

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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thank you for wearing your mask (indoors required; outdoors optional)
and social distancing outdoors when singing.*

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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!

**First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "Balm in Gilead" (spiritual; arr. Mears)
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson

GATHERING SONG - "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" (Stuempfle/EBENEZER)
As able, the assembly stands.



1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert, lone - ly, hun - gry,
2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple, high a - bove its
3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain, by the lure of
4. When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er, lone - ly, strug - gling,



filled with dread; "Use your pow'r," the tempt - er tells him;
an - cient wall; "Throw your - self from loft - y tur - ret;
vast do - main; "Fall be - fore me! Be my ser - vant!
filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempt - er's hour,



"Turn these bar - ren rocks to bread!" "Not a lone by
an - gels wait to break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such
Glo - ry, fame you're sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the
come and be our liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro -



bread," he an - swers, "can the hu - man heart be filled.
emp - ty mar - vels, feats that fick - le crowds re - quest;
daz - zling vi - sion, turns his eyes an - oth - er way;
tect, pre - serve us, lest we fall, your trust be - tray.



On - ly by the Word that calls us
"God, whose grace pro - tects, pre - serves us,
"God a - lone de - serves our hom - age!
Yours, a - bove all oth - er voic - es,



is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!"
we must nev - er vain - ly test."
God a - lone will I o - bey!"
be the Word we hear, o - bey.

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 in our pilgrimage.

C **Amen.**

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

C Holy One,
**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

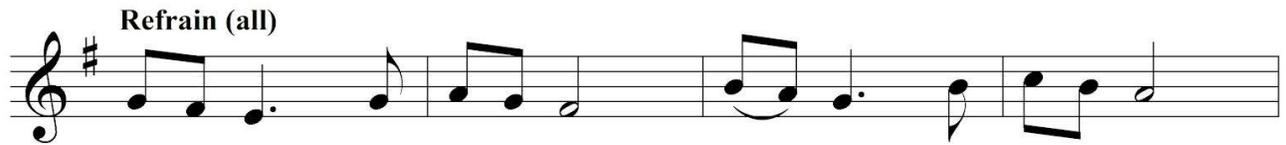
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE - Mass of Remembrance (Haugen)

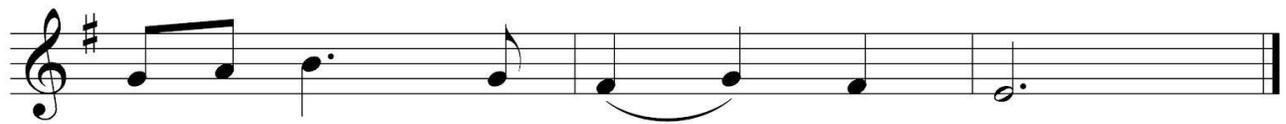


Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord:
Final: A - - - - - men.



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.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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 - Joe Zimmerly



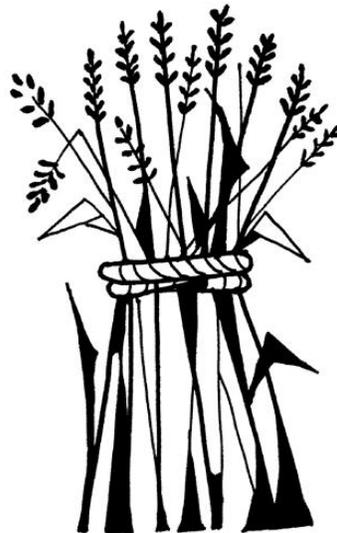
FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 91 - "On Eagle's Wings" - ELW 787

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; thou- sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to
 guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.

Final refrain
 All
 And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
 And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

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

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

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,
¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’
¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Ron Cox - “The Examen”

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

SONG OF THE DAY - “When We Are Tested” - ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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.

We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others and help them to listen to your truth. Merciful God, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the nations of the world, especially Ukraine and other areas where there is violence and unrest. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God, **hear our prayer**.

A We pray for this assembly. Bless those who prepare the table for our communion celebrations, those who prepare our weekly dinners, and all who provide meals for those in need. Accompany our home communion ministers who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hurting. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia or disabilities of any kind. Command your angels concerning all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Heather Askew** (daughter of a cousin of Joan Brundage), **Ed and Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Bob Brown** (friend of Pastor Julie Morris), **Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Scott Fajnor, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **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), **Marina Olsen** (cousin of Marni Engh), **Jayne Pompey, Jim Prosser, James Purcer, 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 or call 805.482.3847.*

A Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

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 - "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Walford; arr. Osman)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

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,
your people praise you, saying:
C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,
granting them life and calling them to flourish,
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,
the colors of your love and faithfulness.
C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise
you bound yourself to your people of old,
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars
and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation
and calling them to be a light to the nations.
C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P 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.**

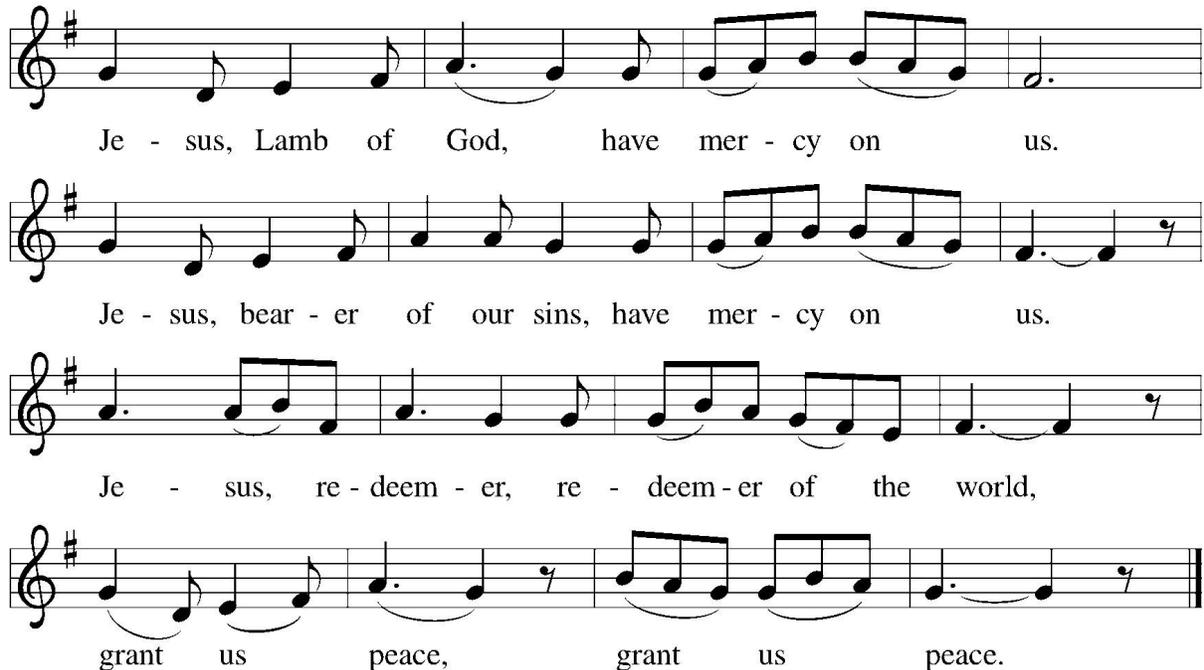
BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.¹

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

**COMMUNION SONGS - "In Christ Alone" (Getty/Townend) - CCLI Song
#3350395**

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The love of God was crucified
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” - ELW 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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 - "Lead Me, Guide Me" - ELW 768

Refrain



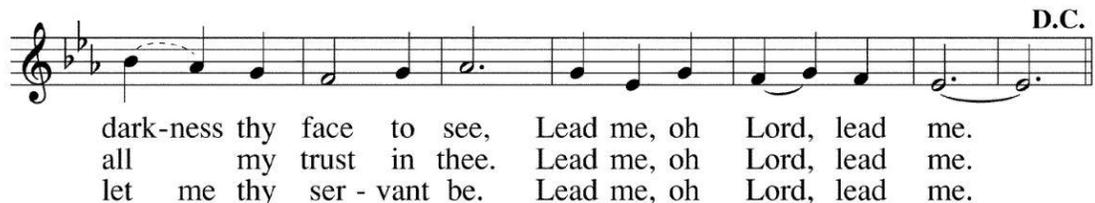
Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

D.C.



dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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

***Pastor Julie is out of town at her daughter's musical performance today -
our thanks to Pastor Ron Cox for leading us in worship!***

***Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of our father, Donald Hubert Stevenson,
by Louise Stevenson, Bruce Stevenson and Luanne Stevenson Crockett.***

***Thank you to our Mount Cross Handbell Choir for their beautiful music -
Guy Ervin III, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Barbara Recker, Jean Scott,
Melissa Sobolik, Aimee Stoll, and Linda Young!***

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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 6

Fair Trade Sale after worship
Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, and other goods are on
sale on the patio after worship.

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

The High School Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. at
Zander's Game House in Old Town Camarillo, \$5.
Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly
(joe@mountcross.com).

Monday, March 7

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

Service & Missions Committee, 6:00 p.m.

The Service & Missions Committee meets on
Zoom. Contact Gordon Henry for information.

Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.
The Property Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

Learning Committee Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

The Mount Cross Learning Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Tracy Blois, Learning Committee Chair by phone: 619-277-2059 or email: tracy.allyson@gmail.com or Joe Zimmerly, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries by phone: (805) 482-3847 or email: joe@mountcross.com.

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 8

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

Wednesday, March 9

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (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) 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 10

“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.

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Care Team, 2:00 p.m.

The Care Team meets at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 11

Family Winter Camp at El Camino Pines

Family Winter Camp is next weekend, March 11-13, at El Camino Pines. Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com).

Next Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving Time begins
Spring forward! Turn your clocks ahead an hour on Saturday.

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

There's plenty of time to sign up to walk or help with the CROP Walk, hosted by Mount Cross this year.

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) 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.

Verdicts in Ahmaud Arbery's deaths came down this week. The hate crime convictions of three white men nearly two years to the day after they chased and murdered a Black man in their neighborhood finally acknowledge the racist motivations of what many called a modern-day lynching, experts said. What can we learn from the verdicts, and where does that leave us? [What the hate crime verdicts in Ahmaud Arbery's death say about justice and race in America \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/what-the-hate-crime-verdicts-in-ahmaud-arbery-s-death-say-about-justice-and-race-in-america)

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.

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.

Worship Guidelines

Although the masking guidelines have opened up for the State and the County, the Re-opening Committee is staying the course for our worship for the moment.

Masks are still required for indoor worship. Although some places have chosen to make masks optional for those who are vaccinated, we, as Lutherans, love to sing and there are concerns about singing indoors and keeping people safe, which is our first priority. Because we love to sing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 5), masks are required indoors for worship. Masks are optional **outside** and we offer seating in the pavilion outdoors, but we ask you to keep socially distanced from those not in your household. Thanks for your continued cooperation in following these guidelines to help keep Mount Cross safe.



CROP Hunger Walk - Next Sunday, 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! On Sunday, **March 13**, we will walk the 3.4 mile course to help raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. You can **sign up** online on the website: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/camarilloca>.

Join the Mount Cross team and/or make a donation online.
We need a few volunteers for registration and crossing guards.

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 Disaster Response - Aid to Ukraine

Since last week, the news of the Russian invasion of Ukraine has filled news reports and social media feeds. Heartbreaking images of people saying goodbye to loved ones and lining up at the borders to leave the country are occupying our screens. Prayers and calls for peace are coming from around the world as we watch this crisis unfold. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Gifts to "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Give to LDR [online](#) or donate to Mount Cross Lutheran Church and designate it for "LDR - Eastern Europe Crisis Response." Our prayers abound for the loss and devastation experienced in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

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.

Hospitality Sign-ups Online!

Who doesn't enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a light snack after church on Sunday mornings? Sign-ups for hosting a Sunday morning Hospitality on the patio has gone online. The link is:

https://bit.ly/MtCross_Hospitality. Thank you for your service to the Mount Cross community!