

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 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "Tranquillo" (Albinoni; arr. Wolff)

Justin Thai, flute; Carol Browning, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "The Summons" - ELW 798 - Verses 1, 4 & 5

As able, the assembly stands.



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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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



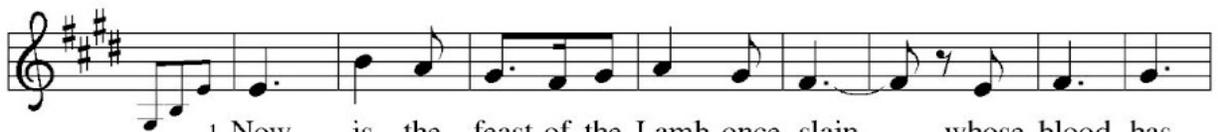
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, 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)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the children's song "What We Need Is Here". The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics "What we need _____ is here. _____" are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Words: Wendell Barry, from *New Collected Poems*, © 2012, Counterpoint.
Music: Rev. Amy McCreath, © 2017, Augsburg Fortress.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

¹⁵Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW Setting 10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

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

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

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

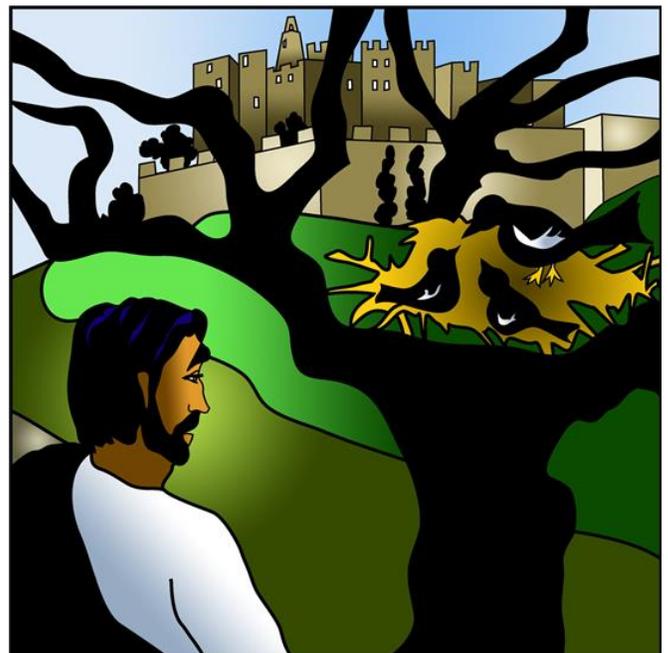
⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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 - "Be Thou My Vision" - ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. Show us how to support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. Be with those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Help us to provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. Bring relief to those struggling to make ends meet amidst skyrocketing costs for daily necessities. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. Bring restoration to those affected by record heat, rainfall, wildfires, earthquakes, and extreme weather and give us renewed commitment in working toward climate justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict, especially Ukraine, Russia, and other areas where violence reigns. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A God of kindness, Uphold those who grieve. Reveal your healing presence to all who are sick, dying, or in need, especially those on our prayer list ...

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, Betty Hough, 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), **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 - "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" (McNeill; arr. Hunt) - CCLI Song #21590

(Sing twice)

The steadfast love
Of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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.**

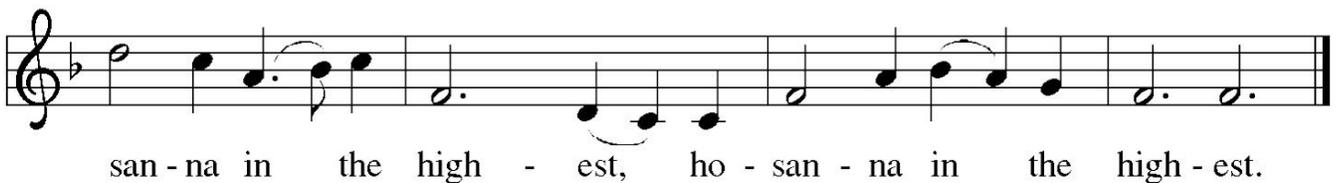
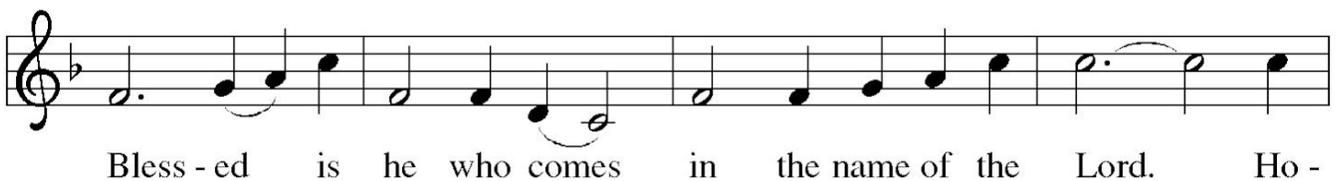
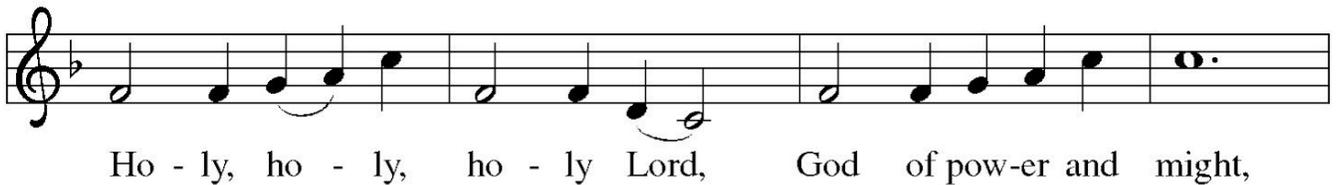
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



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/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).

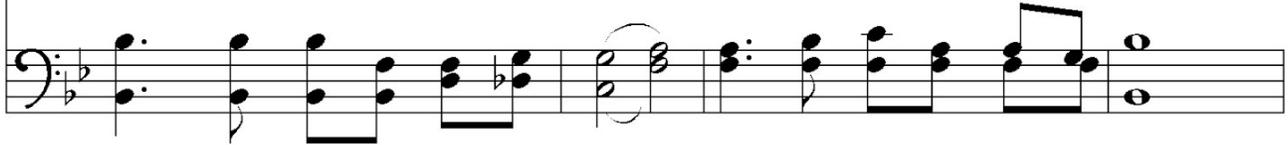
Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

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

COMMUNION SONGS - "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" - ELW 679



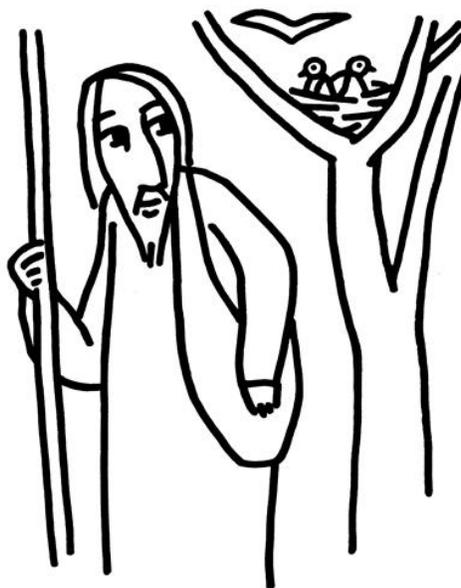
Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional



“Spirit of Gentleness” - ELW 396

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

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 - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" - ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

***Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Sonja Demeter in honor of Darryl and Allison Johnson's anniversary and
by Mary Goodenough in memory of her husband Captain Len Wilson, USAF.***

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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 26

Sunday blessings!

Monday, June 27

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, June 28

Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, June 29

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.

Tuesday, July 5

Rescheduled from 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 **Tuesday, July 5, 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

Our friends at Sojourners printed a commentary by Michael O Emerson, a professor of sociology at the University of Illinois, Chicago and author. He's finishing up an intensive 3 year national research project looking at trends in church attendance and commitment. Here's what he has to say. "Our churches are being sifted." Read the rest of the article to find out more.

<https://sojo.net/magazine/july-2022/what-happens-when-white-identity-comes-christian-faith>

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.

Adult Bible Study Resources

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

Lutheran Disaster Response Match

Since the beginning of Russia's war against Ukraine on February 24, millions of people have fled the country and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many people fleeing their homes in Ukraine need shelter and basic necessities such as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Moldova, as well as ecumenical partners such as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis created by Russia's war against Ukraine. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Your gifts will support people impacted by the war. Gifts designated to "**Eastern Europe Crisis**" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected.

<https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response?erid=a073eeb2-59a3-42a8-bd32-3c71a6dfe451&trid=a073eeb2-59a3-42a8-bd32-3c71a6dfe451>

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check memo line.

Or give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT) or [online](#).

Carpenter Scholarship Fund

To remember Mike Carpenter, donations may be made to a scholarship fund, made payable to Mount Cross Lutheran Church (designated for "Carpenter Family Scholarship Fund"), to help with Mateo and Makenna's education.

VBS 2022 - Volunteers Needed

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

VBS Bulletin Board

Make sure to check out the VBS Bulletin Board this Sunday on the church patio as we will be collecting donations for VBS. We will be looking for donations towards Crafts, Games, Snacks, etc. We thank you in advance for your generosity and we cannot wait for another fun week of VBS this year!



All Generations Beach Day

We invite members of all generations to our beach day at Point Mugu Beach on July 10th after worship. No matter how old you are, everyone is invited for some fun in the sun! [Point Mugu Beach, California 90265](#)

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

SAVE THE DATE - Senior Adult Dinner and Social

Thursday, July 28, at 5:00 p.m.

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

This is a free event in the Mount Cross Parish Life Center! More information to follow.

Senior Adult Ministry Team: , Deacon Cecelia Travick-Jackson, Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter, Allison Johnson, Evonne Kuchera, Susan Prosser, LaJean Wenzel

House Farm Worker "From Field to Fork" Fundraiser Dinner - July 21

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/>

Mount Cross Health Ministry Education Series **Sunday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. – Palliative and Hospice Care**

Is there a difference between Palliative and Hospice Care? If there is, what do I need to know about it? Will knowing help me make better decisions? Learn the answers through presentations by knowledgeable speakers and an opportunity for answers to your questions. We will begin at **1:00 p.m.**, on **Sunday, July 24**, in the sanctuary for the presentation and then move to the pavilion for refreshments. There is no cost to attend. Handouts and take away materials will be provided to those in attendance. If you have questions contact Evonne Kuchera, Health Ministry Nurse, at evonnemk@aol.com or Susan Prosser, Care Team Chair, at prosser1@sbcglobal.net.

Sign Up to Donate Blood - August 7

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

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.”