

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 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE - "Let All Things Now Living" (ASH GROVE/arr. Larson)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "All Are Welcome" - ELW 641 - Verses 1, 2 & 4

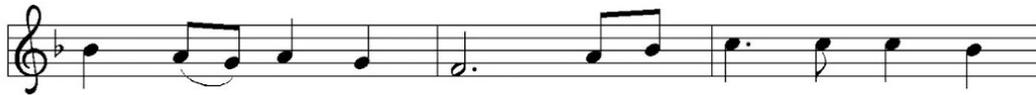
As able, the assembly stands.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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



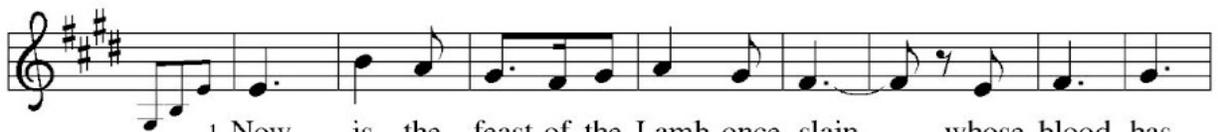
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris



CHILDREN'S SONG - "What We Need Is Here" (Berry/McCreath)

What we need _____ is here. _____

What we need _____ is here. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the children's song "What We Need Is Here". Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics "What we need _____ is here. _____" are written below the notes, with a long horizontal line under "need" and another under "here." to indicate a space for a solo or instrumental fill.

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

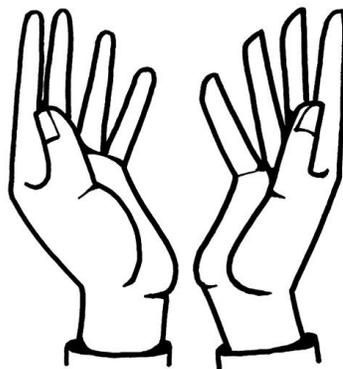
The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 22:19-28 - "I Will Praise You, Lord" (Guimont)

Refrain

I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sembly of your peo - ple.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, with hyphens under certain words to indicate syllable placement.

Verse Tone

Verse Text

- 19 But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
 O my help, hasten to my | aid.
- 20 Deliver me | from the sword,
 my life from the power | of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the | lion's mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
- 22 I will declare your name | to my people;
 in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.

Refrain

- 23 You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of | Israel.
- 24 For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
 but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the | LORD.
- 26 The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

Refrain

- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow before | God.
- 28 For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
 who rules o- | ver the nations.

Refrain

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SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

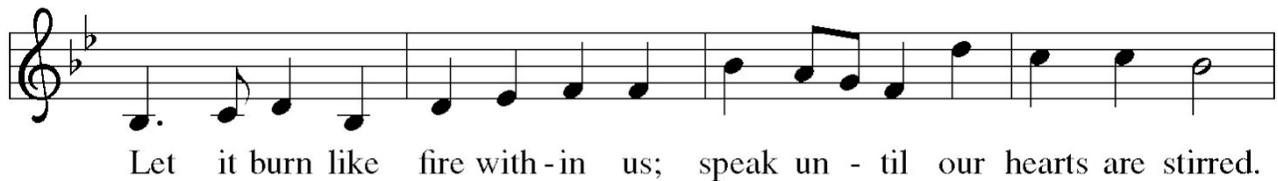
²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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



GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

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

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

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

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

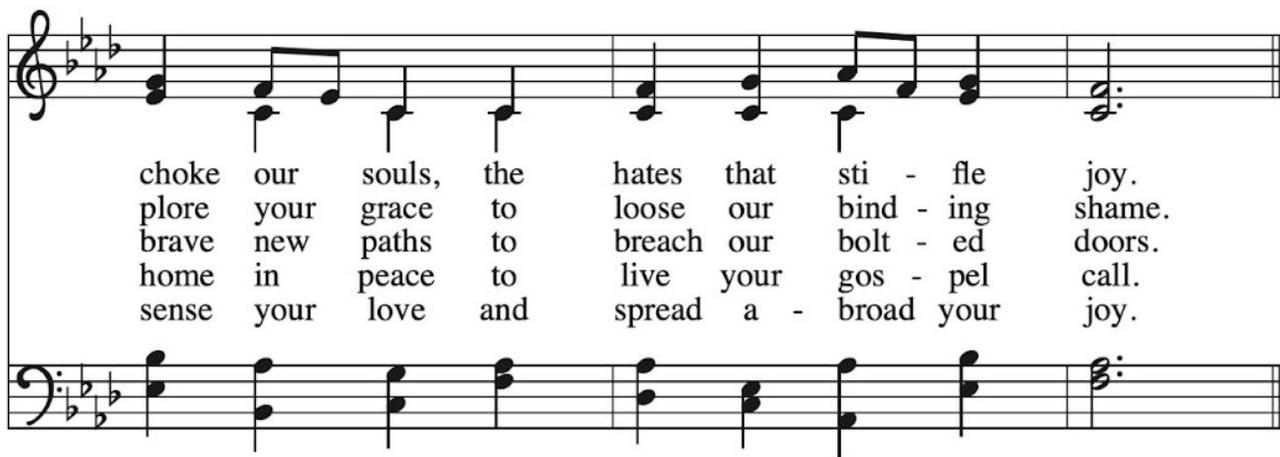
SONG OF THE DAY - "Cast Out, O Christ" - ACS 1016 - Verses 1, 2 & 5



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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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 United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who are marginalized, cast out, or enslaved by prejudice and racism. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. In this Pride Month, open our eyes to recognize our own prejudices and all the ways we fear those who are different from us. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. We give thanks for all who care for others as a father, stepfather, grandfather, great-grandfather, or as a father figure in our lives. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

- A You hear the cries of those who suffer or are in need. Watch over those who will be at Summer Camp beginning Saturday and bless their time at El Camino Pines. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick. Bring peace to any individuals who are experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. Embrace those on our prayer list, especially ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for the family of Roger Allmandinger (brother-in-law of Susan Prosser), **Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Niki Carmichael** (friend of Melissa Henry), **the family of Mike Carpenter**, **Yola Chalker** (mother of Joline Warren), **Marion Cole**, **the family of Howard Corey**, **Rex Crockett (brother of Paul Crockett)**, **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Charles Hilley**, **Jo Holler**, **Nancy Jaeger**, **the family of Mike Kienitz** (brother of Ric Kienitz), **Eunice and Ron Krieger** (friends of Evonne Kuchera), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley**, **Karen Nelson**, **Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Vivian Ogren** (aunt of Gayle Johnson), **Ellie Ranson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **the family of Rosa** (Nils Rueckert's sister), **Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Amar Shaw** (nephew of Gordon and Melissa Henry), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **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 or call 805.482.3847.*

- A God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

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

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

- C **Amen.**

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.

- C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - "This Is My Father's World" (TERRA BEATA/arr. Geschke)
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

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.

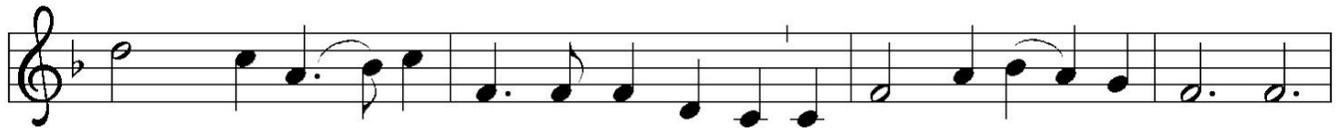
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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.

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

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

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

C Amen.

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

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/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. 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.¹

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

COMMUNION SONGS - "One Bread, One Body" - ELW 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat - tered	and grown,



wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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“Build a Longer Table” - ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG - "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.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Miriam Hoffmann

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim and Susan Prosser in honor of Jim, Sr.'s birthday and in honor of sons Jim, Jr. and Jeffrey on Father's Day and by Joanna Wullschleger in memory of Howard.

Thanks to our Mount Cross Handbell Choir - Betty Ertel, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Miriam Hoffmann, Barbara Recker, Jean Scott, Melissa Sobolik, Linda Young - for their special music today!

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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00-11:30 a.m.**

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

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, June 19

Happy Father's Day

Enjoy "Dad's favorite treats" on the patio after worship, hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

Monday, June 20

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, June 21

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

During the summer months, the Women's Bible Study will meet monthly: June 21, July 12, and August 16. On June 21, we will meet at Mount Cross at 9:00 a.m., then walk together to St. Columba's, use their outdoor labyrinth for a prayer experience, and then walk back to Mount Cross.

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Council meets in the Parish Life Center at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

Adult Bible Study on Hiatus

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

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, June 23

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, June 24

Babysitting Class, 4:00 p.m.

Are you already a babysitter or want to be one? If you are above the age of 12 years old, we will be hosting a Babysitting 101 class with Mrs. Vega, Director of the Mount Cross Child Development Center, on Friday, June 24, at 4:00 p.m. under the pavilion. Whether you have been a babysitter needing a refresher or someone looking to babysit soon, you are invited to join us.

Please sign up for this free class using this link: <https://signup.com/go/HZPkvnX>

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 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) 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

Commemorating Juneteenth

This weekend (June 19), we will commemorate Juneteenth, the day in 1865 when the news of emancipation finally reached the last enslaved African Americans in Texas. Though Black people in the U.S. have long celebrated this day, it has only recently reached the awareness of the broader public. We urge you to read this article from the Sierra Club about our history. <https://www.sierraclub.org/articles/2022/06/national-parks-and-monuments-must-honor-our-country-s-true-history-and-diversity#.YqnfECIBg98.mailto>

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship:

<https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. The cost is \$35.00; 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.

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.

Do You Have an Idea or Dream for the Buildings or Property at Mount Cross?

The Ad Hoc Property Advisory Committee wants to know. We are also collecting information about badly needed **major** repairs and maintenance.

We want to hear from everyone!

So here are the ways that you can submit input:

- Look for the BLUE PROPERTY IDEA BOX and forms in the church narthex on Sundays or leave written input in the office any other day.
 - Email your idea(s) to Bill Stoll at billstoll50@gmail.com.
 - Talk with any member of the Ad Hoc Committee.



Please include your name and contact information.

We may wish further information.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to participate and thank you in advance,

Randy Churchill, Chair; Gayle Johnson; Jim Prosser; Susan Prosser; and Bill Stoll

Summer Camp at El Camino Pines (2nd-10th grades): June 25-30

Join us for summer camp this year at El Camino Pines **June 25-30**. Kids in **2nd-10th Grades** are invited to join us for a week in the outdoors. Mount Cross offers financial assistance immediately for every student, so please contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) if you are interested in attending.

Sign up soon before spots fill up!



For more information, click this link: <https://lrcchome.com/2022-summer-camp>

VBS 2022

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. If you are older than 10, you can volunteer for the week and collect service hours! If you would like to register, please email joe@mountcross.com.

Midweek Movie - June 21

The midweek movie for June is **Top Gun: Maverick** (PG-13) at the Roxy Tuesday, June 21, at 5:35 p.m. We'll meet at the box office about 5:20 p.m.. Hope you can join us! Please email Joan Brundage at jbrundage@roadrunner.com with any questions or comments.

House Farm Worker "From Field to Fork" Fundraiser Dinner - July 17

We are excited to announce that our annual From Field to Fork fundraiser dinner will be back in-person this year on Thursday, July 21, 2022! Enjoy a multi-course gourmet dinner while helping promote safe, decent, and affordable housing for farmworkers and their families. Tickets are now on sale: <https://housefarmworkers.org/event/>

Camarillo Community Band - Free Summer Concerts in the Park

Thursdays - July 7, 14, 21, 28

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

www.camarillocommunityband.com - 805-530-6370

Stewardship Is Year Round

Be biblical: Let God do the talking. "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
2 Corinthians 9:11

"The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances God has entrusted to them."

"The word steward most likely comes from two old English words that named the person who cared for the pigs of another. This person was called the 'sty-warden'. The sty-warden didn't own the pigs. The sty-warden cared for the pigs. The steward is not the owner. The steward is always one who cares for that which belongs to another."

From the book, *Ask, Thank, Tell, Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation*, Charles R. Lane.

What we as disciples of Jesus have to remember is everything belongs to God. We are the stewards of all that is his. We give of our time, talent and treasure in order to give back to God what he has blessed us with. God is the owner of all things. He made us stewards of all that is in the world, including those people who are less fortunate than we are.

Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."