

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**2nd Sunday in Lent  
February 28, 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.

C **Amen.**

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 - "How Great Thou Art" - ELW 856 - Verses 1, 3 and 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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## GREETING

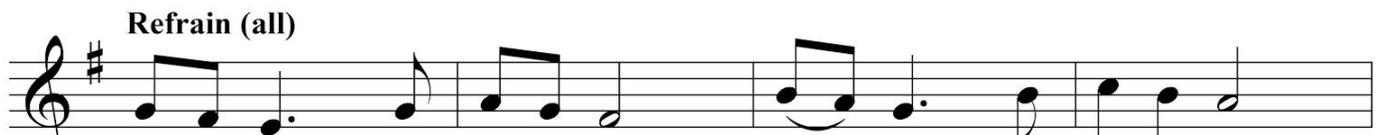
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **And also with you.**

### 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 O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 - Pastor Julie Morris and Joe Zimmerly



### 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 17:1-7, 15-16**

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE - "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth - ELW 735**



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413  
Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936  
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## SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.”

<sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 8:31-38**

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

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

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON - Vicar Amanda Berg**

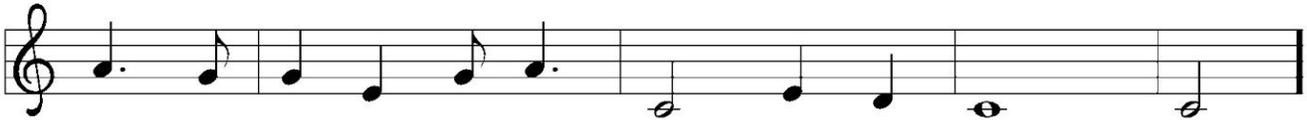


*As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## SONG OF THE DAY - "Give Me Jesus" - ELW 770 - Vs. 1, 2, 4 and 5



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

## 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.  
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.

God of the covenant, your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who are doubting or who suffer for their faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to honor you by tending to creation's well-being. Bring relief to parts of our country and the world that are afflicted by storms, extreme temperatures, or other natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the poor, you rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Bless our Peace & Justice and Anti-Racism ministries. Strengthen us to be advocates for the oppressed and to stand up to prejudice and hatred. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, in Jesus, you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany each person who is suffering in body, mind, and spirit, especially those who are hurting - physically, mentally, financially, or spiritually - because of the coronavirus pandemic. Comfort anyone who is grieving or feels alone and discouraged. Be with all those who need our support, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of the ages, you made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, foster parents, those who care as guardians for the powerless, and all children who look to their elders for care and guidance. Console couples who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Grace our ministries and services to families and individuals of all ages. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our comings and goings, we await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you. Help us to follow the example of Jesus in setting aside our egos and petty concerns. 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.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING SONG - "Restore in Us, O God" - ELW 328



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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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 gathered, 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



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

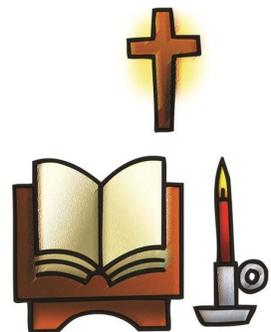
Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.  
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

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.

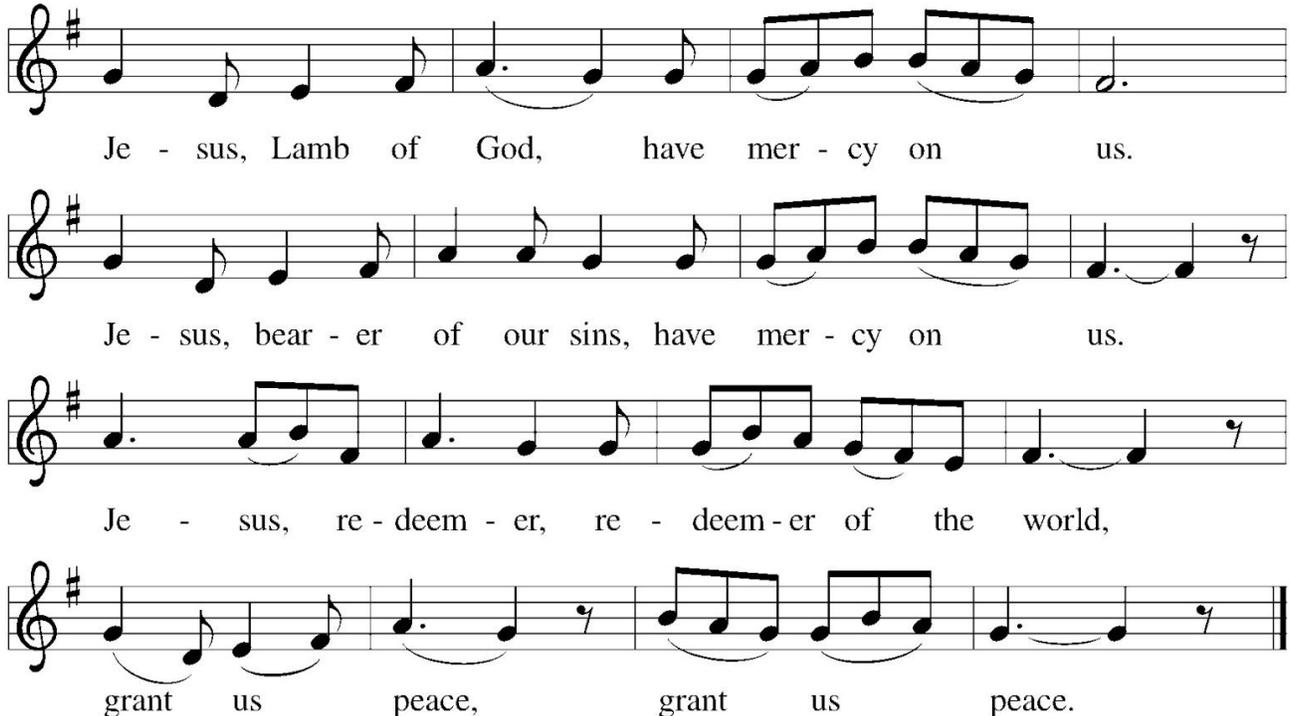
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.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

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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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.<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

## COMMUNION SONG - "Gift of Finest Wheat" - ELW 484 - Verses 1-3



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



*Refrain*  
so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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## 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 Becky and Ken Riley in memory of our daughter, Valerie Simpson.***

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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), **Nora Fajnor, the family of Vladimir Fajnor, Ron Higginbotham, the family of 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), **Allan Steele** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **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](mailto: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 next Sunday, March 7.**

## **TODAY, February 28, 2021**

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

Youth Group On Site, Tonight, 6:00 p.m.  
High School Youth gather with Joe Zimmerly, email  
[joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

## **Monday, March 1, 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 (#).

Learning Committee Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

The Mount Cross Learning committee meets once a month on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Tracy Blois, Learning Committee Chair by phone: 619-277-2059 or email: [tracy.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.allyson@gmail.com) or Joe Zimmerly, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries by phone: (805) 482-3847 or email: [joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com).

## **Tuesday, March 2, 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](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com), or Vicar Amanda, [amanda@mountcross.com](mailto: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 (#).

Peace & Justice Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

The Peace and Justice Team is delighted to welcome Pastor & Chaplain Fermin Hernandez to speak at our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd via Zoom. Pastor Hernandez is the pastor at Centro Cristiano Familiar de Oxnard and a chaplain with the Oxnard Police Department. He will be speaking briefly about the lives of fieldworkers during COVID and the increasing rise in suicides. Many fieldworkers attend

his church, giving Pastor Hernandez firsthand knowledge of the needs of the community.

Because of this, he and his wife are looking to attending a training to help teach others to recognize and prevent suicide and are raising funds to do so. All are welcome to join and learn more about this important issue, and how we at Mount Cross can help.

Email Bill Stoll ([william.stoll@verizon.net](mailto:william.stoll@verizon.net)) with any questions. The Zoom link for the meeting is: <http://bit.ly/MCPeaceandJustice>.

## **Wednesday, March 3, 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., **on site**. Any questions, contact Joe at [joe@mountcross.com](mailto: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 **on site** Email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto: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 (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, March 4, 2021**

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7:30-9:00 a.m. via Zoom: <http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy> OR you can call in by phone, 1 (408) 638 0968 Meeting ID: 891 5038 5706, Passcode: 521872.

## 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.

## Family Bike Ride, 4:00 p.m.

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're safely riding around the "Village at the Park" area and staying off 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](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) with any questions!

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

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

## Announcements

### Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee recently approved permitting in-person attendance again for our outdoor worship. 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](mailto:joe@mountcross.com).

### Loving Arms: Support Local Hospital Workers

The deadline for cards of thanks and encouragement is **TODAY, February 28**. We had so many generous donations, it took 3 deliveries to St. John's Regional Medical Center and 2 deliveries to St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital. THANK YOU to all for your support!

### Diaper Pantry

In March, CYFM is sponsoring the Graceful Diaper Pantry that is run through Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oxnard. We are collecting donations every Sunday for the month of March during Drive-through Communion.

We are looking for helpers to collect on Sundays as well as donations. For more information, please contact Joe Zimmerly ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

### Anti-Racism Link of the Week:

Act.TV animated short illustrates how systemic racism affects every area of U.S. from incarceration to predatory lending, and how we can solve it (4 mins)

[Systemic Racism Explained - YouTube](#)

### Small Groups for Youth and Parents

Mount Cross is planning to launch small groups for youth. 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>

### Wednesdays in Lent

Join with Mount Cross on Wednesdays (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. 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 (3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24).

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### 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](mailto:tracy.allyson@gmail.com) or Joe Zimmerly, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries by phone: (805) 482-3847 or email: [joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://smile.amazon.com) so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. 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 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. Meetings continue 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](mailto:office@mountcross.com)) if you want to get a book and which group you'd like to be in.**

On Wednesdays, please visit <http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights> or call 1 (408) 638 0968.

The Meeting ID is 827 1932 0163 and the Passcode is 615543. On Thursdays, please visit <http://bit.ly/LentThursdayMorning> or call 1 (669) 900-9128.

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### **Lent Madness at St. Columba's**

On Sunday mornings at 8:45, join St. Columba's for "Lent Madness" (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](mailto: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.