

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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thank you for wearing your mask and observing
social distancing at all times during the service.*

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Vicar Amanda Berg

GATHERING SONG - "Gather Us In" - ELW 532

As able, the assembly stands



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



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



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



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



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



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

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 us,
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C **Amen.**



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 O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

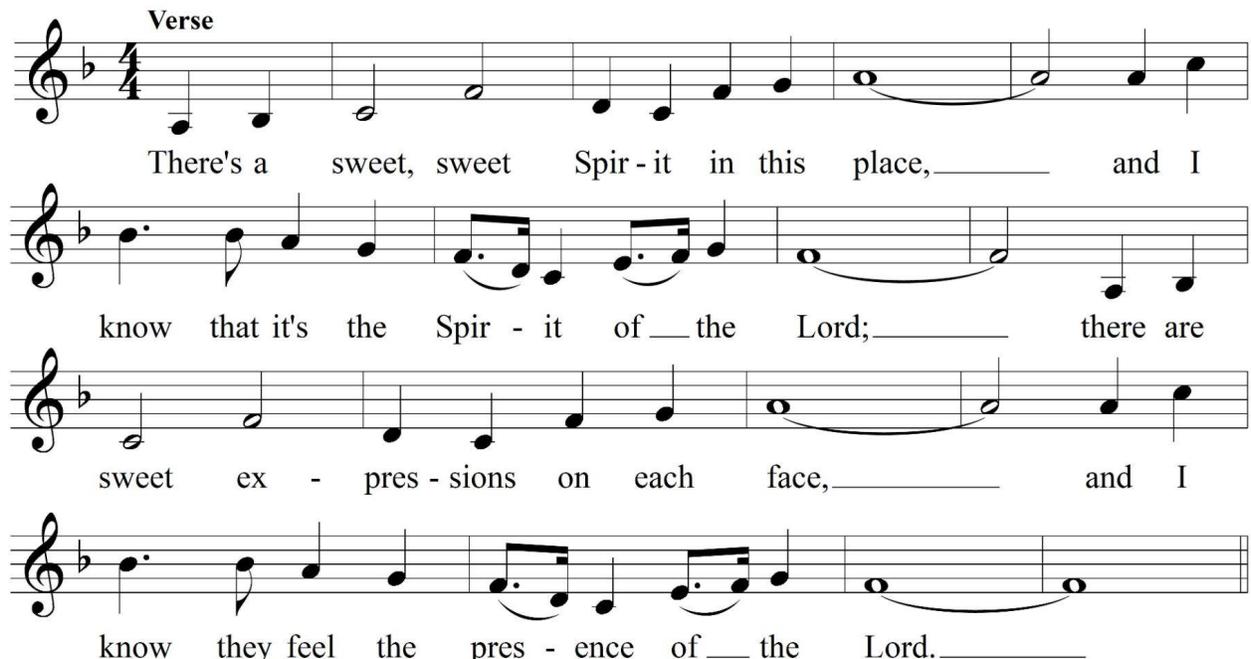
C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

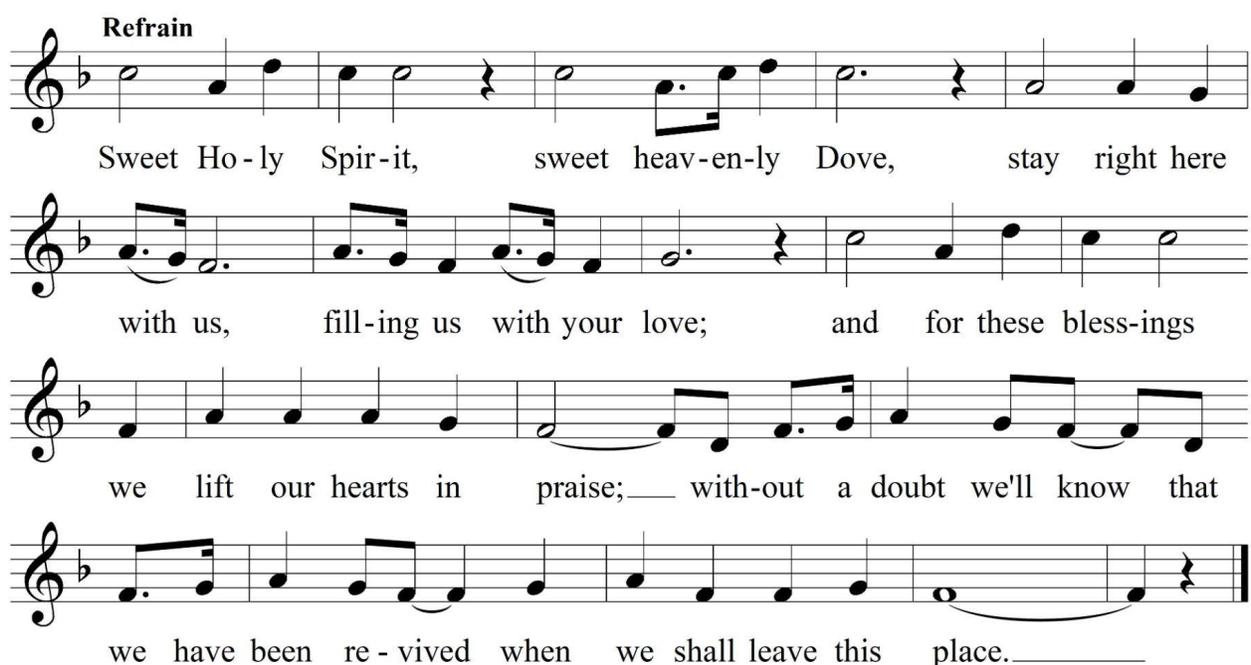
CHILDREN'S SONG - "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Akers)

Verse



There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ and I
know that it's the Spir - it of ___ the Lord; _____ there are
sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ and I
know they feel the pres - ence of ___ the Lord. _____

Refrain



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here
with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings
we lift our hearts in praise; ___ with - out a doubt we'll know that
we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place. _____

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - "Rejoice in All Your Works" (Kimbrough)

Verses



1. Ev - 'ry mouth that cries for food, ev - 'ry lung that yearns for
2. Ev - 'ry tree that thirsts for rain, ev - 'ry bird that seeks its
3. May the pon - d'rings of my heart and the song up - on my



breath, ev - 'ry eye that sear - ches through the dark for light,
nest, ev - 'ry heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
lips with the cho - rus of cre - a - tion join in praise

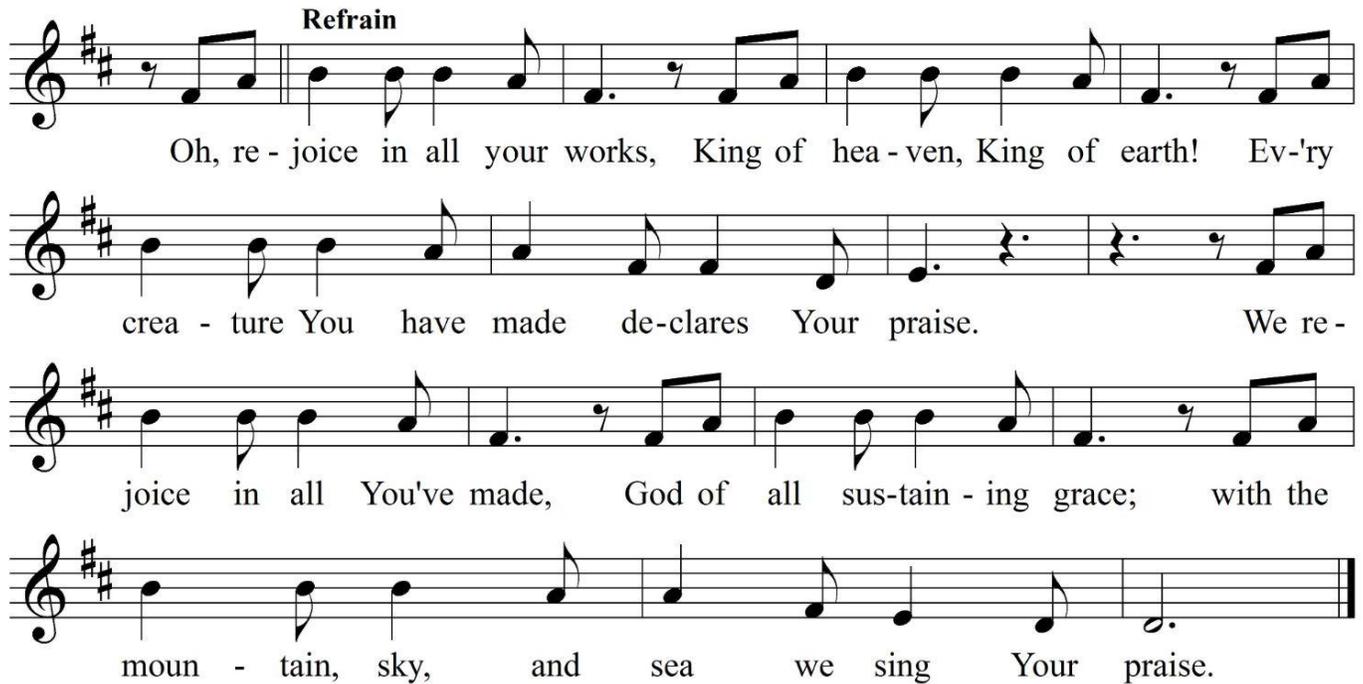


all cre - a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its
all cre - a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its
to the God who made all things, to the Spi - rit who sus -



food; from the good - ness of Your hand we're sat - is - fied.
food; from the good - ness of Your hand we're sat - is - fied.
tains, to the Son who ov - er all cre - a - tion reigns.

Refrain



Oh, re - joyce in all your works, King of hea - ven, King of earth! Ev-'ry
 crea - ture You have made de - clar - es Your praise. We re -
 joyce in all You've made, God of all sus - tain - ing grace; with the
 moun - tain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise.

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SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L Word of God, word of life.

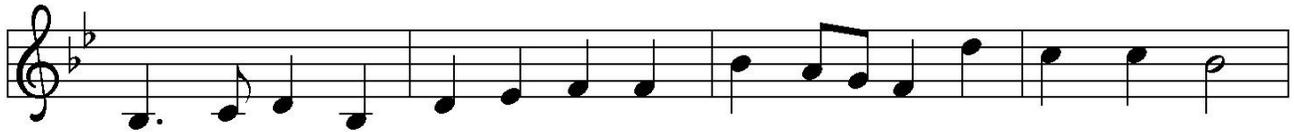
C **Thanks be to God.**

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 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

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

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

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

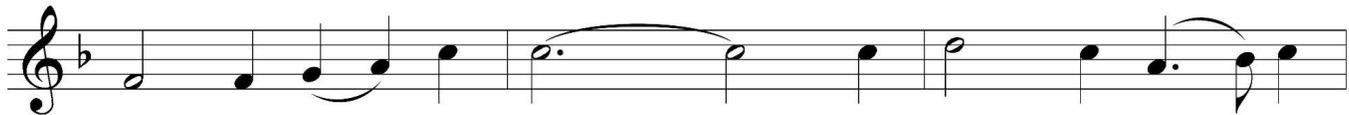
SERMON - Vicar Amanda Berg

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

SONG OF THE DAY - "The Reign of God" (Dufner/LAND OF REST)



1. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
2. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
3. Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
4. The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
kind - ling hearts, the reign of God is here!

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Music: LAND OF REST, North American.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

The assembly may be seated.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us come before our triune God in prayer.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought and send relief to locations enduring extreme heat. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Open our eyes to see that we are all your children, and guide us to embrace and welcome those who are different from us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Comfort those who need your healing grace, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our worship leaders and church musicians. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place: the cries of children, the melody of voices and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, this week, as we remember the 6th anniversary of the mass shooting during the Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, we give thanks for the lives of Clementa, Cynthia, Daniel, DePayne, Ethel, Myra, Sharonda, Susie, and Tywanza, the Emanuel Nine. May their faith and witness to your forgiving love in Jesus Christ inspire all people to pursue paths of justice, courage, and self-giving love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**



THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION - "For the Fruit of All Creation" - ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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P Holy Scripture tells us the good news of God's promise to love and forgive us in these words: "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."

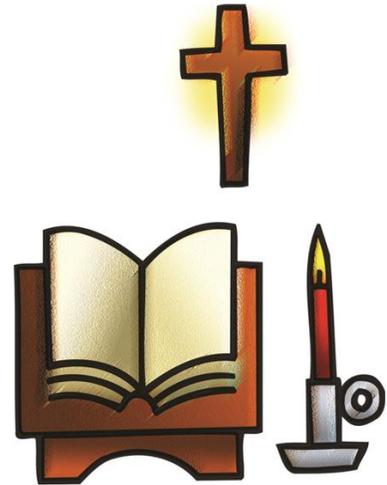
Let us pray:

Holy, mighty and merciful God, we give you thanks for this bread and wine, previously blessed and set aside for our nourishment this morning. Remembering Christ, we now receive the fruit of his promise: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The assembly may be seated and follow the directions of the ushers in coming forward for communion.

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

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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

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

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



(We pause for silent prayer).

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

COMMUNION SONGS - "As the Grains of Wheat" - ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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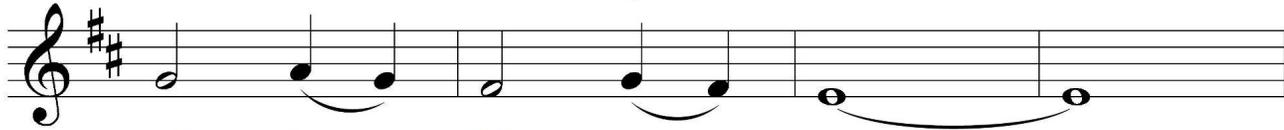
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¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

“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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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.**

SENDING

P May the Lord bless us and keep us.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

***Our altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
by Jim and Susan Prosser
in honor of the birthday of their son James Jr.
and in memory of their son Jason.***

***Our altar flowers are also given to the glory of God
by Valerie and Stan Patscheck
in honor of their 36th Wedding Anniversary
and
by Peggy and Bruce Stevenson
in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary
(with apologies for the delay from last Sunday).***

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

Our **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** is the last Sunday of the month.

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.

Pastor Julie is away through June 24. Vicar Amanda is available in the case of any urgent needs. If you need to get in touch with Vicar Amanda, call the church office (805-482-3847). If it's outside of office hours, follow the prompts for the emergency contact number.

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, Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, the family of Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Marion Cole, 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), **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), **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), **Carol & Frederick Young** (parents of Nanette Phipps and Kimberly Young).

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

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, June 13, 2021

Children's Church Zoom, 9:00-9:20 a.m.

Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for the Zoom information.

Monday, June 14, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and then push pound (#).

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays. It's a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio. Join as often as you'd like. Join: <http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom>

OR, you can call in on a phone.

Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. Meeting ID: 847 4745 9576, push pound (#).

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Caste Book Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Please join us for a "Caste Party!" On six Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., starting June 16, we will be meeting in the sanctuary to listen to the book *Caste*, with a discussion time after. We will listen to just under 90 minutes of the book each time, then discuss what we have heard. We will have a few chapters to read on our own before the next Wednesday. Contact Becky Riley at 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 (masked and with the door open). Contact the office (office@mountcross.com) with any questions.

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Care Team, 1:00 p.m.

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

Friday, June 18, 2021

Movie Night - "Cars," 7:30 p.m.

Join us for **Movie Night** on **Friday, June 18**, at 7:30 p.m. as we will be watching the movie **Cars**. Suggested donation of \$10 per car. We will have a concession stand as well with some individually wrapped popcorn and candy for sale. Please use this link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/SwtBTAn>.



Saturday, June 19, 2021

Juneteenth

See the **Anti-Racism Work of the Week** below to learn about this holiday.

Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County Build Day, June 19

Come out and help build five townhomes in Port Hueneme. The work site is at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and San Pedro, where Pleasant Valley ends at the CB Base. The work day will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided. Please bring water and wear sturdy shoes. COVID protocols will be in effect so bring a facemask. To learn more about Habitat in VC and other volunteer opportunities or to join us on June 19, contact Gordon Henry (805-279-9250 or ghenry33@hotmail.com).

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person attendance for our worship indoors. Those attending need to wear masks and observe social distancing. We also have some chairs available in the pavilion if you are not comfortable inside. We also need worship assistants: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/88920928020/false#/invitation>. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

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

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS will be back in some form this summer from August 2-6 at Mount Cross. As we prepare for an in person program, we expect it to be very different from past years. That being said, we need volunteers to help put together this special event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

LWR Backpacks

We have a new batch of fabric waiting to be transformed into backpacks. Sign out a bag during drive-through Communion or during the week in the office - or send Melissa Henry a text or email and she can deliver you a bag. Each bag has enough supplies to sew 5 simple backpacks... and takes about an hour to complete. Bring it back to church when you have sewn it and we'll get the ropes in before we start filling them with school supplies in August.

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.

What is Juneteenth?

And why should we celebrate it?

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

Read more at
www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth.
We have much history to learn.

Vaccine Sign-up Site

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

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship:

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

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

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

St. Columba's Food Pantry

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

Worship Guidelines

As of next Sunday, June 20, indoor worship capacity and physical distancing restrictions are lifted, but masks are still required because we are singing, out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 12), in anticipation of CalOSHA guidance for workers, and in deference to the guidance from CDPH - as of now, it says: "In indoor settings outside of one's home, including public transportation, face coverings continue to be required regardless of vaccination status..."

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

For **outdoor worship**: masks are optional, but distancing is required outside because of singing; those attending outdoor worship on Sundays may receive Communion in the sanctuary or outdoors.

The Re-opening Committee will meet again in early July to assess the current conditions.

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

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



Harbor House needs help with our lunch program, can you help?

- Please consider signing up for a slot where you make ten lunches or more. We have slots open all summer. More information is included in the sign up genius.
With your help, we can feed those in need in the Conejo Valley!

[Sign Up Here](#)

LUTHERAN RETREATS, CAMPS & CONFERENCES

El Camino Pines & Luther Glen Farm

**H.E.L.P.
CAMP-aign**

Thank you to the congregations of the Pacifica Synod for supporting our **H.E.L.P. CAMP-aign** Resolution at their Synod Assembly. The same resolution will go before the Southwest California Synod in early June. The real impact of the Covid-19 pandemic closures of our local Lutheran Bible camps has resulted in over \$1,000,000 dollars in lost revenue. Thankfully our donors responded generously, but we still have a long way to go. What is the **H.E.L.P. CAMP-aign**?

The **H.E.L.P. CAMP-aign** is our recovery plan. H.E.L.P. is an acronym:

Help kids get to camp

Encourage young adults to be counselors

Lean into your camp's financial recovery

Pray for God's blessing

How can you help today? **H**: Help kids get to camp! It's time to fill our Bible camps this summer with campers. **You can register today at www.lrcchome.com/summer-camp-2021**