and Thanks and Adoration" - ELW 783



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have offered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.**

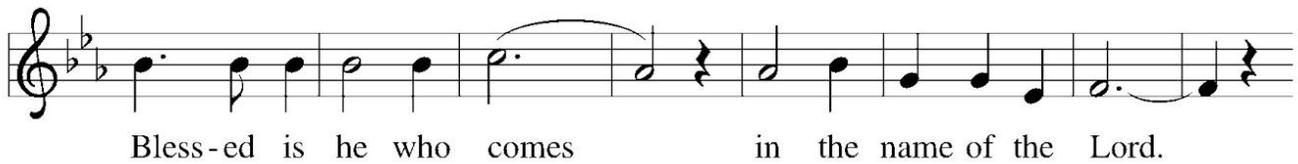
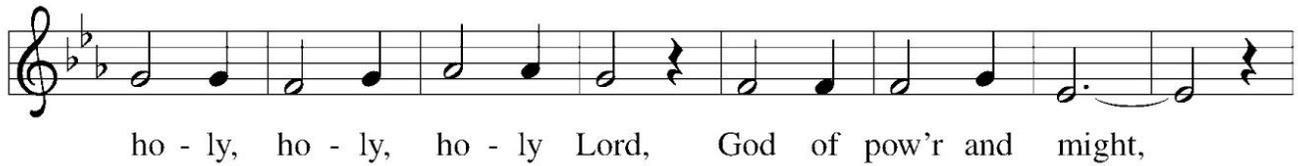
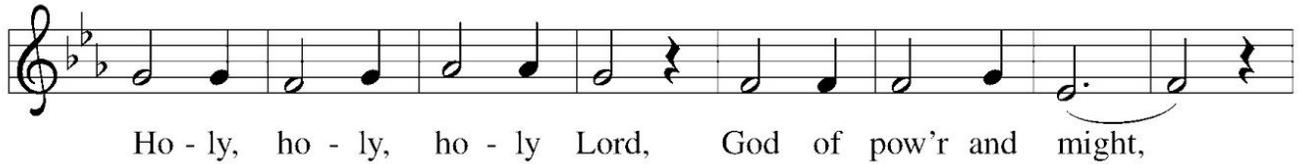
P Lift up your hearts.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



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P Holy God,
 our living Water and our merciful Guide,
 together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
 we bless and magnify you.
 You led your people Israel through the desert,
 and provided them water from the rock.

P We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

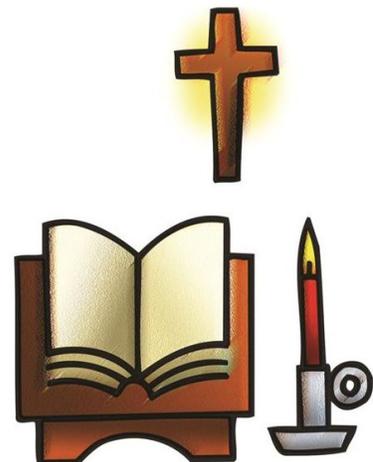
Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food, on us,
and on your people throughout the world:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

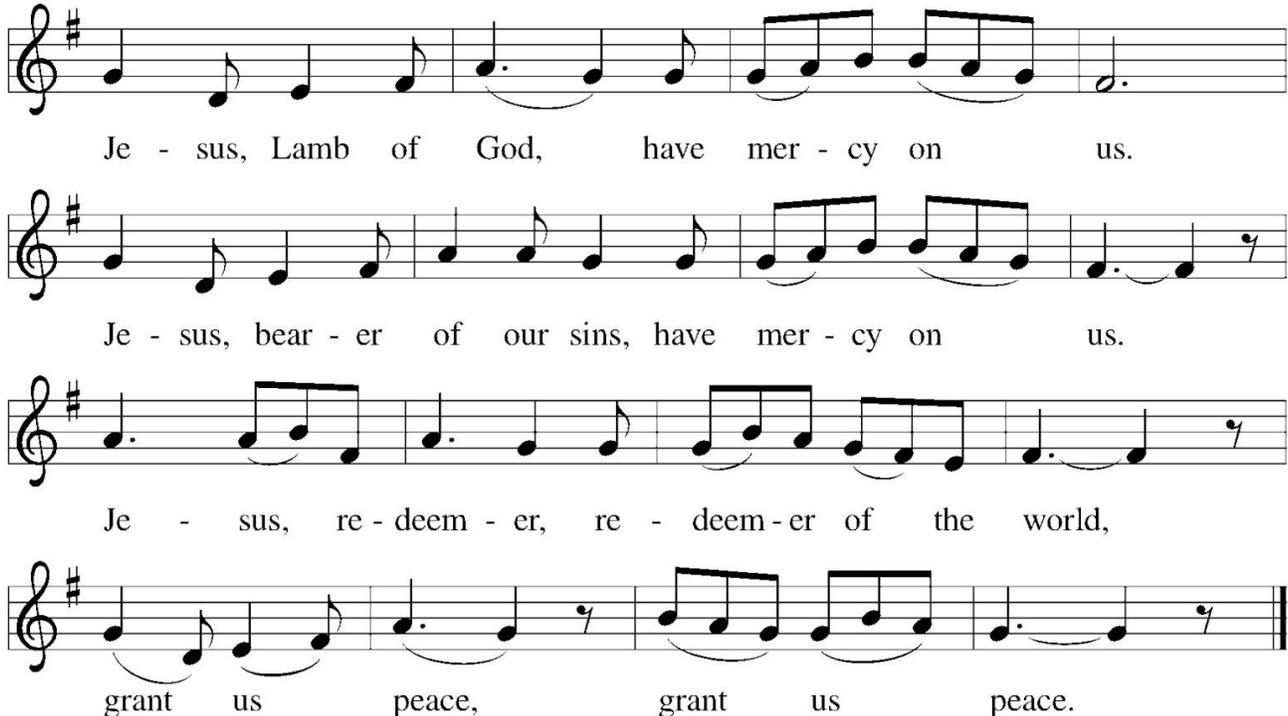
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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."

All joining from home are invited to say the following prayer:

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 SONG - "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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Kathleen Jones in memory of James Jones
and
by Julie Merrick to everyone at Mount Cross - I will miss you
(Julie, we at Mount Cross will miss you!)*

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Join us for **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us. Here is the **Zoom link**:

<http://bit.ly/CommunityConversationTime>.

Or to join by phone, call **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for the **meeting ID (889 0267 0619)** and **passcode (302996)**.

Let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card:
<https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Drive-Through Communion** today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion.

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers, for researchers, all involved in the vaccine efforts, and for the families grieving the loss of each victim.

We pray for peace, unity, and understanding in our country.

We pray also for Elizabeth A, Robert and Robin A (friends of Becky & Ken Riley), **Cynthia Bishop** (friend of Bob and Judy Winters), **the Brazil family** (friends of the Blois family), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Tabitha Enright, Tom and Maria Eyler** (parents of Patti Stouch), **the family of Vladimir Fajnor, Ron Higginbotham, Alice Herbruck, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Clem Johnson** (aunt of Darryl Johnson), **Ric Kienitz, Karen Nelson, Angie Patscheck** (sister-in-law of Stan and Valerie Patscheck), **the family of Lee Patscheck** (Stan Patscheck's brother), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **the family of Jim Unger** (Tom Lacalamita's uncle), **Bill Voigt** (father of Heather Edwards).

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

Reminder: All voting members who attended the annual meeting, please return your ballots by March 7.

TODAY, February 21, 2021

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

Youth Group Zoom, TONIGHT, 6:00 p.m.
High School Youth gather with Joe Zimmerly, email
joe@mountcross.com for Zoom info.

Family Bingo Night, TONIGHT, 7:00 p.m.
Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
for the Zoom information.

Monday, February 22, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and then push pound (#).

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. **via Zoom.** Contact Pastor Julie, pastorjulie@mountcross.com, or Vicar Amanda, amanda@mountcross.com for the Zoom information.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays. It's a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio.

Join as often as you'd like. Join:

<http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom> OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. Meeting ID: 847 4745 9576, push pound (#).

HeBrews Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Interested in the Bible AND Bevs? Mount Cross is hosting a pub theology night where we invite the men of Mount Cross to gather on Zoom. We hope that you can join us February 23 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com).

Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/HeBrewsFebruary23>
Meeting ID: **878 3754 6451**,
Passcode: **church123**.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with the Children, Youth & Family staff from 5:00-6:00 p.m., **via Zoom**. Any questions, contact Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Lent Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

Join with St. Columba's Episcopal for a Bible study on the events of Holy Week. The 5-week study is offered on Zoom:
<http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights> or call 1 (408) 638 0968.

The Meeting ID is 827 1932 0163 and the Passcode is 615543

We are using the book *Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week* by Carol Miller. Books are available through the church office for a suggested donation of \$15.

Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students preparing for Confirmation meet with Joe Zimmerly **via Zoom**. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) if you have any questions.

Virtual Soup Supper, 6:30 p.m.

Make a bowl of soup and join us for community conversation and connection at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24). The Zoom link is <http://bit.ly/VirtualSoupSupper>. The Meeting ID is 846 2020 8049 and the passcode is 531718.

Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Access the Holden Evening Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/MountCross/live>.

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Lent Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

(repeat of Wednesday study)

Join with St. Columba's Episcopal for a Bible study on the events of Holy Week. The 5-week study is offered on Zoom:
<http://bit.ly/LentThursdayMorning> or call 1 (669) 900-9128.

The Meeting ID is 873 5801 5010. We are using the book *Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week* by Carol Miller. Books are available through the church office for a suggested donation of \$15.

CDC Task Force Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee met recently and approved permitting in-person attendance for our outdoor worship **as of today**. Those attending need to sign in, have their temperature checked, wear masks, and observe social distancing. We have some chairs available or you may bring your own.

We also need worship assistants:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/587031493102206086/true#/invitation>. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through Communion

We are looking for help to make Sunday 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's Church - Teachers Wanted!

We are recruiting volunteers to help teach Children's Church virtually on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:20! Anyone High School aged and up is welcome! Please text Jessica at (805) 402-9447 if you are interested!

Anti-Racism Link of the Week: Just Say Hello <https://justsayhello.org/>

Small Groups for Youth and Parents

Mount Cross is planning to launch small groups for the youth the week of March 1. We are looking for input from parents as well as possible leaders for these small groups. There are Google Forms for both parents and leaders and we ask that you fill them out to help us plan for a successful launch of these small groups. Thank you in advance for your time!

Leader Interest form:

<https://forms.gle/shLr6eK8NdL35KhMA>

Parent Interest form:

<https://forms.gle/PsFM7Ghi57JmXbcg9>

Loving Arms: Support Local Healthcare Workers

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the Loving Arms project. We now have plenty of snacks to complete our deliveries. However, we can never have too many cards of thanks and encouragement. Please keep those coming until our **final deadline of Sunday, February 28**. You can bring them to the church office or during drive-thru Communion. If you have questions, please call Barbara Cranfill at 805-702-4003. Once again - THANK YOU so much for your donations.

Wednesdays in Lent

All are invited to join with Mount Cross on Wednesdays (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24) at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual soup supper, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. Plan to eat light on Wednesdays and donate any money or food you save to the St. Columba's Food Pantry or Food Share. Make a bowl of soup and join us for community conversation and connection at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24). The Zoom link is

<http://bit.ly/VirtualSoupSupper>. The Meeting ID is 846 2020 8049 and the passcode is 531718.

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<https://www.facebook.com/MountCross/live/>.

Learning Committee

The Mount Cross Lutheran Church Learning Committee develops, plans and supports the youth of our congregation through learning, community service, activities and events to help them grow in their Christian faith. We meet once a month on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation with a desire to serve the youth and our ministries to join us. Contact Tracy

Blois, Learning Committee Chair by phone: 619-277-2059 or email: tracy.allyson@gmail.com or Joe Zimmerly, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries by phone: (805) 482-3847 or email: joe@mountcross.com.

Family Bike Ride

Join us for a social-distanced family bike ride on **March 4 at 4:00 p.m.!** Bring your bike (or scooter), a mask, water, and a friend. We will be safely riding around the "Village at the Park" area and staying off of busy streets. There will be two groups: one group will ride along the Calleguas Creek bike path and the other group will be able to ride in the parking lot. Parents with young ones are invited to bring strollers and walk with either group! We will be meeting at 3777 Village at the Park Dr, Camarillo, CA 93012 at 4:00 p.m. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with any questions!

Altar Flowers

We've resumed having altar flowers, when requested, for our outdoor worship. We've added an Altar Flower SignUp Request: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>.

The cost remains \$35.00 and you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers for a special occasion, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

To find out about our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

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. See the article in the January newsletter for details. Thank you!



Lenten Studies with St. Columba's

“Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week”

We're joining with St. Columba's Episcopal for a Bible study on the events of Holy Week. The 5-week study is offered on Zoom, on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30 p.m. or Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Choose which time is best for you. We meet February 24/25, March 3/4, March 10/11, March 17/18, and March 24/25. We are using the book *Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week* by Carol Miller. Books are available through the church office for a suggested donation of \$15. **Please let the office know (805-482-3847 or office@mountcross.com) if you want to get a book and which group you'd like to be in.**

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Lent Madness at St. Columba's



On Sunday mornings at 8:45, join St. Columba's for “Lent Madness” (February 14 through March 28) as we journey through Lent, pairing off the field of 32 Saints to see which Saint wins the coveted “Golden Halo.” We meet on Zoom and wrap up in time for people to join the livestream worship at 9:30. Let the St. Columba's office (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com) know if you would like the Zoom link and a Saintly Scoreboard, and then join us for a wild ride through Lent as we play Lent Madness.