

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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thank you for wearing your mask (indoors; outdoors optional)
and social distancing (outdoors)
at all times during the service.*

**5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "Holy Manna" (arr. Mears)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "All Are Welcome" - ELW 641 - Verses 1, 3 & 4

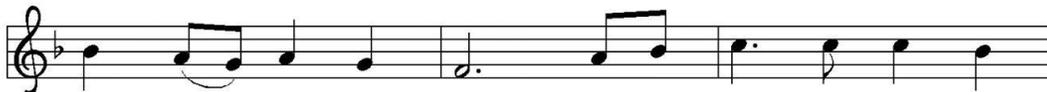
As able, the assembly stands.



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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you and
given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

things we have done and things we have failed to do.

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our + Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**



P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "Now the Feast and Celebration" - ELW 167



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



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

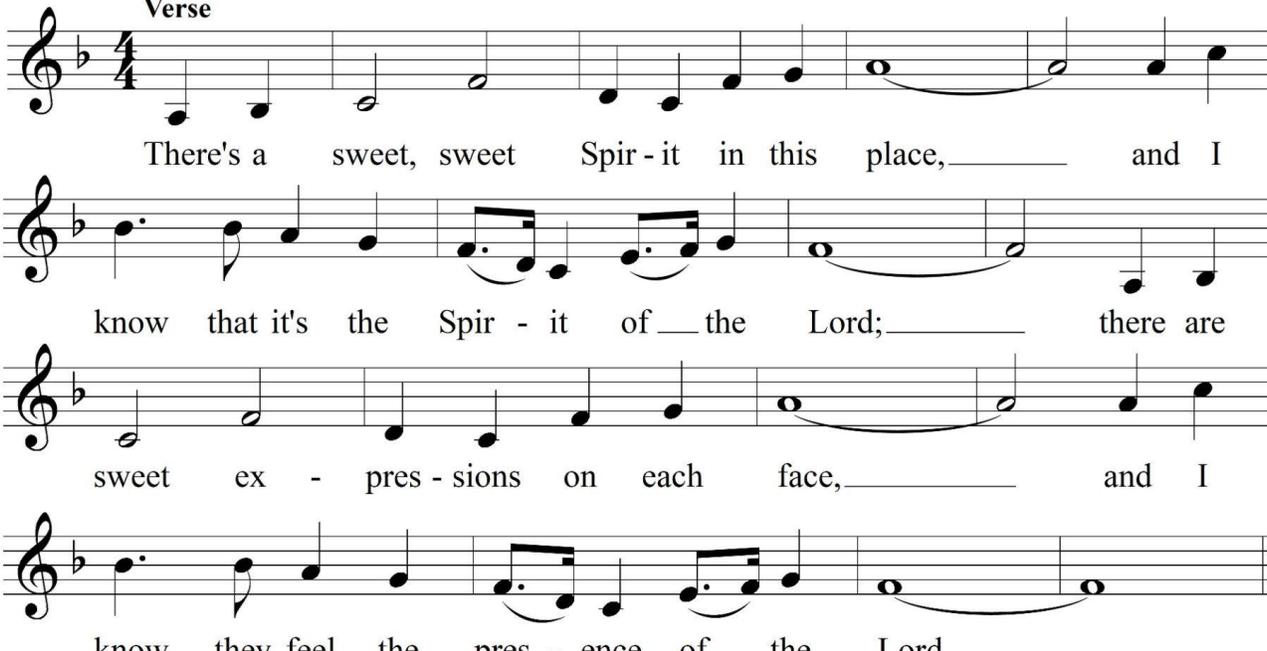
C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Vicar Amanda Berg

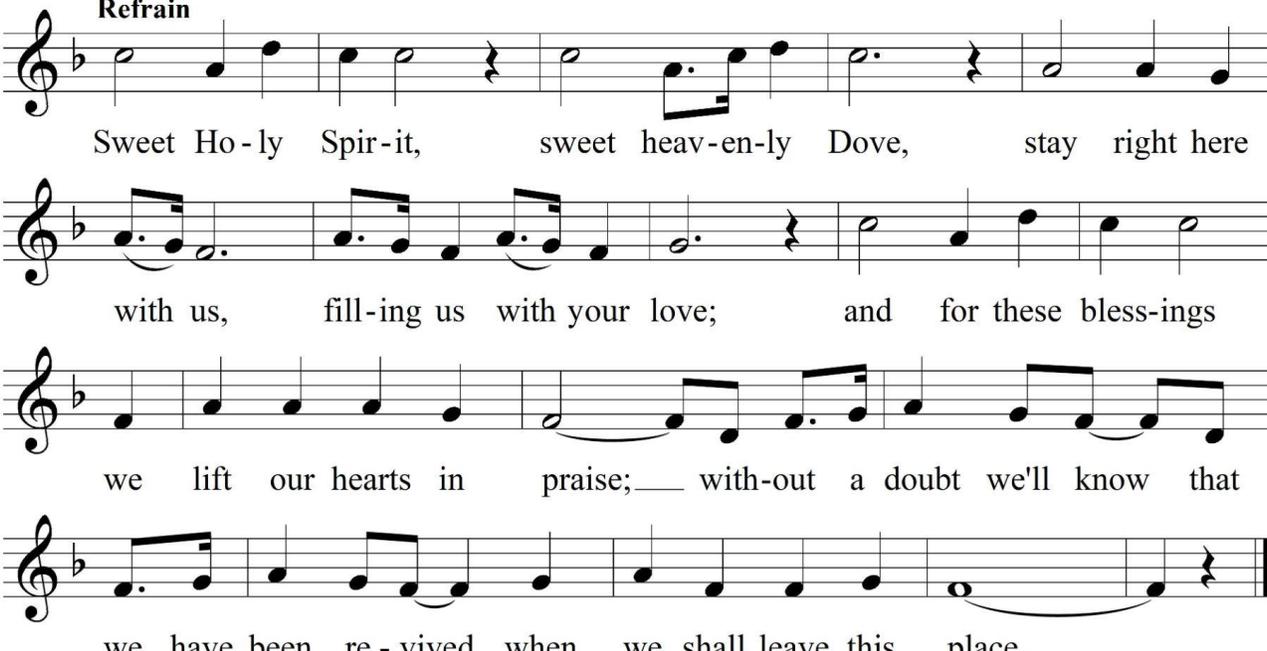
CHILDREN'S SONG - "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Akers)

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: Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - "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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SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

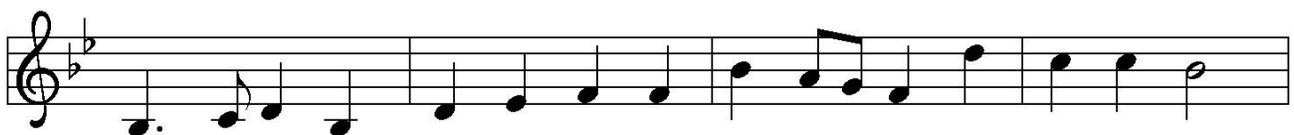
⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

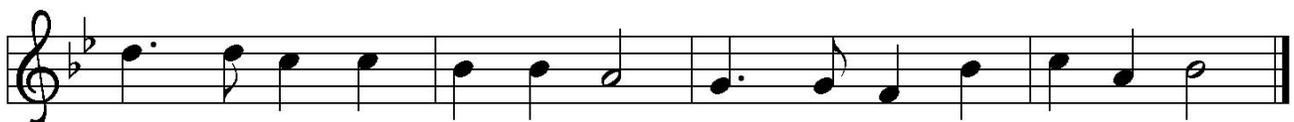
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - “Alleluia” - ELW Setting 10



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 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

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

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

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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 - "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" - ELW 617 - Verses 1, 3, 4

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "We Come to You for Healing, Lord". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line of each system corresponding to a specific verse. The lyrics are: 1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of; 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and; 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through; 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through; 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in; bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your; reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -; nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of; days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of; our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our; Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.; mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.; faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.; pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.; nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us come before our triune God in prayer.

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Bless our sisters and brothers in Christ, especially at St. Columba's Episcopal Church and the churches of our Synod and the ELCA. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Help those whose lives have been devastated by storms or natural disasters, and bring relief to drought-stricken areas. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice, especially our Mount Cross Service & Missions ministries, including their Peace & Justice and Anti-Racism work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

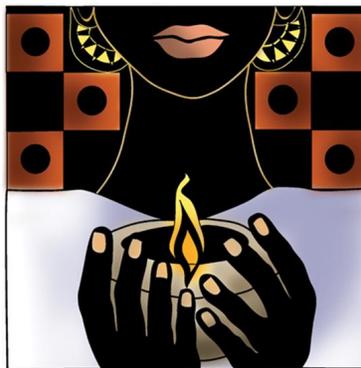
God of the mountains, your mercies are new every morning. Watch over Joe Zimmerly and our 12 Mount Cross and St. Columba's youth who are at El Camino Pines this week for Summer Camp. Keep them all safe. Bless the Camp Staff, especially Meredith Smith, and inspire them in their leadership. May this be an enriching time for all involved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual illness. Embrace those who are sick, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. 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.**

OFFERING SONG - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - ELW 773

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
near; When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

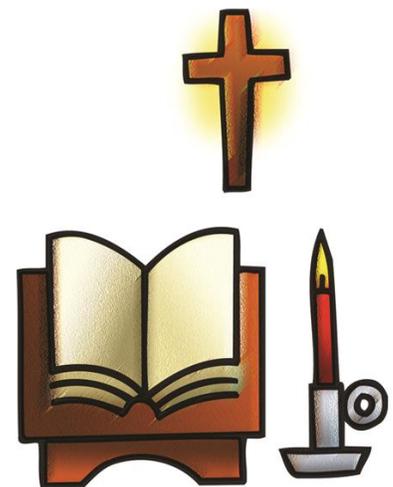
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

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

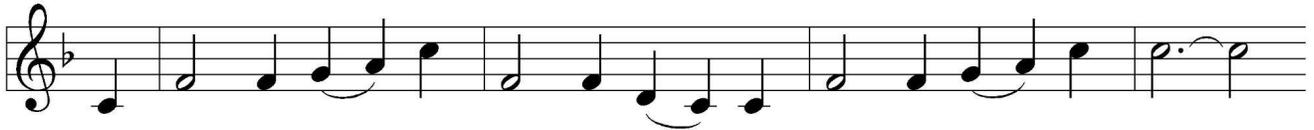


BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The assembly may be seated.

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

LAMB OF GOD - O Lamb of God (Seltz/LAND OF REST)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on the Agnus Dei

Music: LAND OF REST, North American

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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

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



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

(We pause for silent prayer).

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

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

**COMMUNION SONGS - "Turn Your Eyes" (Romanacce, Lemmel, Winebarger,
Stiff, Trout) - CCLI Song # 7120053**

Verse 1

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Verse 2

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Chorus

Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Verse 3

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Chorus

Verse 4

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone

Chorus (twice)

Oh, Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.



“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” - ELW 659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
- C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Dix; arr. Larson) Mount Cross Handbell Choir

*Thanks to our Handbell Choir (Guy Ervin III, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry,
Stan Patscheck, Barbara Recker, Jean Scott, Melissa Sobolik, and Aimee Stoll)
for their beautiful music today!*

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

Join us for **monthly Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service!

Today, we also welcome St. Columba's parishioners!

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us. Here is the **Zoom link**:
<http://bit.ly/CommunityConversationTime>.

Or to join by phone, call **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for the
meeting ID (889 0267 0619) and passcode (302996).

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or
in your car** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve
Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.

We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors
before choosing to participate.

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers, for researchers, all involved in the vaccine efforts, and for the families grieving the loss of each victim.

We pray for peace, unity, and understanding in our country.

We pray also for Roger Allmandinger, Bob Anderson, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Lori Baker, Dan Bayless** (friend of Keith Selbrede), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Crista & Bonnie** (niece and sister of Karen Cherry), **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), **Linda Frantz, David Gale** (friend of Herb & Jo Holler), **Ron Higginbotham, Jo Holler, Jack** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Joan Husband** (friend of Bill & Glenda Greason), **Hollie Krell** (daughter of Arlene Kochans), **Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Scott Mitchell** (brother of Tracy Blois), **the family of Kathi Moore** (niece of Pat Dawson & cousin of Bill Dawson), **Norm Morgan, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Jerry Warren, Carol & Frederick Young** (parents of Nanette Phipps and Kimberly Young).

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

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, June 27, 2021

Children's Church Zoom, 9:00-9:20 a.m.
Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
for the Zoom information.

Monday, June 28, 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 29, 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 (#).

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Caste Book Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Please join us for a "Caste Party!" On Wednesdays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., through July 21, we meet in the sanctuary to listen to the book Caste, with a discussion time after. We listen to just under 90 minutes of the book each time, then discuss what we have heard. We have a few chapters to read on our own before the next Wednesday. Contact Becky Riley at president@mountcross.com 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.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person attendance for our worship indoors. Those in the sanctuary are asked to wear masks. We also have some chairs available in the pavilion if you are not comfortable inside; masks are optional, social distancing requested.

We also need worship assistants:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/88920928020/false#/invitation>. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

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. **Sign up** at

<http://bit.ly/VBSVolunteers21>.

See the **Zoom** link above to come to the **Information Meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.** If you have questions, please contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

These links are offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill to those who are seeking to learn from diverse voices and take action towards reconciliation and healing. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations as we learn together.

What Antiracist work speaks to you?

- Fostering Understanding
- Responding to Bigotry
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Just and Affordable Housing
- Immigrant Rights
- Healthcare/Mental Healthcare
- Voting Rights and Voter Education

Register your choices here to join us next Sunday in acting against Racism!

Sunday, June 27, 2021 - 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Zoom
IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA for a specific outcome you'd like to achieve in any of the areas above, please register first, then contact clue@cluevc.org for guidance in creating a 5-minute pitch to present on June 27th.

Blessings for our shared journey,
Your CLUE-VC Board - Rev. Betty, Rev. Melissa, Rev. Benjamin, Nan, Tim, Alissa and Michelle



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

Our 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.

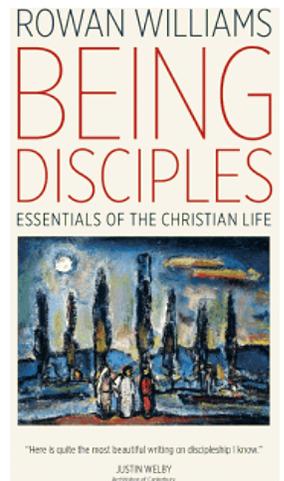
The Re-opening Committee will meet again in early July to assess the current conditions.

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.** at the Lundring Events Center at CLU (California Lutheran University), located inside the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center. 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.

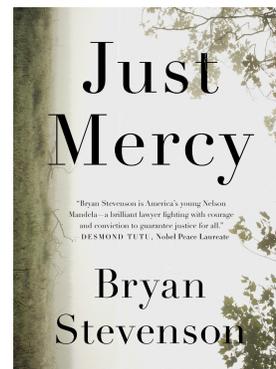
July Book Studies



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

On four Wednesday evenings this summer, **July 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center**, join us for an hour of discussion and contemplative prayer. Susan Klein, Episcopal priest and spiritual director, will guide our evenings. Using Rowan Williams' thoughtful and provocative book, *Being Disciples*, we will discuss topics such as the meaning of discipleship, the work of creating a just social order, forgiveness, and holiness. We will also engage in several traditional prayer practices, such as Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina*. Everyone is welcome, and all perspectives will be cherished. We hope you will join us for any or all of these sessions as we seek new understanding and personal growth in Christ.

Please buy the book in advance. It is available from Amazon or from local booksellers (allow time for ordering and shipping). **To sign up for this group**, or for more information, contact office@mountcross.com or call the office 805-482-3847.



***Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson**

On **Thursdays July 8 and 22 and August 12 and 26 at 5:00 p.m.** the Mount Cross Peace & Justice Team will host another Zoom book study followed by a movie viewing (details to be determined). The book is *New York Times* bestseller, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. The *Times* called it, "A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time." Copies can be found in paperback, Apple Books, Kindle, and Audiobook. There is also a young adult version of the book. If the Zoom format or scheduled times don't work for you, we hope you will form a small book discussion group of your own. We hope everyone at Mount Cross will read *Just Mercy* this summer. To join via Zoom, please visit <http://bit.ly/JustMercyMC21>. To dial in by phone, please call 1 (408) 638-0968. The meeting ID is 849 0965 9726 and the passcode is 069721. Contact Pastor Julie (pastorjulie@mountcross.com) or Bill Stoll (william.stoll@verizon.net) for more information.