

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!

**5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "Christ Comes to Us" (Frombach/Pethel)

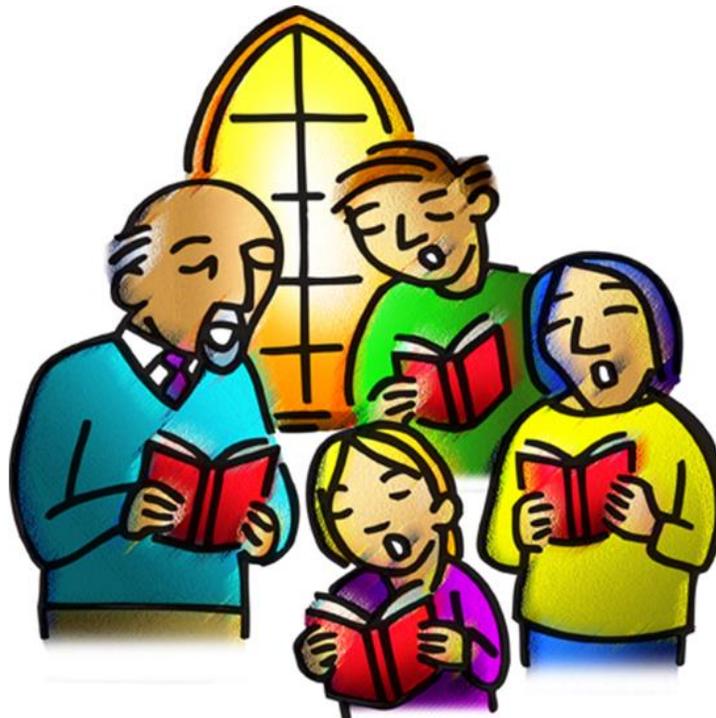
Mount Cross Choir

*In the bread in the wine
Christ gives Himself to us
Given now for all time
Salvation comes to us
As He serves at His table
We each become a servant too*

*In the bread in the wine
Christ comes to us
Nourish and sustain us Lord
Feed us with Your grace
Fill us with Your righteousness
As we gather in this place*

*In the bread in the wine
Christ gives Himself to us
Given now for all time
Salvation comes to us
As He serves at His table
We each become a servant too*

*In the bread in the wine
Christ comes to us*



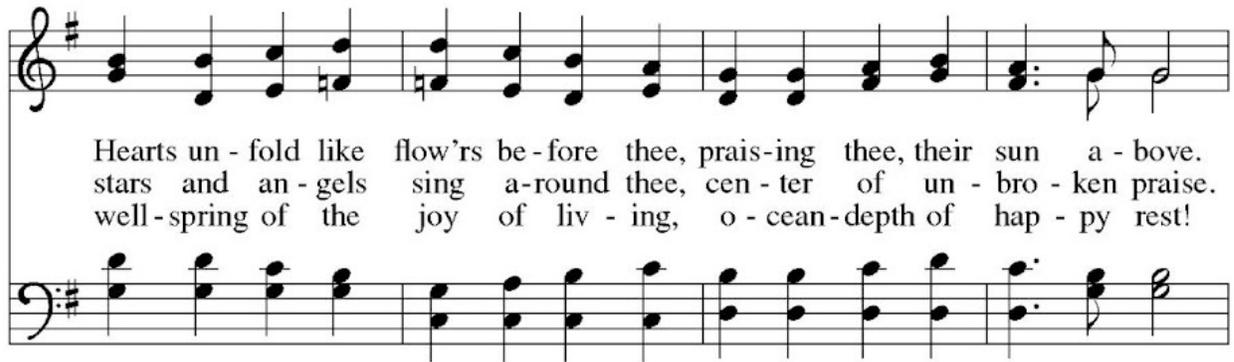
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" - ELW 836

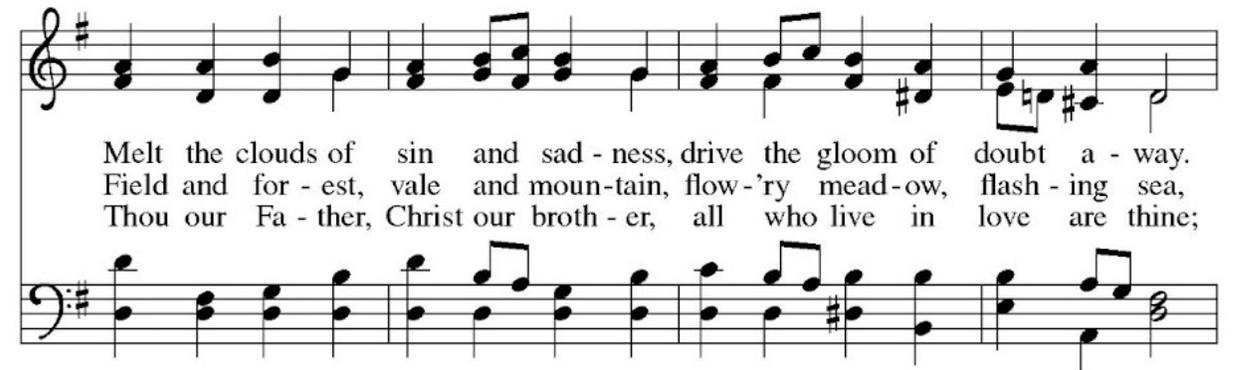
As able, the assembly stands.



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 - "Let the Whole Creation Cry" (Brooke/SALZBURG)

1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo-ry to the Lord on high."
2. Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them man - i - fold.

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "God is our e - ter - nal King."
Join with chil - dren's song of praise, wor - ship God through length of days.

Praise God, all ye hosts a - bove, ev - er shin - ing forth in love;
From the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, up - lift your voice; night and stars in God re - jice!
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Words: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881, P.D.

Music: SALZBURG (7.7.7.7. D), Jakob Hintze, 1678; harm.. Johann S. Bach, 1685-1750, from *Hymns, Ancient and Modern*, 1861, P.D.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" - ELW 172 (sing 2x's)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics: Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. The second system also has two staves with lyrics: - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. The third system has two staves with lyrics: lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. The music is in the key of D major and 4/4 time.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

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

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

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 - "In Christ Called to Baptize" - ELW 575 - Verses 1 and 4



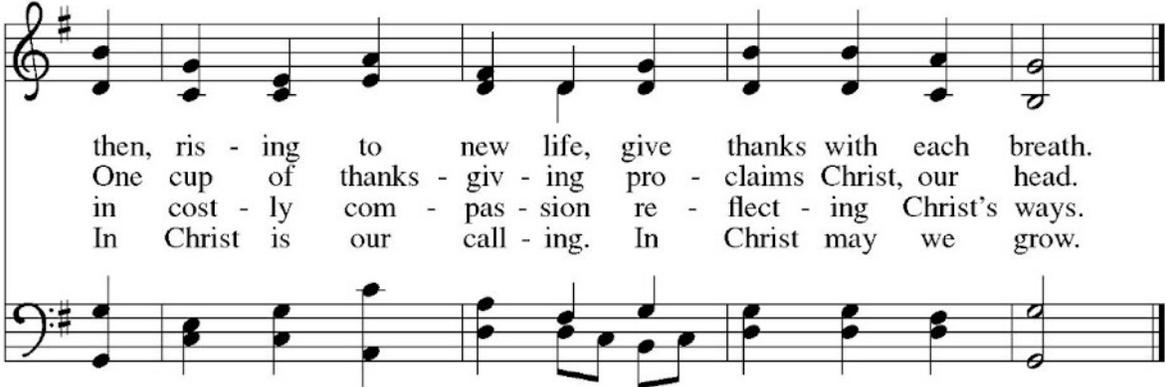
1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

BAPTISM AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The candidates for Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism are presented.

S We present Mackenzie Leigh McCue for baptism.

S We present Shannon Leigh McCue, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P Shannon, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to affirm your baptism and have your child baptized into Christ?

R I do.

P Shannon and Ryan, as you bring Mackenzie to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Mackenzie may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism and help Mackenzie grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors:

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Mackenzie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

After the candidates for baptism and affirmation of baptism are presented, the presiding minister will invite the congregation to stand, as able, and join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

The minister addresses the congregation:

P People of God, do you promise to support Mackenzie, who is baptized today, and Shannon, who is affirming her baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Water is poured into the font.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit +, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you we give honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

The presiding minister baptizes Mackenzie.

P Mackenzie Leigh McCue, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The congregation sings:

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P Sustain Mackenzie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized with oil.

P Mackenzie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as her sponsor says:

S Receive the light of Christ. Be the light of Christ.

The presider prays individually for those affirming their baptism.

P O God, stir up in Shannon the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The presider invites the new members / newly baptized to face the congregation.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized and these new members of our congregation.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. Bless Mackenzie who was baptized today and Shannon who affirmed her baptism. May they inspire us to more fully live out our own baptismal call. Be with our Confirmation students - Reagan Burke, Jeffrey Saner, and Marli Saner - who will be confirmed next Sunday, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may blossom in their lives. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. Bring aid to areas devastated by wildfires, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love, heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. Comfort those on our prayer list, especially ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Lisa, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Courtney Burke, Jackson Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Niki Carmichael** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Eunice and Ron Krieger** (friends of Evonne Kuchera), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Samantha Roberts** (friend of Judy and Bob Winters), **Rosa** (Nils Rueckert's sister), **Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Amar Shaw** (nephew of Gordon and Melissa Henry), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **the family of Veronica White** (Fun with Faith parent), **Jessica Willis** (sister-in-law of Carol Broderick).

Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.

A God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your
life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - "Easter Medley" (arr. L. Marcum)

(includes "Christ Arose," "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus," and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today")

Jennifer Moraga, trumpet; Guy Ervin III, piano



OFFERING PRAYER

A Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior 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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!



Ho - san - na - in the high - est heav'n, al - - - le - lu - ia!



Blest he who comes, who comes in the Lord's name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text adapt.: CB.

Music (EASTER HYMN, 7 7 7 7 and alleluias), J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
We give you thanks for sending your only Son into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, be all honor and glory
in your holy church, 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 The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "Eastertime Lamb of God" (O FILII ET FILIAE, adapt.)



1. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world, have
2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, O



mer - cy on us. O Ris-en Lord, O Prince of Peace,
mer - cy on us. O Ris-en Lord, O Prince of Peace,
grant us peace. O Ris-en Lord, O Prince of Peace,



Al - le - lu - ia! _____

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 - "Christ Still Rises" (Bjorlin/Brody)

David Bjorlin

HICKS
Benjamin Brody

1. Christ still ris - es when fear grips our cit - y,
2. Christ still ris - es when we give to neigh - bors,

when death takes no pit - y, when much is un - known.
when we share our la - bors, when stran - gers be - long.

Christ still ris - es when friends are di - vid - ed,
Christ still ris - es when we come to - geth - er,

when joy feels mis - guid - ed, when we are a - lone.
when love is our teth - er, when hope is our song.

Christ still ris - es when church - es are shut - tered,
Christ still ris - es when griev - ing is end - ed,

when prais - es are mut - tered, when prayers go un - said.
when bod - ies are mend - ed, when beau - ty heals pain.

Christ still ris - es when peace has all fad - ed,
Christ still ris - es when fear has re - treat - ed,

when we are most jad - ed, when faith turns to
when death is de - feat - ed, and joy will re -

dread, when faith turns to dread.
main, and joy will re - main.

“I Come with Joy” (Wren/LAND OF REST)

1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, Un -
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound By

giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus
 find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
 seen, but ev - er near, Is in such friend - ship
 all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to

to re - call, In love laid down for me.
 ty of love In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 makes us one, And strang - ers now are friends.
 bet - ter known, A - live a - mong us here.
 give the world The love that makes us one.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A God of abundance,
 with this bread of life and cup of salvation
 you have united us with Christ,
 making us one with all your people.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

P May Christ, who has conquered evil and destroyed death, give you courage and peace; and the blessing of God, who loves us as a mother, our Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG - "We Know that Christ Is Raised" - ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Rooted in God's grace,

C we joyfully witness and serve!

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Keith Selbrede
in honor of the birthday of his wife, Dianne Selbrede.**

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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, May 15

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

The high school youth group meets at 6:00 p.m..

Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly
(joe@mountcross.com)

Monday, May 16

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 3:00 p.m.

Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

Tuesday, May 17

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

The Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom,

Wednesday, May 18

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center to study the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal,
5:45 p.m.

The 8th Grade Confirmands rehearse with Pastor Julie at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

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

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:30 p.m, masked and with doors open.

Thursday, May 19

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 (hrchurchill@verizon.net)

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.

Next Sunday, May 22

Confirmation at 9:30 a.m. Worship Pray for our 8th Grade Confirmands - Reagan Burke, Jeffrey Saner, and Marli Saner - and come celebrate with them next Sunday!

Worship Guidelines

Following County guidelines, masks are strongly recommended for all people indoors in public places in California. Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation, and love for your neighbor that you continue to show.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie

Announcements

Sunday Worship

We always need worship assistants, especially for technology. We will train you. Contact Vicky Edell at vickyedell5@gmail.com or sign-up online at <https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Our weekly programs are finished for the summer. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with any questions.

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

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

Our friends at Chalice are hosting another great conversation. Join us on Thursday, 5/19, at 7pm.

Register this week at

<https://bit.ly/PublicSafetyandLocalPoliceReform>, then join us as we talk with county officials about public safety and racial equity. In 2020, the Ventura County

Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis. What actions have taken place since to enhance public safety and racial equity? Meet VC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. Learn about the Public Safety Racial Advisory Group's formation and progress. Hear from our VC Sheriff about local police reforms and from community voices on what more might be needed.

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. The cost is \$35.00; you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, please let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial!

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross.

Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project

Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. They could also use boxes of breakfast cereal. **Please do not donate food that is expired.**

Thanks for your support.

Afternoon Chapel

Join us for Afternoon Chapel on **Thursday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Mount Cross sanctuary as we continue to celebrate springtime, new life, and new beginnings. This shortened worship service is complete with Communion, singing, prayers, and fellowship. Contact the Mount Cross office at 805-482-3847 if you need a ride to the Chapel Service or for more information.

Ventura County Interfaith Dinner

Join Peace Catalyst International, the Ventura County Interfaith Community, and Two Faiths One Friendship for an exciting afternoon of dinner and relationship building!

We'll meet at 4:00 p.m. TODAY at Padre Serra Parish, 5205 Upland Road, Camarillo for a delicious catered halal style Middle Eastern meal. (A meat free dairy based meal will be available for our Jewish friends.) During the dinner, you will build relationships with individuals of other faiths and after the meal you'll be invited to join a friendship group which will meet weekly for four weeks. Dinner's on us, so get your tickets at

<https://bit.ly/3JoYn9u> or via the QR code to the right! A COVID vaccine is required for participation.



Altar Guild Looking for New Members

Are you interested in serving the church in a behind the scenes manner? The Altar Guild welcomes new members to join us in this meaningful ministry. The time commitment is minimal at approximately eight to ten hours per year and the blessings are plentiful. The Altar Guild's main function is to prepare the sanctuary for the Holy Sacrament. This generally occurs on Saturdays or prior to services on Sunday morning service but also for special occasions such as funerals. Special attention is paid to the changing of the paraments based on the church calendar. Setting out the wine and bread is the main focus of our guild members but there are several other duties such as cleaning the baptismal font and cleaning and ironing the many linens. Generally the guild works in pairs. The pandemic has changed many aspects of the guild in its membership and requirements.

A training session with Pastor Julie is planned for current and new members on June 12 after church. Please contact Carol Broderick to share your interest or for any further information at carolbroderick@msn.com or leave a message at 805-444-2898.

LRCC Help Campaign

Unfortunately, the pandemic has been difficult financially for Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences, and they have been hit with a direct loss of over a million dollars of user fees. Their organization is barely surviving.

LRCC created the "**HELP Campaign**" to get back on their feet. HELP is an acronym for:

H - Help kids get to camp!

E - Encourage youth to serve as counselors.

L - Lean in to our financial recovery from COVID.

P - Pray for LRCC!

If you are interested in **donating to LRCC**, you can write a check directed to LRCC, or make an online donation at [LRCChome.com/giving](https://lrcchome.com/giving).

Upcoming Camp Dates:

Memorial Day Family Camp (all ages): May 28-30



Register here - <https://lrcchome.com/memorial-day>

Summer Camp at El Camino Pines (2nd-10th grades): June 25-30
For more information on summer offerings go to [LRCChome.com](https://lrcchome.com).

Mount Cross Health Ministry Education Series on END-of-LIFE ISSUES

- ❖ Sunday, June 5 - Grieving
- ❖ Sunday, July 10 - Palliative and Hospice Care
- ❖ Sunday, September 11 - Advance Decisions, Directives, and Documents

SESSION 1 - GRIEVING – SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1:00 p.m. – in the Mount Cross Sanctuary

All aspects of **GRIEVING** and the various causes of **GRIEF** will be presented by St. Columba's Episcopal Church Health Ministry **Nurse Teri Helton MSN, RN**. Joining Teri for the discussion and questions is a panel made up of Mount Cross Health Ministry Team Members **Jennifer Christensen, LCSW**, Palliative Care Social Worker; **Evonne Kuchera, RN**, Health Ministry Nurse; and Mount Cross **Pastor Julie Morris**. Refreshments and takeaways will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend – grief knows no boundary of age or gender.

Please REGISTER to attend this session by emailing Susan Prosser, prosser1@sbcglobal.net, with your name(s) and your church. We encourage you to invite others to this session. We have sent information to other area Lutheran and communing partner churches and hope to attract a good number of participants.

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

The Ad Hoc Property Advisory Committee wants to know. We are also collecting information about badly needed **major** repairs and maintenance. We want to hear from everyone! So here are the ways that you can submit input:

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



Please include your name and contact information. We may wish further information.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to participate and thank you in advance, Randy Churchill, Chair; Gayle Johnson; Jim Prosser; Susan Prosser; and Bill Stoll

Church Workday – Saturday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Join us for our NEXT Mount Cross Workday on **Saturday, June 4**. Come for any part of the morning, no need to sign up in advance. Projects will include: re-grade the playground area, install hose valve extension to prayer garden, continue work on the roof gutter above the restrooms, and work on replacing the drip irrigation in the prayer garden. There is a lot to do and many hands make light work! Please bring your wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pickaxes/mattocks and work gloves. **Donuts and coffee will be provided!**

If you have any questions, please contact Cy Johnson at clopsj@gmail.com or 805-388-3293.

***You will eat the fruit of your labor of your hands; you shall be blessed,
and it shall be well with you. Psalm 128:2***