

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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thank you for wearing your mask (indoors; outdoors optional)
and social distancing (outdoors)
at all times during the service.*

**7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" - ELW 645 - verses 1 & 2

As able, the assembly stands.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and 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 Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our + Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**



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

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "Now the Feast and Celebration" - ELW 167

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING SONG - "May God Bless and Keep You" (Walker)

May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine on you.

May God be kind to you and give you peace.

Text: Based on Numbers 6:22-27. Text and music © 1988, 1989, 1990, Christopher Walker.
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FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - "Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping" (Tice/WAYFARING STRANGER)



1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off



sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it



sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.



Who hears the song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers
The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has



hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and
shared our heart - felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -



hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: WAYFARING STRANGER, North American traditional

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SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

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

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 - "Build Us Up, Lord" - ELW 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

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 Let us come before our triune God in prayer.

Holy Parent, Mother and Father of us all, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Good Shepherd, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here and on our livestream. Thank you for our Mount Cross volunteers, especially those whose efforts behind the scenes go unnoticed, and for all who serve and give to our community. Bless the Church Council and all who are participating in the Leadership Retreat this afternoon. Give them ears to hear your voice and the strength and courage to follow your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pillar of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Send your healing mercy to each person who is in pain, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud (*pause*) ... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "O Come To The Altar" (Brown/Brock/Furtick/Joye) - CCLI Song # 7051511

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge
Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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.**

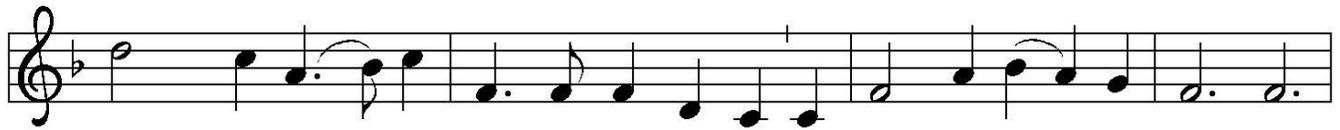
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



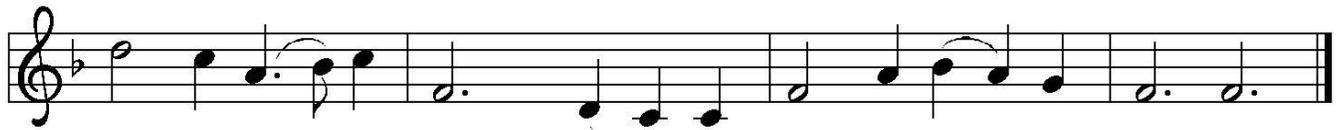
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



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, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

P 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.

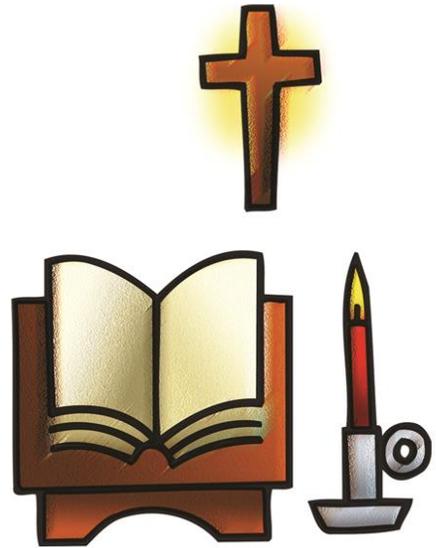
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The assembly may be seated.

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come and be filled!

LAMB OF GOD - O Lamb of God (Seltz/LAND OF REST)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on the Agnus Dei
Music: LAND OF REST, North American

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:



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

(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

COMMUNION SONGS - "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (Tomlin, Newton, Giglio) - CCLI Song # 4768151

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine



“Go, Be Justice” (Keil/NETTLETON)



1. Go, be jus - tice to God's peo - ple; Teach the hard - ened heart to
2. Go, be heal - ing to God's peo - ple; Seek and share the sav - ing
3. Go, be mer - cy to God's peo - ple In for - give - ness free - ly



1. learn. Break the bread of true com - mun - ion, Pour the
2. call. Be the touch of Christ for oth - ers, Be the
3. shown; Find the stran - ger, call her kin - dred, Find the



1. cup of true con - cern. Feed the hun - gry, house the
2. voice of Christ for all. Lives are bro - ken all a -
3. ex - ile, call him home. Age to age God's mer - cy



1. home - less, Catch the ty - rants in their lies; Be the
2. round you, And Christ has no hands but yours; Hold in
3. wel - comes With a love that will not cease; Go, be



1. Lord's a - noint - ed serv - ant So God's jus - tice nev - er dies.
2. them the ones who suf - fer So Christ's heal - ing love en - dures.
3. Christ - light to God's peo - ple, Be an in - stru - ment of peace.

Martin Willett
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John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
- C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Joan Brundage
in loving memory of her father, Robert Springer.*



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<https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!
We'll have one more time of Zoom **Community Conversation Time on Zoom**
following the service - on July 25.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.

We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors
before choosing to participate.

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 Roger Allmandinger, Bob Anderson, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Lori Baker, Dan Bayless** (friend of Keith Selbrede), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Crista & Bonnie** (niece and sister of Karen Cherry), **Gail Cline** (daughter of Karen & Jim Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Julie Cushing** (friend of Jen & Randy Churchill), **Donna** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Steve Doshier** (Paul Crockett's brother-in-law), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Betty Ertel, Natalie Faltin, Linda Frantz, David Gale** (friend of Herb & Jo Holler), **Ron Higginbotham, Jo Holler, Jack** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Joan Husband** (friend of Bill & Glenda Greason), **Hollie Krell** (daughter of Arlene Kochans), **Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Kate LaCalamita, Karen** (mother of Julie Merrick), **Lucille Miley, Scott Mitchell** (brother of Tracy Blois), **the family of Kathi Moore** (niece of Pat Dawson & cousin of Bill Dawson) **Norm Morgan, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Bob Sharp** (grandfather of Jaimie Marroquin), **Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Jerry Warren, Carol & Frederick Young** (parents of Nanette Phipps and Kimberly Young).

*Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks.
If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.*

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, July 11, 2021

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

Leadership Retreat, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at
CLU's Lunding Events Center.
See the announcement below for more information.

Monday, July 12, 2021

Monday Meditation - on summer hiatus
for July & August.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Upper Room Zoom- on summer hiatus
for July & August.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Caste Book Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Please join us for a "Caste Party!" On
Wednesdays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., through July 28,
we meet in the sanctuary to listen to the book
Caste, with a discussion time after. We listen to
just under 90 minutes of the book each time,
then discuss what we have heard. We have a
few chapters to read on our own before the
next Wednesday. Contact Becky Riley at
president@mountcross.com
for more information.

NO Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
We're not rehearsing this week but will meet
next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., in the loft (with
the door open). Contact the office
(office@mountcross.com) with any questions.

Being Disciples Book Group, 7 p.m.
The Rev. Susan Klein leads a book discussion of
Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life,
from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the Parish Life Center.
See the announcement below for more
information.

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Care Team, 1:00 p.m.

The Care Team meets at 1:00 p.m.,
via Zoom.

Anti-Racism Check-In, 5:00 p.m.

The Anti-Racism Check-in group meets July 15
at 5:00 p.m. The Zoom link is:
<http://bit.ly/MCAntiRacism>.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person attendance for our worship indoors. Those in the sanctuary are asked to wear masks. We also have some chairs available in the pavilion if you are not comfortable inside; masks are optional there, social distancing requested. We also need worship assistants:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/88920928020/false#/invitation>. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants>
or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for Children's Church with a fun story and gathering! Please print out your children's bulletins before the meeting.

If you need a hard copy, please message Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Most of our programs are on summer break. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl ministry could use additional helpers to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to those in need of comfort. To give a shawl or for instructions to knit or crochet one, contact Diana Hagen (805-482-6411).

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS will be back in some form this summer from August 2-6 at Mount Cross. As we prepare for an *in person program, we expect it to be very different from past years. That being said, we need volunteers to help put together this special event. **Sign up** at <http://bit.ly/VBSVolunteers21>.

If you have questions, please contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

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.

Gun violence is terrible, but it doesn't affect all of us at the same rate. Black children and teens in California are 6 times as likely as their white peers to die by guns. So working to stop gun violence is working to address racism.

Although California is a national leader in gun violence prevention—violence intervention and prevention programs don't have a sustainable revenue stream. It's time we found a reliable way to fund them and to end gun violence in California. Your California Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin's vote is critical to passing AB 1223, a bill that would tax sales on ammunition and firearms and use the revenue to fund violence intervention and prevention programs.

[Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin needs to hear from you today: Tell her to support AB 1223!](#)

Violence intervention and prevention programs can reduce gun violence in California's hardest-hit communities. Let's make sure these programs remain well-funded into the future.

Want more information? Visit www.everytown.org.

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at MyTurn.CA.gov or for walk-ins. Locations available throughout the county!

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost remains \$35.00; you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Sanctuary/Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial!

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. Thanks for your support!

TODAY, July 11 - Mount Cross Leadership Retreat

All Mount Cross team, committee, and group leaders, as well as all interested members, are invited to join the Church Council for an afternoon leadership retreat **TODAY, July 11**, from **1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at the Lundring Center at California Lutheran University. **Preparation materials are available here:**

<https://bit.ly/MCLeadershipRetreat>.

Plan for two hours of preparation in advance of the retreat.

After a year like we have had, we need to do some focused praying, thinking, and discussing to set goals for the next six months. **Please notify the church office if you will attend.** Email office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.

Directions to Lundring Events Center at CLU:

Campus Map: <https://www.callutheran.edu/map/lundring-events-center>

The Lundring Events Center is located inside the Gilbert Sports & Fitness Center, just inside the main entrance on the right.

Parking is available in the parking lot beside the Gilbert Sports & Fitness Center.

From Camarillo:

US 101 South towards Thousand Oaks, Exit Lynn Road. Turn Left on Lynn Road. Turn Left on Mountclef Blvd. Turn Left on Overton Court into the Parking Lot

From Santa Rosa Rd:

Take Santa Rosa Road to North Moorpark Rd. Turn Right on W. Olson Road. Turn Right on Mountclef Blvd. Turn Left on Overton Court into the Parking Lot

Worship Guidelines

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

For indoor worship, although many places have chosen to make masks optional for those who are vaccinated, we, as Lutherans, love to sing and there are concerns about singing indoors and keeping people safe, which is our first priority.

Because we love to sing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 12), masks are still required indoors for worship.

Information on Ecumenical Guidelines for worship (from June 8, 2021), including recommendations against singing indoors:

[Care-filled Worship and Sacramental Life in a Lingering Pandemic](#)

We also offer seating in the pavilion **outdoors**, where masks are optional 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.

Camarillo Community Band - Concerts in the Park

July 15, 22, and 29

The Camarillo Community Band will perform its 2021 Summer Concert Series on July 15, 22, and 29 at Constitution Park from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Bring a lawn chair and a jacket, a blanket and a picnic dinner. The concerts mark the band's 36th season. The free concerts are presented by the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks District. Constitution Park is located at the corner of Paseo Camarillo and Carmen Drive.

<https://camarillocommunityband.com/performances/summer-series/>

Mercy House Underwear Drive

Summer is upon us! At Mercy House, we are in critical need of underwear for our clients during this time. Are you or a community group you are a part of looking for a summer service project? Our underwear drive is the perfect way to be involved and help vulnerable unhoused individuals in our community.

Throughout July and August, we are prioritizing donation collections of new *men's and women's underwear of all sizes.*



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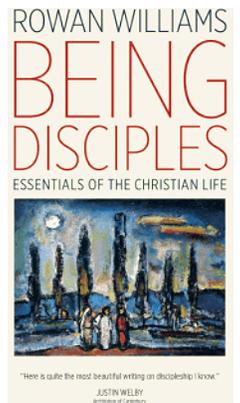
UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Men's and women's underwear
of all sizes are needed
throughout July and August.

Please contact Inger Smuts
(ingers@mercyhouse.net, 714-
836-7188 x 311) for drop off.

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July Book Studies - Began Last Week

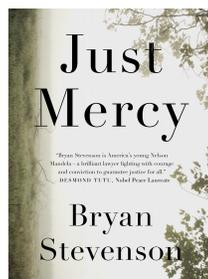


Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life by Rowan Williams

On four Wednesday evenings this summer, **through July 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center**, join us for an hour of discussion and contemplative prayer. Susan Klein, Episcopal priest and spiritual director, will guide our evenings. Using Rowan Williams' thoughtful and provocative book, *Being Disciples*, we will discuss topics such as the meaning of discipleship, the work of creating a just social order, forgiveness, and holiness. We will also engage in several traditional prayer practices, such as Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina*. Everyone is welcome, and all perspectives will be cherished. We hope you will join us for any or all of these sessions as we seek new understanding and personal growth in Christ.

Please buy the book in advance. It is available from Amazon or from local booksellers (allow time for ordering and shipping). **To sign up for this group**, or for more information, contact office@mountcross.com or call the office 805-482-3847.

Join us on Zoom, selected Thursdays in July and August, at 5:00 p.m., as we study four chapters each session of *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson



All are invited to this four-part book study on the *NY Times* bestseller *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, next session on **July 22**, then **August 12 & 26 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom**, led by Tracy Blois, Jessica Easter, Becky Gilbertson, Tim Helton, and Pastor Julie. **Please come having read chapters 5-8**. We will be covering four chapters each meeting. **RSVP to Bill Stoll at billstoll50@gmail.com. Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/JustMercyMC21> Meeting ID: 849 0965 9726 /Passcode: 069721/Dial in by phone, 1 408 638 0968. For more information contact Pastor Julie (pastorjulie@mountcross.com) or Bill Stoll (billstoll50@gmail.com).**