

# 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 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 31, 9:30 a.m.**

# PRELUDE - "How Can I Keep from Singing" (Tomlin, Redman, Cash)

(How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever say enough how amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name? I know I am loved by the King and it makes my heart want to sing.)

Miriam Hoffmann, soloist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

## GATHERING SONG - "Guide My Feet" - ACS 987 - Verses 1, 3 & 5

As able, the assembly stands.

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!

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of the musical score. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It begins with a 'Leader' part and then transitions to an 'All' part. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

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

Yes, my Lord!

Detailed description: This system shows the second two staves of the musical score. The top staff continues the melody from the first system. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

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

Detailed description: This system shows the third two staves of the musical score. The top staff continues the melody. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

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

Detailed description: This system shows the final two staves of the musical score. The top staff continues the melody. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

## 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



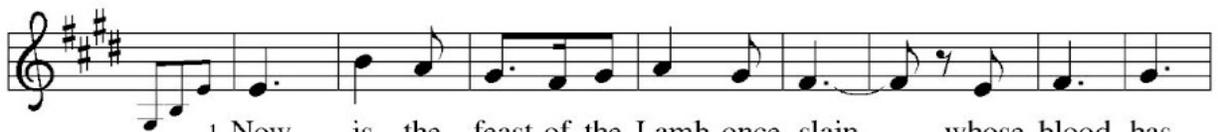
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

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

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.

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 has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Patrick Matsikenyiri

Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyiri

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## FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

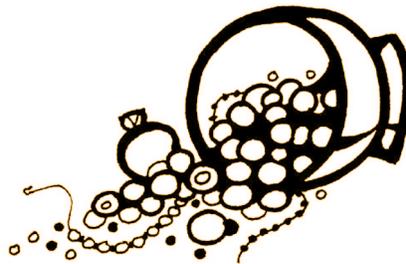
<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>218</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 49:1-12 - “Teach Us, Lord” (DeMey)

Refrain

Teach us, Lord, the mea-sure of our days.

Teach us, Lord, the mea-sure of our days.

**Verse Tone**

**Verses**

- 1 Hear this, | all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
- 2 you of high de- | gree and low,  
rich and | poor together.
- 3 My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear | to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.

**Refrain**

- 5 Why should I be afraid in | evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
- 6 the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,  
and boast of | their great riches?
- 7 One can never re- | deem another,  
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
- 8 for the ransom of a life | is so great  
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,
- 9 in order to live forev- | er and ever  
and never | see the grave.

**Refrain**

- 10 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.
- 11 Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | generation,  
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
- 12 Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;  
they are like the | beasts that perish.

**Refrain**

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## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 12:13-21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON - The Rev. Chryll Crews**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "Seek Ye First" - WOV 783



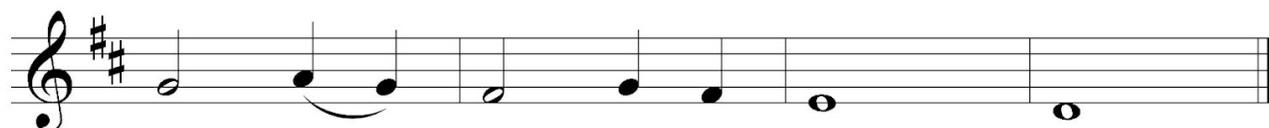
1. Seek ye \_\_\_ first the \_\_\_ king - dom of God  
2. Ask and it shall be \_\_\_ giv - en un - to you;  
3. We do not live by \_\_\_ bread a - lone,



and its \_\_\_ righ - teous - ness, \_\_\_  
seek and \_\_\_ you shall \_\_\_ find; \_\_\_  
but by \_\_\_ ev - 'ry \_\_\_ word \_\_\_



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God.



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

Text: v. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty; v. 2, Matt. 7:7; v. 3, Matt 4:4.

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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.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, faith formation teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of our Mount Cross Church Council and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place and to the communities we serve. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal, especially to areas ravaged by flooding, wildfires, storms, drought, or other natural disasters. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice and an end to violence, particularly gun violence. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations, especially Russia, Ukraine, and the Middle East. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

A O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Renew us at your table of mercy. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress, 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, Guy Ervin III, Doria and Vladimir Fanning** (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Kelli Hernandez, 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, Tom Morelli** (stepdad of Tracy Blois), **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 - "Hold On to Love" (Manibusan)



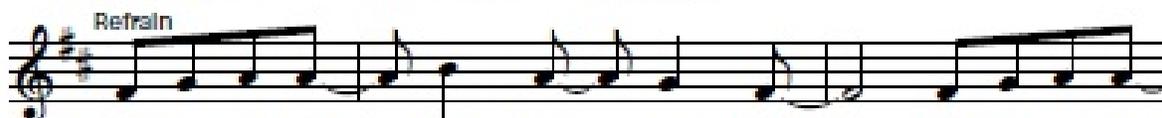
Verses  
 1a. There is a place for the sad - ness.  
 1b. When pain and con - fu - sion seem end - less,  
 2a. When ter - ror and fear o - ver-whelm us,  
 2b. When vi - o - lence seeks to de - stroy us,  
 3a. When ha - tred is used to di - vide us,  
 3b. When pre - ju - dice pos - es as free - dom,



1a. Hold on to Love. There is a sea - son of glad-  
 1b. hold on to Love. We cul - ti - vate heal - ing through kind-  
 2a. hold on to Love. Cour-age and faith will sus - tain  
 2b. hold on to Love. Acts of com-pas - sion re - store  
 3a. hold on to Love. Wis-dom and truth re - u - nite  
 3b. hold on to Love. Dig - ni - ty means "all are wel-



1a. - ness. Hold on to Love.  
 1b. - ness. Hold on to Love  
 2a. us. Hold on to Love.  
 2b. us. Hold on to Love.  
 3a. us. Hold on to Love.  
 3b. - come!" Hold on to Love.



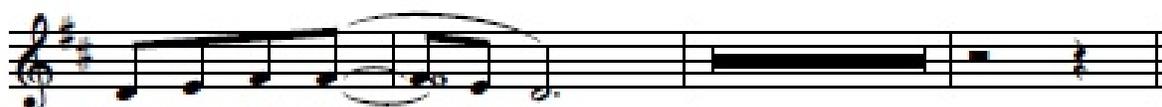
Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love,



where joy a-bounds. Hold on to Love,



where grace and mer - cy's o - ver - flow - ing.



Hold on to Love.

## 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 - "Bread for the World" (Farrell)

## Refrain



Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger.



Wine for all peo - ples: peo - ple who thirst. May we who eat



be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

## Verses



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the



reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -  
 hearts once bro - ken and where dry - ness sleeps. Where we are  
 rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -



vide your peo - ple you are wait - ing there on bend - ed  
 tired and wea - ry you are wait - ing there to be the  
 vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed you walk a -



knee to wash our feet with end - less care.  
 way which beck - ons us be - yond de - spair.  
 mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

D.C.

## “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” - ELW 618



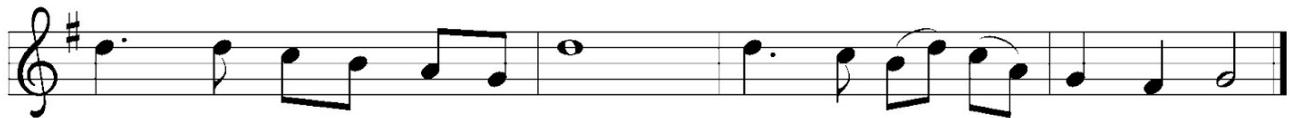
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

### 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.**

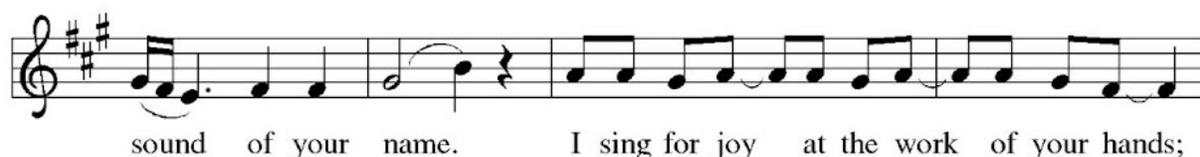
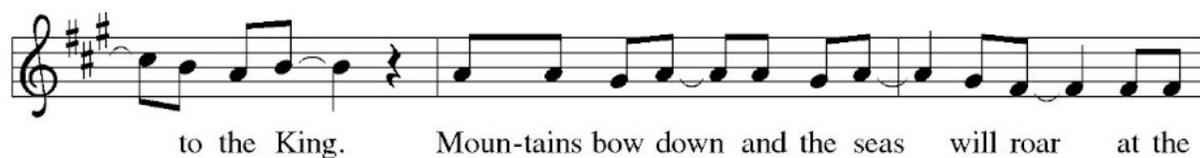
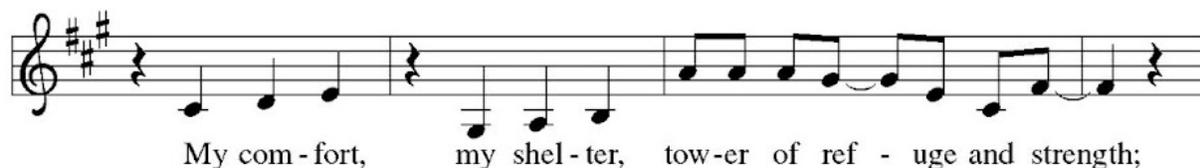
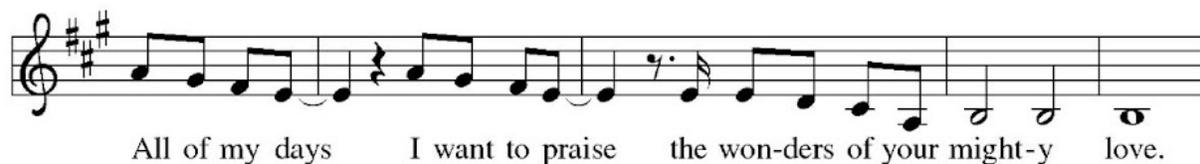
*As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.*

### 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 - "Shout to the Lord" - ELW 821 (sing last line 3 times)



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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## DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (arr. Burkhardt)**  
*Miriam Hoffmann, organ*

**We welcome the Rev. Chyrrl Crews as our guest preacher today  
and thank her for being with us!**

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Betty and Ron Ertel in memory of Christina Ertel  
and by Rosanne & Scott Stevens in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary.**

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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 31

After worship

Join Heather Askew in the Parish Life Center to learn about her NGO in Thailand, Jojo's Sanctuary.

### Monday, August 1

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Service & Missions Committee, 6:00 p.m.

The Service & Missions Committee meets on Zoom at 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Gordon Henry.

Learning Committee, 7:00 p.m.

Learning Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are invited to join! Contact Tracy Blois at [tracy.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.allyson@gmail.com) for details. Learning Committee plans our children, youth, and family programming working closely with Joe and the amazing CYFM team.

### Tuesday, August 2

Women's Bible Study

During the summer months, the Women's Bible Study meets monthly for a walking study:  
Next study: August 16.

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

The Peace & Justice Committee meets on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Zoom link:  
<http://bit.ly/MCPeaceandJustice>

4H in the PLC, 7:00 p.m.

A 4H group meets in the Parish Life Center at 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 3

VBS Youth Training, 3:00 p.m.

Youth who are helping lead VBS meet in the pavilion at 3:00 p.m.

### 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, August 4

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

Men's Bible Study meets for breakfast at Marie Callender's (185 E. Daily Drive). A \$15 donation covers breakfast and a tip, but don't let cost prevent you from attending. No RSVP necessary; questions, contact Randy Churchill ([hchurchill@verizon.net](mailto:hchurchill@verizon.net))

#### Executive Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

### Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.

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

### Next Sunday, August 7

#### Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

See the information below on how to sign up for the blood drive.

#### VBS Set-up, 1:00 p.m.

We need to get ready for VBS (August 8-12, 9:00 a.m.-Noon), if you're able to help.

#### VBS Training, 3:00 p.m.

Training for those helping with VBS will be at 3:00 p.m. Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com))

## 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.*

Before July ends, let's review the history of one of the emblems of our patriotism - the Statue of Liberty. This article is a year old, but it's still worth a read. Have you been to see her? She's worth the trip!

<https://www.upworthy.com/the-forgotten-origin-of-the-statue-of-liberty-is-a-symbol-for-how-we-treat-our-history>

### Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. **As of tomorrow, 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 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](http://elca.org/resources/bible-studies). (We are in Year C—Time after Pentecost.)

## **Jojo's Sanctuary Presentation**

**Today**, after worship, we have a special guest to share with us about her passion project. Heather Askew, Joan Brundage's cousin, is 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)

## **Special Fair Trade Deliciousness**

We have a special opportunity to purchase some yummy Fair Trade cheddar cheeses. Equal Exchange has partnered with Wisconsin-based, family-owned Red Barn Family Farms to bring us two options in cheddar. Clothbound Weis (\$6/wedge) or 1-year-aged Heritage (\$5/square) are both fabulous and would make a lovely addition to a summer charcuterie board. Please let Melissa Henry know you are interested and she will arrange delivery for you.

## **Sign Up to Donate Blood - Next Sunday, August 7**

Our next Blood Drive will be **next Sunday, August 7**, from **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**; 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.

# VBS Weekly Events

JOIN US FOR ONE OR ALL OF THESE!

3rd Youth Training @3PM

9th Zanders Night @6PM

7th VBS Decorating @1PM

11th VBS Program @6PM

7th VBS Training @3PM

14th VBS Sunday  
@9:30AM

## 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)

## Connect with Us!



Do you have a YouTube or Facebook account? We'd love to get connected! Make sure to follow **Mount Cross Lutheran Church, Camarillo, CA** on Facebook or subscribe on YouTube to stay updated on all the latest worship recordings and Mount Cross news.

## **Summer Church Work Day** **August 27, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

All hands on deck! Mark your calendars for one more **church work day** this summer, on **Saturday, 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 the 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.

## **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.