

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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## **To the Parents of Our Young Children –**

*We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies. All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

*We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.*

## **To All Worshippers –**

*The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community.*

**Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!**

**The 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 24, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - "Everything Depends on God" (Mellis/Browning)

("Pray as if everything depends on God. Work as if everything depends on you.")

Mark Mellis, Carol Browning, soloists; Carol Mellis, flute

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson

## GATHERING SONG - "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" - ELW 325

As able, the assembly stands.

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

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

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

P Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

C **Amen.**



## 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.**

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



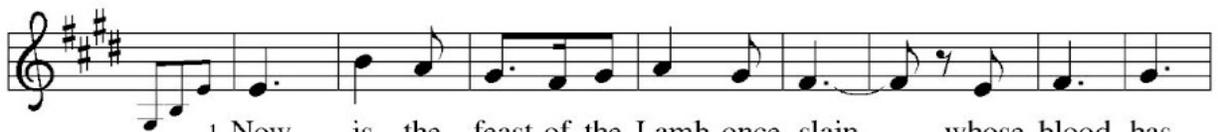
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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 Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Tracy Blois

### CHILDREN'S SONG - "Jesus, We Are Gathered" - ELW 529 (in English)

The image shows a musical score for a children's song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two lines of the song, and the second system contains the last two lines.

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je - sus, for you.

Text: Patrick Matsikenyeri

Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyeri

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## FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

L Word of God, word of life.

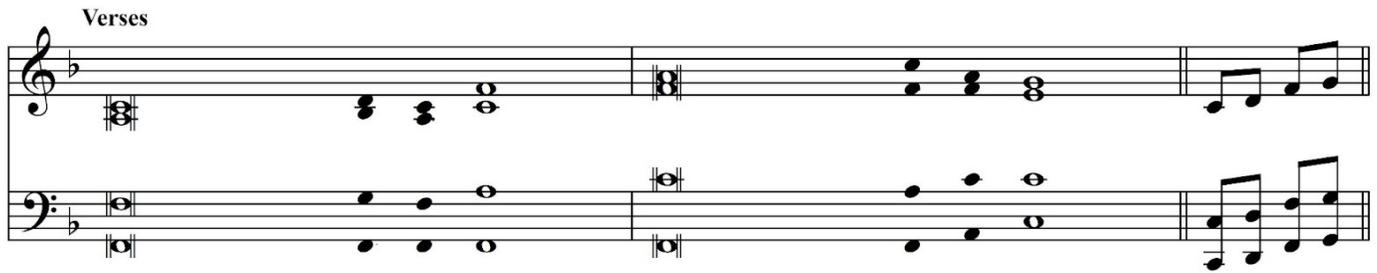
C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 138 - “Thank You, Lord” (spiritual)

Refrain

1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,

thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.



1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;  
 before the gods I will | sing your praise.  
 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
 because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;  
 for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.  
 REFRAIN

3 When I called, you | answered me;  
 you increased my | strength within me.  
 4 All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,  
 when they have heard the words | of your mouth.  
 5 They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,  
 that great is the glory | of the Lord.  
 REFRAIN

6 The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,  
 perceiving the haughty | from afar.  
 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;  
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
 your right | hand shall save me.  
 8 You will make good your pur- | pose for me;  
 O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.  
 REFRAIN

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**SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - 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: Luke 11:1-13**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON - Pastor Bill Knutson**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "Ask the Complicated Questions" - ACS 1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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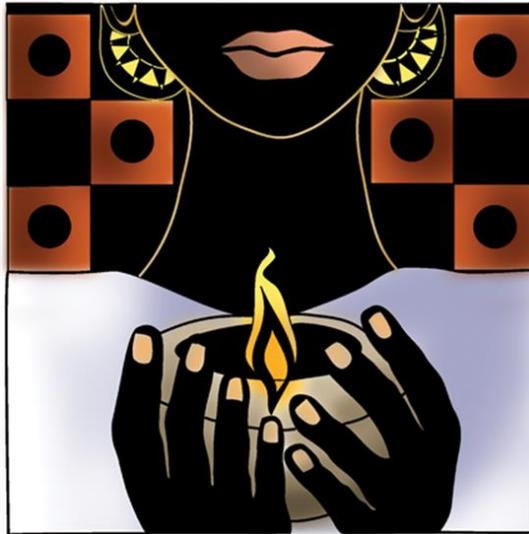
## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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 Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Give us faith to ask for what we need. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world, especially areas where there are wildfires, extreme heat, or other natural disasters. Help us to recognize the beauty all around us. Give us renewed motivation to work for environmental justice and to care for all of your creation. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your compassion. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

A Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless our prayer chain, Care Team, and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name, and bring peace to all who are in need, especially those on our prayer list ...

**PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS**

**We pray for Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Barbara Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Niki Carmichael** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Marion Cole, Ann Hall** (friend of Carol Browning), **Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Betty Hough, Nancy Jaeger, the family of Eunice Krieger** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Tyler Law** (great-nephew of Sandy Fox), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Ellie Ranson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Norb and Marilyn Rud** (friends of Scott Fajnor), **Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Amar Shaw** (nephew of Gordon and Melissa Henry), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **Mike Valen** (brother-in-law of Bill and Nancy Rowley), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **the family of the Rev. Howard Wennes, Jessica Willis** (sister-in-law of Carol Broderick), **Cheryl Wolfe.**

*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 Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

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

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C **Amen.**

**PEACE**

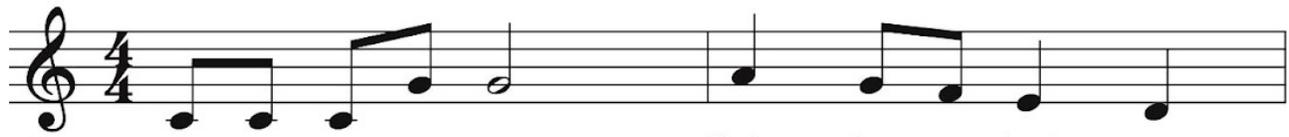
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

# OFFERTORY - "Open Unto Me" (Thurman, adapt./Browning)

Howard Thurman, 1899–1981, adapt. CB

Carol Browning



1. O - pen un - to me light for my dark - ness.  
2. O - pen un - to me strength for my weak - ness.  
3. O - pen un - to me joy for my sor - row.



O - pen un - to me cour-age for my fear.  
O - pen un - to me wis-dom for my doubt.  
O - pen un - to me for - give-ness for my sins.



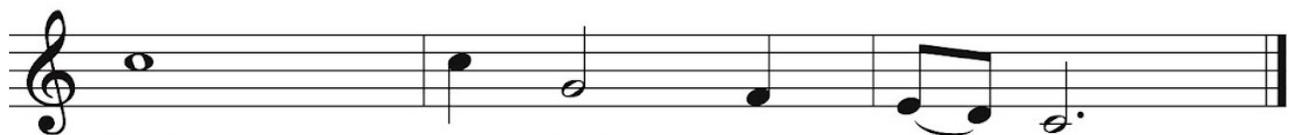
O - pen un - to me hope for my de - spair.  
O - pen un - to me peace for my un - rest.  
O - pen un - to me love for my hate.



O - pen un - to me, Lord, Thy Self for my self.



my self. O - pen un - to me,



Lord, Thy Self for my self.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

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.

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, and upon these gifts of bread and wine,  
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/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

*The assembly may be seated.*

### 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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**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 (in the center ring). 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 - "O God, You Search Me" - ACS 1082



1 O God, you search me and you know me.  
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.  
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,  
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.  
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,  
you have known its mean - ing through and through.  
still I search for shel - ter from your light.  
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:  
and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:  
You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:  
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:  
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:

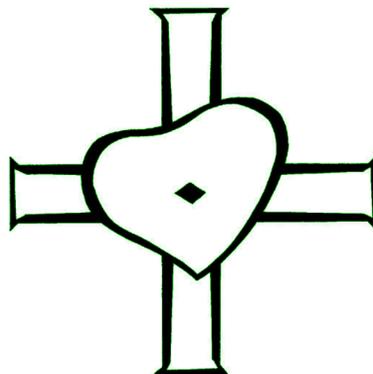


ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.  
safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, Bernadette Farrell

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## “Baptized in Water” - ELW 456

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

## BLESSING

P The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

C Amen.

## SENDING SONG - "Lead Me, Guide Me" - ELW 768

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you



lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each



day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am



help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways



dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE - Carol and Mark Mellis

*We welcome Pastor Bill Knutson and  
thank him for leading us in worship today!*

*Pastor Julie is on vacation through July 29. We are happy to have the Rev. Bill Knutson as our supply pastor this Sunday, July 24. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at 805-482-3847 or, after hours, the emergency number given on Pastor Julie's voicemail message.*

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Judy and Bob Winters.*

*Thank you to Mark and Carol Mellis for helping to lead our music today!*

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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.**

Please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

## The Week at a Glance

### **TODAY, July 24**

Health Ministry Workshop, 1:00 p.m.  
See the information below for details on this free event in the sanctuary.

### **Monday, July 25**

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

### **Tuesday, July 26**

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
The Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

### **Wednesday, July 27**

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.  
The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft, masked and with the doors open.

### Summer Choir, 7:30 p.m

Those who want to sing through the music for Sunday and work on special music for the summer are welcome in the sanctuary.

### **Thursday, July 25**

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.  
The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

## Senior Adult Dinner & Social, 5:00 p.m.

See the information below for details on this free event  
in the Parish Life Center.

## Saturday, July 30

Church Work Day, 8:00 a.m.–Noon  
See the information below for details on this  
work day. All help is welcome and appreciated!

## Worship Guidelines

Following County guidelines, masks are strongly recommended for all people indoors  
in public places in California. Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation,  
and love for your neighbor that you continue to show.

## COVID Tests and Masks

Although we would like for COVID to be a distant memory, it is still with us. In case you weren't aware,  
every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a 3rd round of **free** at-home COVID tests. They're easy to use.  
Order yours today at <https://www.covid.gov/tests> or call 1-800-232-0233. In addition, if anybody would  
like a free N95 mask, ask any pharmacist. The masks are stored behind the counter at the pharmacy,  
provided by the government to help curb the spread. No paperwork required. Stay healthy and safe!

## Announcements

### **Sunday Worship**

We always need worship assistants, especially for  
technology. We will train you. Contact Vicky Edell at  
[vickyedell5@gmail.com](mailto:vickyedell5@gmail.com) or sign-up online at  
<https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.  
Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

### **Children, Youth, and Family Ministry**

Our weekly programs are finished for the summer. Email  
Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) with 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.*

Last week on NPR, they shared this story about the  
attempt to desegregate a bowling alley in Orangeburg,  
South Carolina in 1968, and plans to tie the alleys history  
into its rebuilding. Well worth a read- and maybe  
encouraged us to spend a hot afternoon inside a cool  
bowling alley soon- where it should be a safe space to  
ALL customers.

<https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2022/07/11/orangeburg-massacre-bowling-alley>

### **Altar Flowers**

To request flowers for our worship:

<https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. **As of August 1, the cost  
is going up from \$35.00 to \$40.00;** 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.

### **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!

### **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.

## Adult Bible Study Resources

To study the Bible on your own or with a group that you gather at home, go to  
[elca.org/resources/bible-studies](https://elca.org/resources/bible-studies). (We are in Year C—Time after Pentecost.)

## **Mount Cross Health Ministry Education Series**

### **TODAY, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. – Palliative and Hospice Care**

Is there a difference between Palliative and Hospice Care? If there is, what do I need to know about it? Will knowing help me make better decisions? Learn the answers through presentations by knowledgeable speakers and an opportunity for answers to your questions.

We will begin at **1:00 p.m.**, on **Sunday, July 24**, in the sanctuary for the presentation and then move to the pavilion for refreshments. There is no cost to attend. Handouts and take-away materials will be provided to those in attendance. If you have questions contact Evonne Kuchera, Mount Cross Health Ministry Nurse, at [evonnemk@aol.com](mailto:evonnemk@aol.com) or Susan Prosser, Mount Cross Care Team Chair, at [prosser1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prosser1@sbcglobal.net).

### **Midweek Movie - July 26**

The midweek movie for July is **Elvis** (PG-13) at the Roxy next Tuesday, July 26, at 7:35 p.m. Hope you can join us for dinner before and/or the movie at the Roxy! Please email Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbrundage@roadrunner.com) with any questions or comments.

### **VBS 2022 - Volunteers Needed**

Join us for **VBS 2022** at Mount Cross Lutheran Church! We are excited to host this special week this year **August 8 - 12**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon every day. Our theme for the year is "**Tree of Healing**" with daily themes to follow. Our age range to attend is 4-10 years of age. Registration is full but we need volunteers to help in many areas. Email Joe at [joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com).

### **VBS Amazon Wishlist**

VBS is right around the corner and we are in need of craft supply donations. By clicking the link below, you can see what we need on our Amazon Wishlist.

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1A618YY3R04UT?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_FuzsuTSER3gTU](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1A618YY3R04UT?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_FuzsuTSER3gTU)

### **Senior Adult Dinner and Social** **This Thursday, July 28, at 5:00 p.m.**

For all adult seniors and those who identify as adult seniors.

Sign up on the patio today or contact the church office (805-482-3847, [office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com)) to save a place for you!. This is a FREE event! We only ask that you come and share a meal with us.

For more information, ask anyone on the Senior Adult Ministry Committee:  
Deacon Cecelia Travick-Jackson, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter, Allison Johnson,  
Evonne Kuchera, Susan Prosser, LaJean Wenzel

### **Camarillo Community Band - Free Summer Concerts in the Park**

#### **One more Thursday - July 28**

7:00 p.m. at Constitution Park (Carmen & Paseo Camarillo)

[www.camarillocommunityband.com](http://www.camarillocommunityband.com) - 805-530-6370

## **Sign Up to Donate Blood - August 7**

Our next Blood Drive will be **August 7**; sign up at <https://bit.ly/BloodDriveAug7>. Vitalant will have the bus in the parking lot to facilitate donations, but there is also a need for blood now. Visit [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) and click the donate button to find a location near you.

## **Summer Church Work Days**

### **July 30 & August 27, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

All hands on deck! Mark your calendars for TWO **church work days** this summer scheduled for **Saturdays, July 30 and August 27, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon**. Come for any part of each morning, no need to sign up in advance. No time is too short, and no job is too small! We welcome and appreciate your help.

Projects will include: weeding hillsides and around the property, pruning, sanding/painting exterior door on sacristy, cleaning Parish Life Center, sanctuary, and kitchen areas, as needed. There is a lot to do and many hands make light work! Please bring your wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pickaxes/mattocks, loppers, shears, and work gloves. Donuts and coffee will be provided!

If you have any questions, stop by the table on the patio after worship the week before each work day or contact Cy Johnson at [clopsj@gmail.com](mailto:clopsj@gmail.com) or 805-388-3293. Let's come and serve the Lord together as one in a body-wide expression of gratitude for these grounds and this facility that He has given to us.

## **Jojo's Sanctuary Presentation**

On July 31st, after worship, we will have a special guest to share with us about her passion project. Heather Askew, Joan Brundage's cousin, will be visiting us and sharing information about the NGO she co-founded in Thailand, Jojo's Sanctuary.

Plan to meet in the Parish Life Center for about 25 minutes after worship and hear what work she is doing to change lives in Thailand. Visit her website at [www.jojosthailand.org](http://www.jojosthailand.org)

## **Stewardship Is Year Round**

***Be Biblical. Let God do the talking.***

“[God] comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:4

**Mount Cross Quilters**

**Tied in Faith**

**Sent in Hope**

**Wrapped in Love**

Our Mount Cross Quilters make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's "Mission Quilt" project.

Recipients use the quilts in many ways: to shield them from the cold and rain, for warm bedding, to wrap a baby, and they can also be purposed as a simple tent.

Bishop Bos put it so well in her sermon on Trinity Sunday, "The Holy Spirit is a comforter." Our Mount Cross Quilters send the comforting quilts they lovingly make to those who are in need of comfort. The Holy Spirit arrives along with the quilts and wraps the recipients in love and comfort. We, as a church community, need to continue to support this amazing ministry. If you are interested in joining the Mount Cross Quilters, contact Marilyn Gardner.