

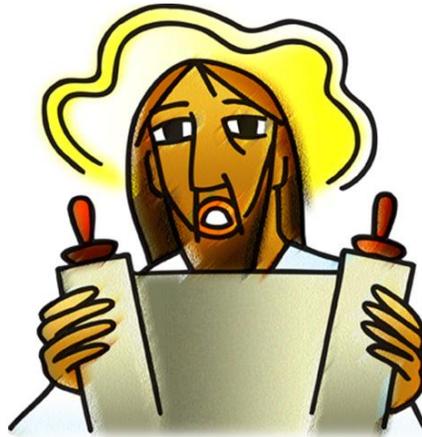
# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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*For those of you worshipping with us in person,  
thank you for wearing your mask (indoors required; outdoors optional)  
and social distancing outdoors when singing.*

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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 3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 23, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

# PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

### GATHERING SONG - "Gather Us In" - ELW 532

As able, the assembly stands.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, 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



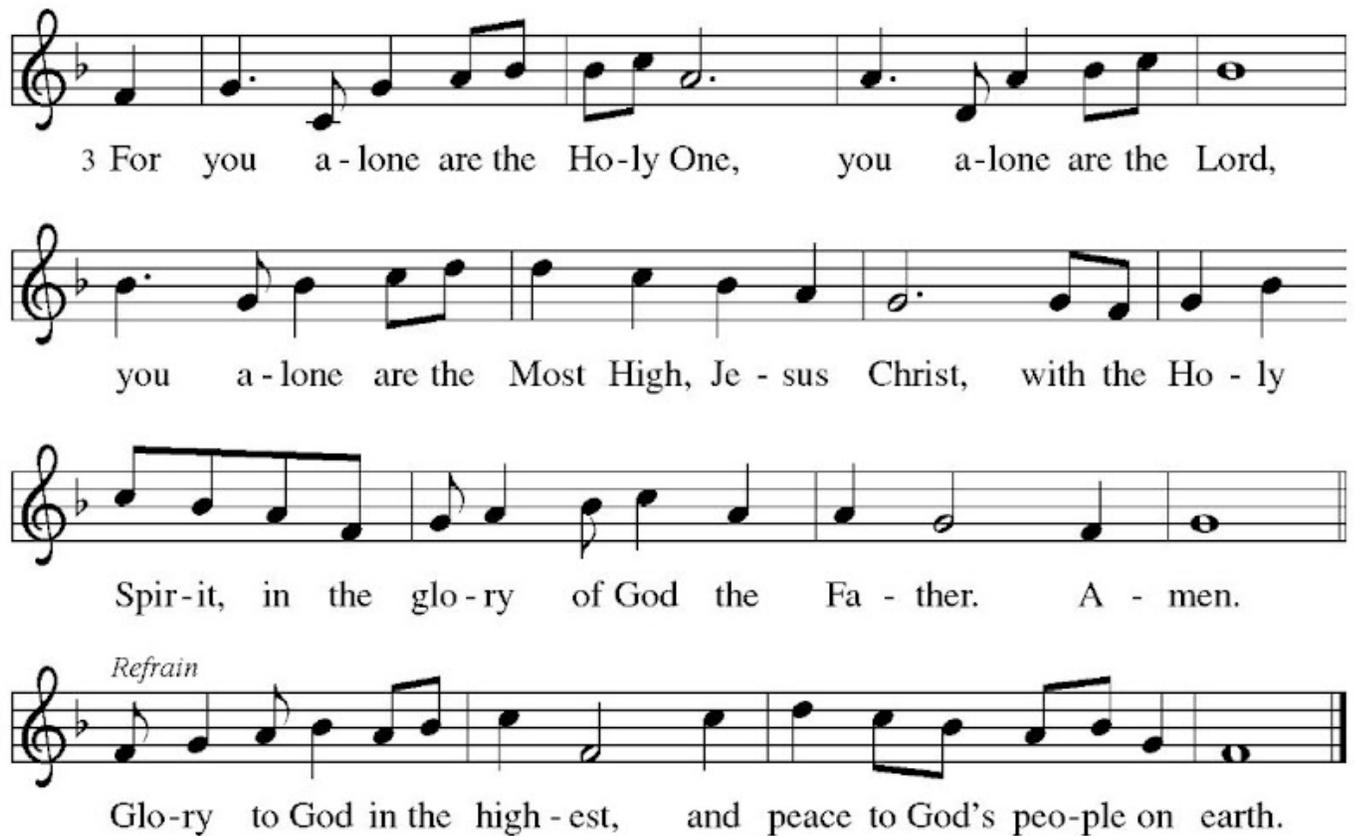
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



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.

*Refrain*  
 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.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

### FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the Lord is your strength."*

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

<sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 19 - "Thy Word" (Grant/Smith) - CCLI Song #14301

#### *Chorus*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

#### *Verse 1*

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

#### *Verse 2*

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

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

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

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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 - "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" - ELW 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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 are the God of relationship, three in one and one in three. Throughout this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, help us to support our siblings in Christ from diverse cultures, traditions, and confessions around the world, and bring unity to your Church, so that, together, we will shine a bright light of hope, healing and good news on our troubled world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Bring inspiration and enlightenment in our Bible Study groups, Fun with Faith, Confirmation, Children's Learning Center, and other programs. Support the work of Lutheran Bible Translators and organizations that spread your Word throughout the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You have made each day holy. In our worship and prayer, feed us with your gifts of grace in the sacraments. Bless the children who are celebrating their Holy Communion Milestone today with a hunger and thirst for you, and guide us to help them grow in faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A You give us gifts as individuals to build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in our Mount Cross congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us, and strengthen us to joyfully witness and serve. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression. Send your healing presence to all who need your care, especially those on our prayer list ...

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Ed and Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Alice** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Jenny** (daughter of friend of Barbara Burke), **Linda** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, David Diehl** (son of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Tim, Steph & Aurelia Euken** (niece and nephew of Mona & Tom Neuhas), **Natalie Faltin, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Bill Greason, Charlene** (sister of Glenda Greason), **Melissa Henry, Charles Hilley, Nancy Jaeger, 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), **Rev. Stacy and Rev. Todd Payne and their family** (friends of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Cheyenne and her family** (student of Denise Sobolik) **the family of Donald Stevenson** (father of Luanne Crockett, Louise Stevenson, and Bruce Stevenson), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Virginia** (friend of Joan Brundage's mother, Patricia), **the family of Lois Watts, 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](mailto: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 - "Guide My Feet" - ACS 987 - Verses 1-4

Leader All

1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

## 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.  
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.

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 children making their Holy Communion Milestone are invited to come forward with their families before the rest of the congregation.*

*The assembly may be seated.*

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

 A musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.'
 

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.<sup>1</sup>**

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

# COMMUNION SONGS - "One Bread, One Body" - ELW 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.	
one	in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.	

*Refrain*

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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**“God of the Poor (Beauty for Brokenness)” - Kendrick - CCLI Song # 1236690**

*Verse 1*

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord in Your suff'ring world  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice joy peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase

*Verse 2*

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsmen  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

*Chorus*

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come change our love  
From a spark to a flame

*Verse 3*

Refuge from cruel wars  
Havens from fear  
Cities for sanctu'ry  
Freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing fields  
Scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain

Verse 4

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future our dreams  
Lord end our madness  
Carelessness greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

Chorus

Verse 5

Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until Your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of Your ways  
Seek Your salvation  
And bring You their praise

Chorus

**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.**

**RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED THEIR HOLY  
COMMUNION MILESTONE TODAY**

*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 - "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" - ELW 538 - sing in English



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America  
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### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

Today's altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to God  
for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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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, January 23, 2022**

Budget Information Zoom, 1:00 p.m.

If you want to discuss the proposed budget in preparation for next week's Annual Meeting, join Keith Selbrede on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/MC2022Budget>.

Meeting ID: 874 0238 5638 / Passcode: MountCross  
OR Dial in (408) 638-0968

Meeting ID: 874 0238 5638 / Passcode: 5665585985

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

### **Monday, January 24**

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

### **Tuesday, January 25**

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 at 7:00 p.m.

Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.

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

### **Wednesday, January 26**

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.  
Contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto: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, led by the Rev. Susan Klein this month.

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](mailto: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, January 27**

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, January 29**

Labyrinth Prayer Walk, 10:00 a.m.

at Camarillo United Methodist Church  
291 Anacapa, Camarillo, CA

Park to the right of the large parking area when you come in the driveway.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this brief, mindful prayer experience. Step away from your weekend busy-ness for a little while to spend some time with God.

# 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](mailto: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.*

In case you missed the Martin Luther King Day service from our synod, here's another chance to watch! [the link is attached to this video](#).

"This is the 42nd annual celebration sponsored by the African Descent Lutheran Association of Los Angeles and the Southwest California Synod. It is going to be spectacular, as they always are. Our guest preacher this year is [Bishop Patricia Davenport](#) of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. We have two African Descent bishops in the ELCA, and Bishop Davenport is one of them. She is powerful, inspirational, and I cannot wait to hear what she has to say," wrote Bishop Brenda Bos, in her letter inviting us to watch.

## Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at [MyTurn.CA.gov](http://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](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](http://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

The Re-opening Committee met and has decided to stay the course for our worship.

**Masks are still required for indoor worship.** Although some places have chosen to make masks optional for those who are vaccinated, we, as Lutherans, love to sing and there are concerns about singing indoors and keeping people safe, which is our first priority. Because we love to sing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 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.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting - January 30**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **next Sunday, January 30**, at **4:00 p.m.** on Zoom. Access to the Zoom meeting will also be available in the sanctuary for those who need it. Please notify the church office by phone (805-482-3847) or email (office@mountcross.com) if you plan to attend the meeting in the sanctuary.

The Zoom link is: <https://bit.ly/2022MountCross>

Meeting ID: 879 4910 4805 / Passcode: MountCross

**Dial in** (408) 638-0968

Meeting ID: 879 4910 4805 / Passcode: 5192285869 (just for Dial in)

## **Annual Meeting - Budget Information Zoom - TODAY, January 23**

Keith Selbrede will hold an **informational Zoom** on the **proposed 2022 budget, TODAY, January 23**, at **1:00 p.m.** for anyone who is interested.

The link is <https://bit.ly/MC2022Budget>.

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## **Contribution Statements**

Please email Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com) with any questions or comments about the recently emailed/mailed Contribution Statements for 2021 and the first two weeks of January 2022.

## **Food Share Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Friday, February 11, 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Join us for a **volunteer opportunity with Food Share** in Oxnard. We will be sorting through food as it gets ready to be distributed. Volunteers must be 12 years old or older to participate.

You can **sign up** using this link <https://cerv.is/0303g0M5Xgj>. We hope you can make it!

## **4th Midweek Movie**

The 4th Midweek Movie for January is **American Underdog** (PG) at the Roxy **next Tuesday, January 25**, at **4:30 p.m.** *American Underdog* tells the inspirational true story of Kurt Warner, who went from a stock boy at a grocery store to a two-time NFL MVP, Super Bowl champion, and Hall of Fame quarterback. Please email Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbrundage@roadrunner.com) with any questions or comments. Hope you can join us for the movie and/or dinner after!

## **Winter Camps - DATE CHANGES**

In the interest of the health and safety of guests and staff, **several of the LRCC Winter Retreats have been pushed back.** We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you and your family and we sincerely hope you will still join.

If you have questions, please contact Joe Zimmerly ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) or email [office@lrcchome.com](mailto:office@lrcchome.com).

**February 25-27 - new date**

**El Camino Pines Middle School & High School Winter Retreat COMBINED**  
El Camino Pines

**March 11-13 - new date**

**El Camino Pines Family Winterfest**  
El Camino Pines

## **St. Columba's Book Group for Epiphany**

Join St. Columba's Episcopal Church to explore *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans — Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/WholeheartedBookZoom>, or Thursdays **in person in St. Columba's parish hall at 10:45 a.m.** If you have a conflict for one week, you can switch between Zoom and in-person sessions.

## **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](https://bit.ly/MtCross_Hospitality).

Thank you for your service to the Mount Cross community!