

# 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!**

**Second Sunday in Lent  
March 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

## GATHERING SONG - "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church" - ELW 321

As able, the assembly stands.



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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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 begins.*

P In the name of God, +  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us on our pilgrimage.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

C **we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C **Amen.**

## GREETING

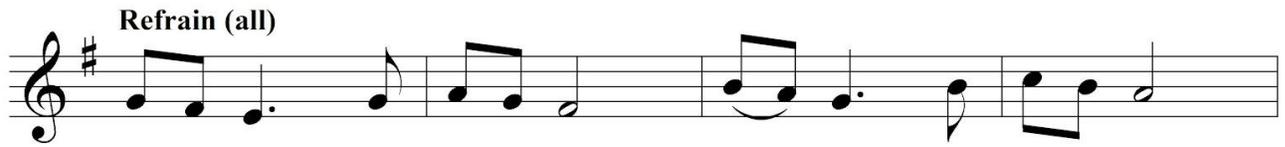
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## KYRIE - Mass of Remembrance (Haugen)

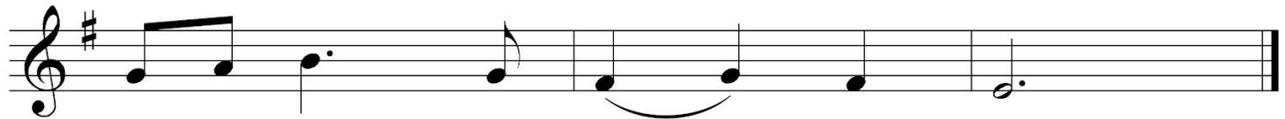


*Cantor:* Let us pray to the Lord:  
*Final: A* - - - - - men.



**Refrain (all)**

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris



## **FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

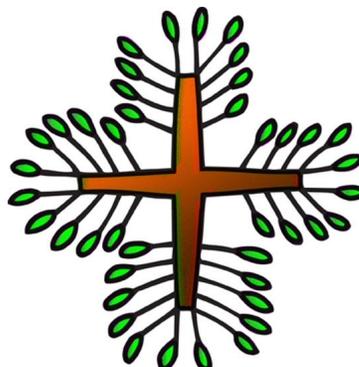
<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

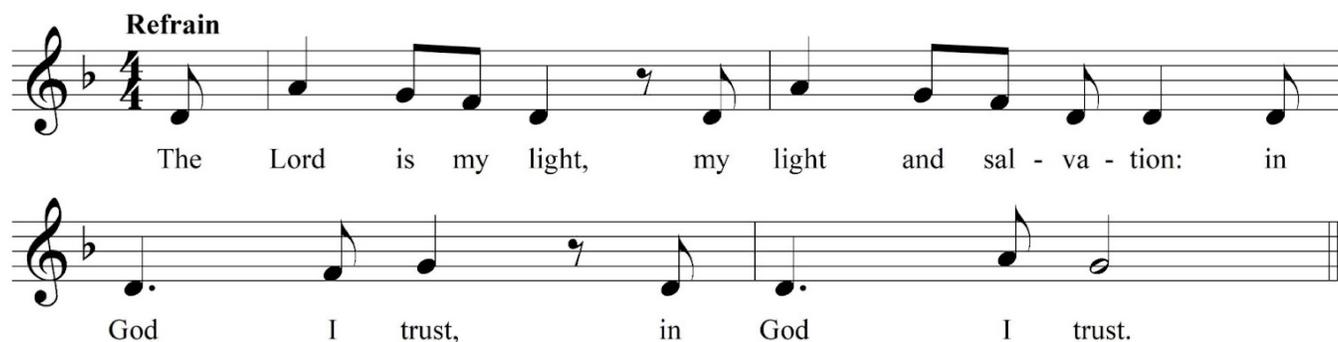
L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



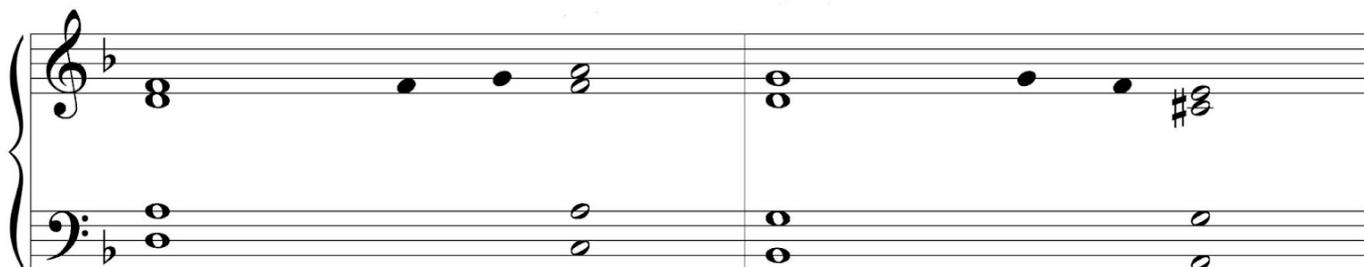
## PSALM 27 - "The Lord Is My Light" (Taizé)

**Refrain**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in  
God I trust, in God I trust.

### Verse Tone



### Psalm 27 - Chanted Verses

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.
- 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.
- 4 One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the temple.

### REFRAIN

- 5 For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.
- 6 Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music | to the Lord.
- 7 Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;  
have mercy on me and | answer me.
- 8 My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face."  
Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.

### REFRAIN

9 Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.  
10 Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,  
the Lord will | take me in.  
11 Teach me your | way, O Lord;  
lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.  
12 Subject me not to the will | of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.

REFRAIN

13 This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the Lord  
in the land | of the living!  
14 Wait for the Lord | and be strong.  
Take heart and wait | for the Lord!

REFRAIN

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## **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Lent Gospel Acclamation” - ELW Setting 8



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

### GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

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

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**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 - "Mothering God, You Gave Us Birth" - ELW 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by their faith. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in all who govern the patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Bring peace to Ukraine and other areas where violence reigns and people are in peril. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower our Fun with Faith teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Bless our Lenten study and help our Mount Cross and St. Columba's congregations to embrace an adult faith. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage or who are unable to conceive. Bless families who foster or adopt children. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving, especially those on our prayer list ...

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Ed and Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Dwayla Carr** (cousin of Gayle Johnson), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Scott Fajnor, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Linda Frantz, Melissa Henry, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Penny Luhrsen, Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, the family of Mary O'Donnell, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Jayne Pompey, Jim Prosser, Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Val Starkgraf, Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family).

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

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

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

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING SONG - "Beautiful Savior" - ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.
- 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.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

P 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'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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 God, mighty and merciful,  
by your promise  
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
and you bound yourself to your people of old,  
blessing them and calling them to be a blessing to others,  
By your promise  
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living Vine,  
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing.  
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth  
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

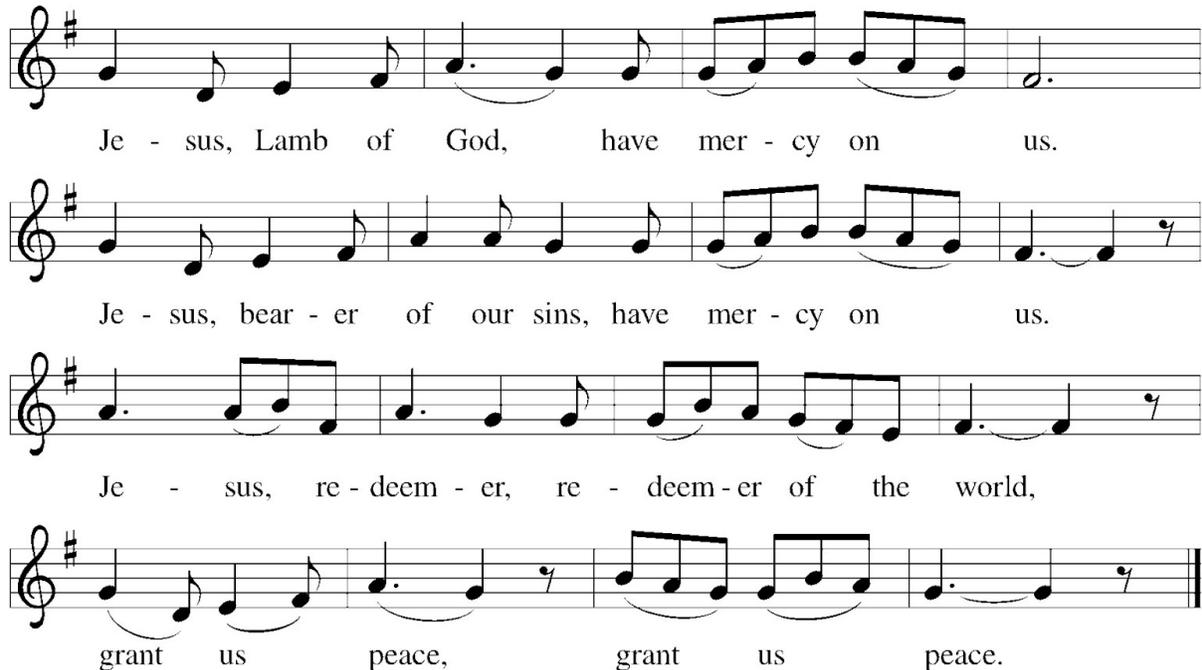
### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

*The assembly may be seated.*



## LAMB OF GOD - "Jesus, Lamb of God" - ELW 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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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 worshipping 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.<sup>1</sup>**

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

# COMMUNION SONGS - "I Love You, Lord" (Klein) - CCLI Song # 25266

Chorus (sing 3 times)

I love You Lord and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King in what You hear  
May it be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear

## "Christ, Be Our Light" - ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C **Amen.**

*As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.*

## BLESSING

P May Christ, who calls you to take up your cross,  
give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens.  
And the blessing of God our Creator, + Redeemer  
and Giver of life be with you now and always.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG - "Day by Day" - ELW 790



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## DISMISSAL

- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Mike and Wendy McClary, who are celebrating their 63rd anniversary  
today and thanking God for all their blessings,  
and by Jim Dinges, in loving memory of Donette "Brooke" Dinges.**

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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, March 13**

CROP Walk, 12:30 Registration,  
1:15 p.m. Walk

Join the CROP Hunger Walk, hosted by Mount Cross.  
See details below.

### **Monday, March 14**

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Lectio Divina at St Columba's, 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome at St. Columba's Episcopal (1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo) for Lectio Divina to reflect on the upcoming Gospels for the Sundays of Lent.

### **Tuesday, March 15**

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  
The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and is following the *Gather* magazine study.

CDC Board, 7:30 p.m.

The CDC Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

### **Wednesday, March 16**

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) with questions.

## “Embracing an Adult Faith”

Lenten Study, 5:00 p.m.

Our Lenten Study with St. Columba's meets at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Mount Cross Parish Life Center. (And on Zoom on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.)

Bell Choir, 5:45 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft, masked and with the doors open.

Wednesday Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday Soup Supper is at 6:00 p.m., in the Pavilion or Parish Life Center. Financial donations appreciated but not necessary.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) for info.

Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome for Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary, also livestreamed.

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary following Holden Evening Prayer, masked and with the doors open.

## Thursday, March 17 -

### St. Patrick's Day

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

Men's Bible Study meets for breakfast at Marie Callender's (185 E. Daily Drive). A \$15 donation covers breakfast and a tip, but don't let cost prevent you from attending. No RSVP necessary; questions, contact Randy Churchill ([hchurchill@verizon.net](mailto:hchurchill@verizon.net))

“Embracing an Adult Faith”

Lenten Study Zoom, 11:00 a.m.

Our Lenten Study with St. Columba's is also on Zoom, <https://bit.ly/LentClass2022>, at 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Chapel, 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Chapel is at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to this shortened service of Communion, songs, prayer, and fellowship.

## Saturday, March 19

Guided Labyrinth Walk, 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome for a Guided Labyrinth Walk at St. Columba's Episcopal (1251 Las Posas Rd.; behind the church), at 9:30 a.m.

## Announcements

### Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee meets monthly to review our COVID precautions. We need worship assistants: <https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

### Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Our programs are mainly on Wednesdays. Email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto: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 conversations as we learn together.*

<https://internalmedicine.wustl.edu/becoming-anti-racist/>

Pastor Julie has this posted in her office. It helps her to grow in the journey of becoming anti-racist. What Zone are you in?

### Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship:

<http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. 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](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com).

### Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on [smile.amazon.com](https://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.

## Worship Guidelines

Thanks be to God, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are declining in our community. Below is the updated COVID-19 guidance from our Mount Cross Re-Opening Committee. **Effective March 13, 2022:**

- For indoor worship at Mount Cross: As a caring community, **we request** that you **wear a mask if you will be singing in worship**. If you will not be singing, masks are strongly encouraged.
- In **all other indoor settings** at Mount Cross, **masks are strongly encouraged**.
- There may be situations in the life of our community where we will require masks out of concern for vulnerable people.
- When committees, groups, or individuals meet indoors, please defer to the needs of those who are immunocompromised or are at greater risk of serious illness, or those who live with them.

Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation, and love for your neighbor that you have displayed throughout the pandemic.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie



## CROP Hunger Walk - TODAY, March 13

Dust off your walking shoes and join the 39th Annual **Camarillo Crop Hunger Walk**. Mount Cross will host this year's walk and we have a new route set up! **TODAY, March 13**, we will walk the 3.4 mile course to help raise awareness and funds to fight hunger.

You can **sign up** or **make a donation** online on the website:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/camarilloca>.

Join the Mount Cross team. Registration: 12:30 p.m.; Walk: 1:15 p.m.

## Mount Cross Leadership Retreat - Sunday, March 27

Church Council Members, Committee Chairs, and all members of Mount Cross are invited to our annual **Leadership Retreat** on **Sunday, March 27**, from **Noon-5:00 p.m.**, here at Mount Cross.

Please email [office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com) if you plan to attend. Thank you!

## Mount Cross CDC Scholarship Fund

As a Christian preschool, part of the Child Development Center's mission is to bring education to all who seek it. In honor of our former and founding director, a scholarship fund has been established in Cathy Channels' name. By making a donation to the Cathy Channels scholarship Fund, you can help ensure that our preschool is open to all families in our community.

To donate, put a check in the Offering receptacle or mail it to the office, with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo field. Or you can donate [online](#) on our website, again, designating your gift for the "Scholarship Fund."

## **Legacy Giving/Endowment Fund Requests**

The Legacy Giving Team is currently soliciting requests for distributions from the Endowment Fund. Requests may be made in the areas of Missions, Education, Children & Young Adult Ministry, Worship & Music, as well as Capital Projects. All applications must include the simple one-page form which will be available in the office by March 15. College scholarship applicants should work with Joe on an appropriate essay and materials to submit.

The Legacy Giving Team will consider all requests and submit recommendations to the Church Council for funding. Provide funding requests to the Church Office (office@mountcross.com) by April 30, 2022. Please contact Tracy Blois (tracy.allyson@gmail.com, 619.277.2059) or Brian Fisher with any questions.



## **Lutheran World Relief - Aid to Ukraine Matching Donations**

Thanks to the generosity of Nelsonville Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church in Amherst, WI, all **congregational gifts given through Lutheran World Relief will be doubled** – up to \$258,000!

Your love will provide food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukraine crisis. Lutheran World Relief expects that their initial response will also include supporting critical health needs through the provision of medical supplies or support for emergency medical services. And thanks to the generosity of Lutheran congregations across the country, LWR will be air-lifting Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits already pre-positioned in their Dubai warehouse. These urgently needed supplies will reach Ukrainian families who have fled for safety.

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at **[lwr.org/match](http://lwr.org/match)** or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061.

Please write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line.

## **Bowls of Hope - Sunday, March 20**

### **California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.**

Many Mansions is holding its annual **Bowls of Hope** event on **Sunday, March 20**. Join in for a fun afternoon, have gourmet soups & desserts, learn about their housing for the homeless, and enjoy crafts, a raffle, and music. For details, go to [www.manymansions.org](http://www.manymansions.org).

## **Thrivent Choice Deadline for Directing Funds**

The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent clients and Thrivent Member Networks by providing grants to support their favorite churches, nonprofit organizations and causes. The deadline for ThriventChoice members to direct **2021 Choice Dollars®** is **March 31, 2022**, designating Mount Cross (or another charitable organization) to receive your Choice Dollars donation.

## **Amazing Creation Care Opportunity!**

Help increase biodiversity, combat climate change, and connect to nature by volunteering with Channel Islands Restoration (CIR). They need help this month mapping the native plants in Santa Barbara's San Marcos Foothills West Mesa.

The address is Salvar Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Here is the link to sign up: <https://cirweb.org/map-native-plants>