

# 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.*

**6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 4, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (arr. Galliford, Neuburg, Edmonson)**

*Jennifer Moraga, trumpet; Guy Ervin III, piano*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris**

**GATHERING SONG - "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" - ELW 888**

*As able, the assembly stands.*



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903



## 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



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** God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris



### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

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



<sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON - Chaplain Travis Davis (on video)**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "Let Others See Jesus in You" (McKinney)

### Verses



1. While pass - ing through this world of sin, and oth - ers your
2. Your life's a book be - fore their eyes, they're read - ing it
3. What joy 'twill be at set of sun, in man - sions be -
4. Then live for Christ both day and night, be faith - ful, be



life shall view, be clean and pure with - out, with - in,  
through and through; say, does it point them to the skies,  
yond the blue, to find some souls that you have won;  
brave, and true, and lead the lost to life and light;

### Chorus



let oth - ers see Je - sus in you. Let oth - ers see Je - sus in  
do oth - ers see Je - sus in you?  
let oth - ers see Je - sus in you.  
let oth - ers see Je - sus in you.



you, let oth - ers see Je - sus in you; keep tell - ing the



sto - ry, be faith - ful and true, let oth - ers see Je - sus in you.

Words and Music: B.B. McKinney, COLEMAN (Irr. meter).  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Let us come before our triune God in prayer.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and you rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Bless the United States on this Independence Day. We pray for our public servants, that they do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Inspire them to use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life. Bless Chaplain Travis Davis in his military service and guide him as he prepares for ordination in the ELCA. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Guide the search personnel in the condominium collapse in Florida, and comfort the families of those who were displaced, died, or are missing. Send cooling relief to areas suffering from extreme heat and rain to drought-stricken locations. Strengthen everyone who feels faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to each person in need, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries, including Lutheran World Relief. Equip us as we leave this place to joyfully witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A 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 - "To Be Your Presence" - ELW 546 - verses 1 and 4



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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## 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.

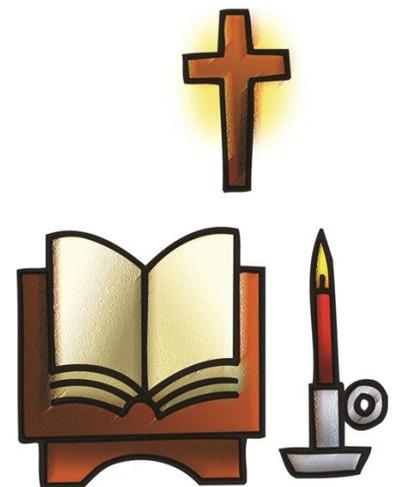
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.<sup>1</sup>**

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

# COMMUNION SONGS - "Lift Every Voice and Sing" - ELW 841



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

# "The Summons" - ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## 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

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*Thanks to Chaplain Travis Davis for his inspiring message today - we're grateful to  
have Chaplain Travis and Jaquanna Davis as part of our Mount Cross family!*

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!  
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, 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), **Karen** (mother of Julie Merrick), **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), **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](mailto:office@mountcross.com) or call 805.482.3847.*

## The Week at a Glance

**TODAY, July 4, 2021**

**Independence Day**

**NO** Children's Church Zoom today,  
9:00-9:20 a.m.

Our Nursery Staff for today will be  
Justice Jones and Jaida Jones.

**Monday, July 5, 2021**

**Independence Day Holiday Observed**

**Parish Office Closed**

Monday Meditation - *on summer hiatus  
for July & August.*

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021**

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

CDC Board, 1:00 p.m.

The CDC Board meets at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mount Cross Peace & Justice Team,  
7:00 p.m.

The Peace & Justice Team meets at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoom link is:

**<http://bit.ly/MCPeaceandJustice>**

**Wednesday, July 7, 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 21, 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](mailto:president@mountcross.com) for more information.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the loft (with the door open). Contact the office ([office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com)) with any questions.

## Being Disciples Book Group, 7:00 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 8, 2021**

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

The Men's Bible Study, led this week by Brian Rubin, meets on Zoom. The Zoom Link is : <http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>

### Just Mercy Book Zoom, 5:00 p.m.

The Peace & Justice Team is hosting a Book Study this summer (July 8 & 22 and August 12 & 26), at 5:00 p.m., to discuss Bryan Stevenson's book, *Just Mercy*. To join via Zoom, please visit <http://bit.ly/JustMercyMC21>. To dial in by phone, please call 1 (408) 638-0968. The meeting ID is 849 0965 9726 and the passcode is 069721. See the announcement below for more information.

### Young Adult Hangout, 6:00 p.m. (Offsite)

Join us July 8 at 6:00 p.m. for Young Adults dinner and devotion hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Ventura. Bring some money for food. If you need a ride, please contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).  
Address: 196 N Ashwood Ave, Ventura, CA 93003

Re-opening Committee, 6:30 p.m.  
The Re-opening Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.,  
via Zoom.

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

## **Friday, July 9, 2021**

### Movie Night, 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a drive-in movie on Friday, July 9, at 8:00 p.m.. We will be watching the movie Shrek. There is a suggested \$10 donation per vehicle to benefit Youth Ministry. Please sign up using this link: <https://signup.com/go/uYDeozz>

## **NEXT Sunday, July 11, 2021**

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

## **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) - NO Children's Church This Sunday**

Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for Children's Church with a fun story and gathering! Please print out your children's bulletins before the meeting. If you need a hard copy, please message Joe at [joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com).

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

Most of our programs are on summer break. Email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

## **Time for Summer Reading - Mount Cross READS**

We hope everyone at Mount Cross will read **Just Mercy** this summer. Pick up a copy and join the Zoom book study, or make a group of your own. Copies of the book are available for loan from the Camarillo Library (both paper copies and digital) if you prefer not to purchase. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* is a memoir by Bryan Stevenson that documents his career as a lawyer for disadvantaged clients. The book, focusing on injustices in the United States judicial system, alternates chapters between documenting Stevenson's efforts to overturn the wrongful conviction of Walter McMillian and his work on other cases, including children who receive life sentences and other poor or marginalized clients. The Zoom Study is four **Thursdays** in July and August, **starting July 8**, at **5:00 p.m.** Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/JustMercyMC21> Meeting ID: 849 0965 9726 /Passcode: 069721/Dial in by phone, 1 408 638 0968. Contact Pastor Julie ([pastorjulie@mountcross.com](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com)) or Bill Stoll ([billstoll50@gmail.com](mailto:billstoll50@gmail.com)) with questions. See below for more information.

### **Vaccine Sign-up Site**

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at [MyTurn.CA.gov](https://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](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. Thanks for your support!

## **Worship Guidelines**

**Our indoor worship** capacity and physical distancing restrictions are lifted, but masks are still required because we are singing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 12).

The Re-opening Committee meets again this week to assess the current conditions.

Thanks for your continued cooperation in following these guidelines to help keep Mount Cross safe.

## **Camarillo Community Band**

### **Concerts in the Park**

July 8, 15, 22, and 29

The Camarillo Community Band will perform its 2021 Summer Concert Series on July 8, 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/>

## **Next Sunday, 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 **Sunday, July 11**, from **1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at the Lundring Center at California Lutheran University. 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](mailto: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:**

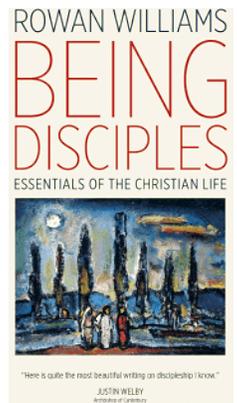
Take Santa Rosa Road to North Moorpark Rd.

Turn Right on W. Olson Road

Turn Right on Mountclef Blvd.

Turn Left on Overton Court into the Parking Lot

## July Book Studies - Beginning This Week

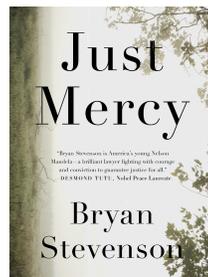


### **Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life by Rowan Williams**

On four Wednesday evenings this summer, **July 7, 14, 21, and 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](mailto:office@mountcross.com) or call the office 805-482-3847.

**Join us on Zoom, beginning Thursday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m.  
As we study Chapters 1-4 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 on **July 8 & 22 and 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 the first 4 chapters.** We will be covering four chapters each meeting. **RSVP to Bill Stoll at [billstoll50@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com)) or Bill Stoll ([billstoll50@gmail.com](mailto:billstoll50@gmail.com)).