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*For those of you worshipping with us in person,
thank you for wearing your mask and observing
social distancing at all times during the service.*

**7th Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "The Day of Resurrection" (LANCASHIRE; arr. Callahan)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" - ELW 392 - verses 1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

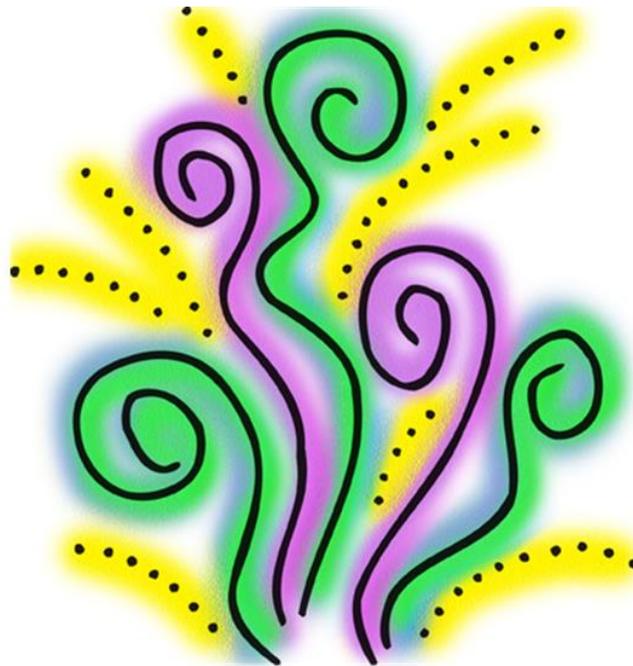
P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.

We thank you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



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

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "This Is the Feast" - ELW Setting 2

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

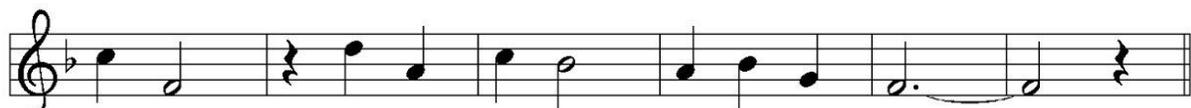


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

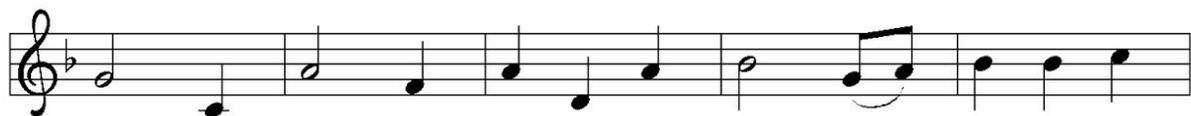
Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

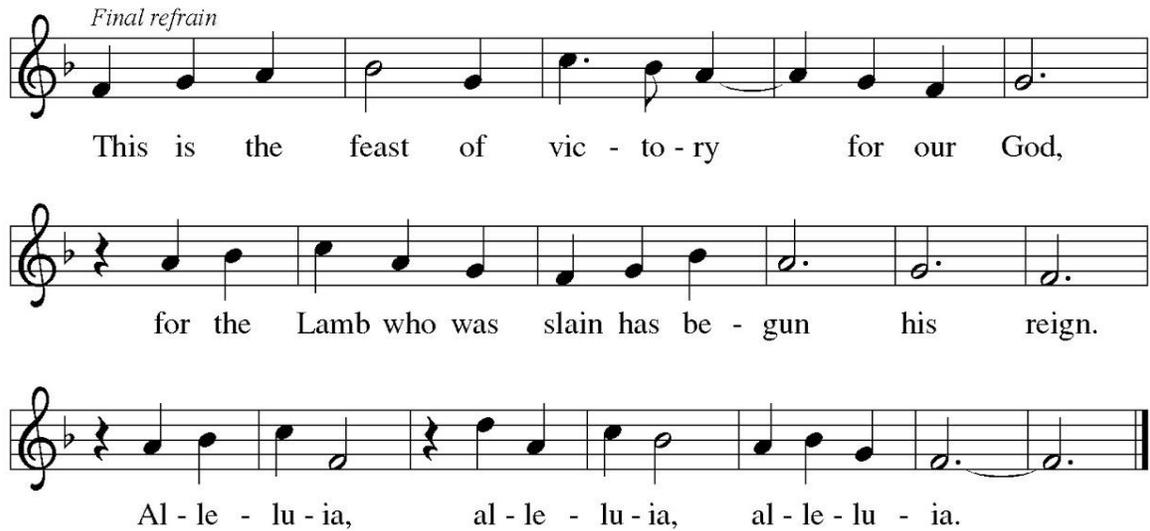


hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Vicar Amanda Berg



CHILDREN'S SONG - "This Is the Day" (Garrett)



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the
Lord has made. We will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
Lord has made, we will re-joyce and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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FIRST READING: Psalm 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

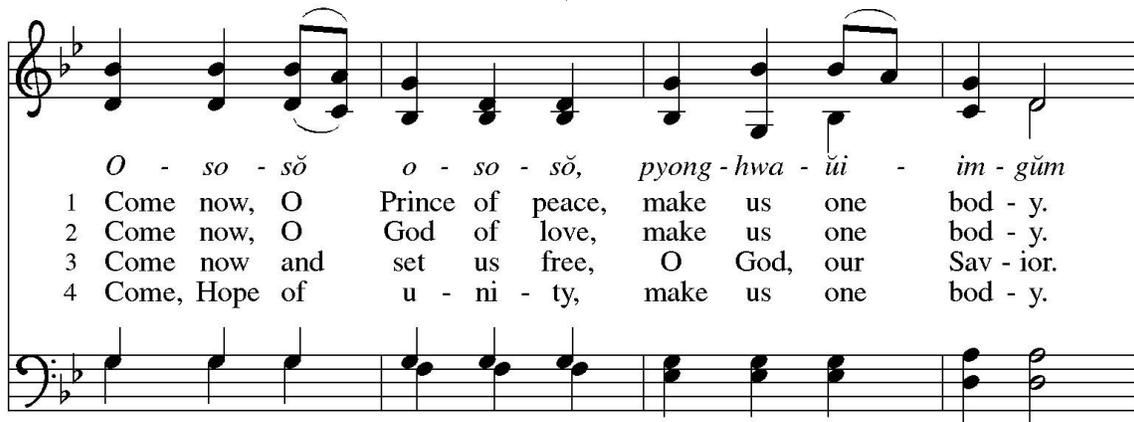
¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! ²Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. ⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. ⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

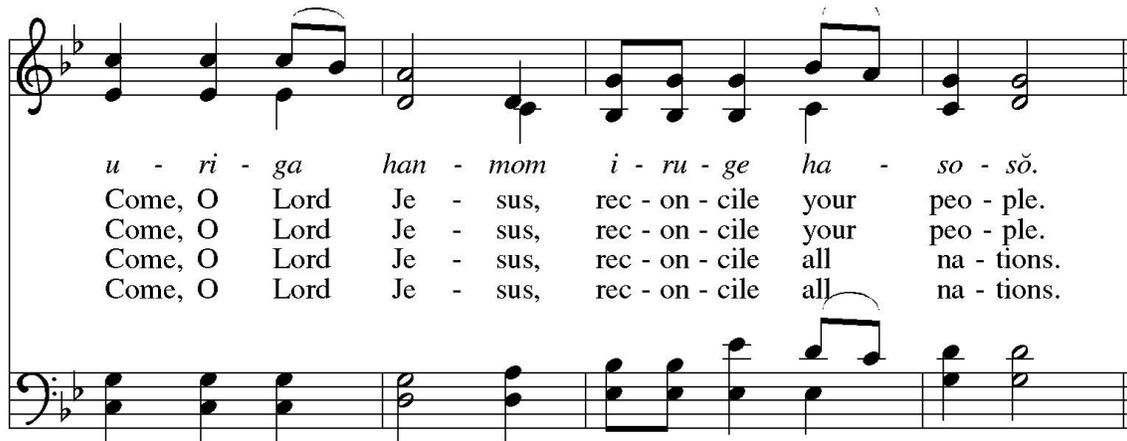


SONG OF RESPONSE - "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" - ELW 247



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
 Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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SECOND READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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)

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus’ words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

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

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

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Vicar Amanda Berg

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

SONG OF THE DAY - "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" - ELW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus, the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures, and teach us to care for it gently. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious and Holy One, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Bring peace to areas where conflict rages. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, here in this community, we share the gifts of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of all your saints - ordinary and extraordinary. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



PEACE

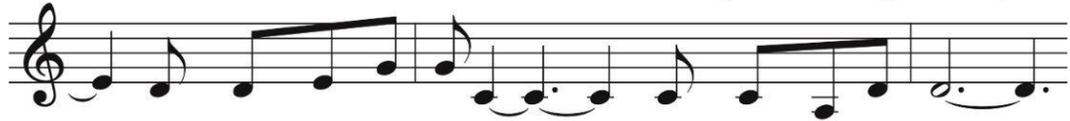
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "Christ Still Rises" (Bjorlin/Brody)



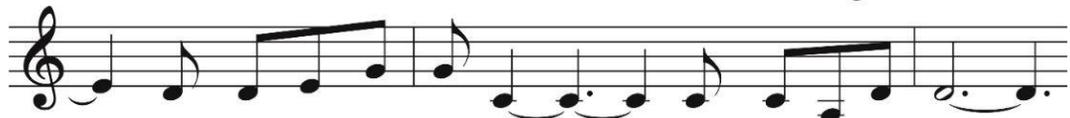
1. Christ still ris - es when fear grips our cit - y,
2. Christ still ris - es when we give to neigh - bors,



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-ge-th-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.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

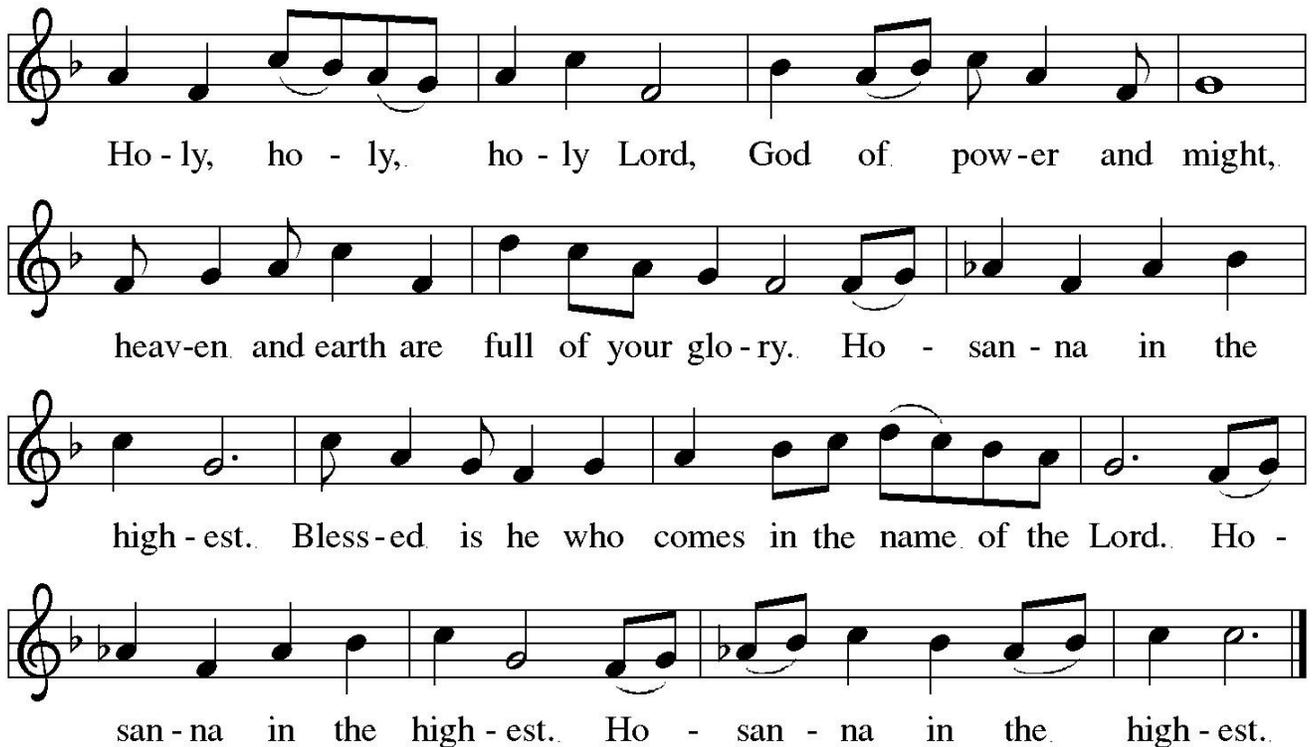


As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

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 and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P 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 our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

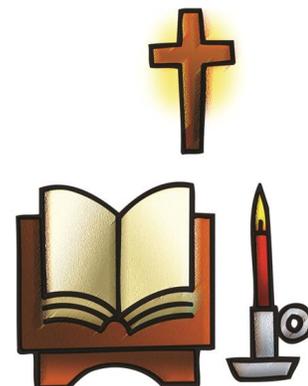
P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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.**

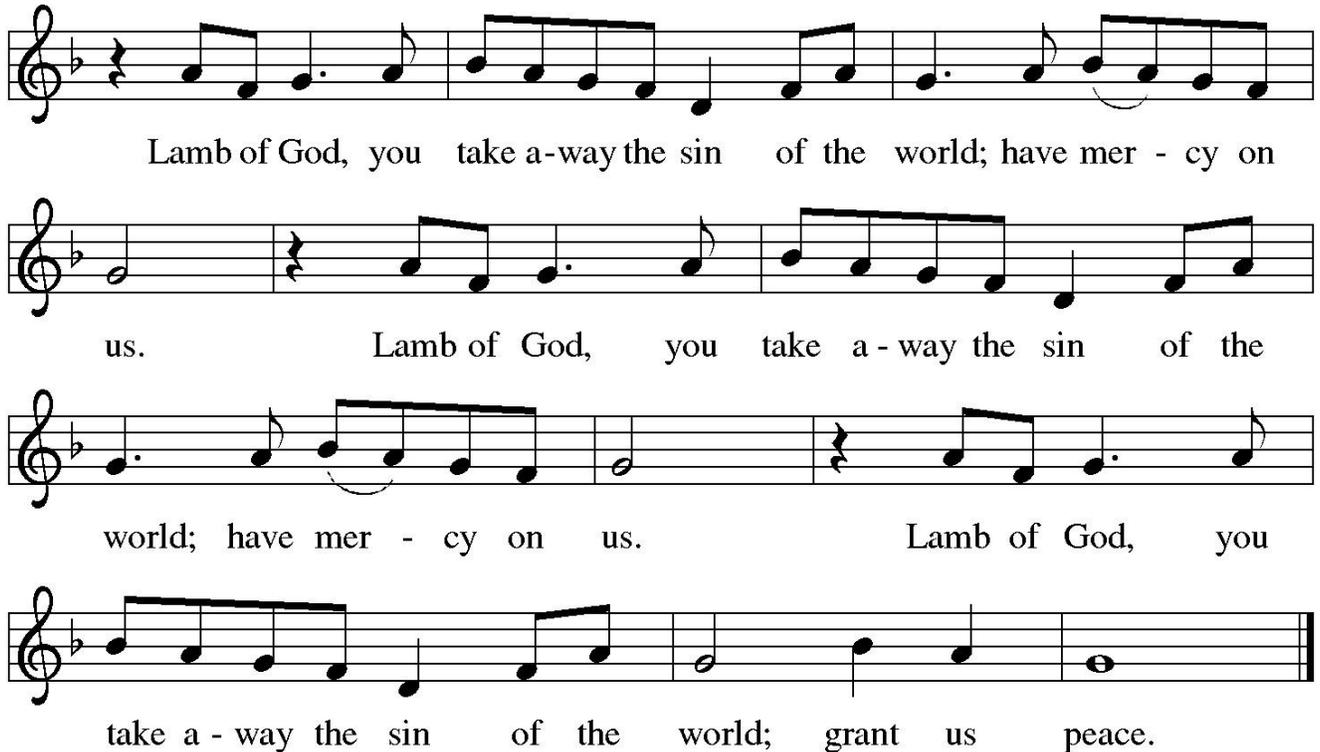


BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The assembly may be seated.

P The risen Christ welcomes you.
Receive him with a grateful heart.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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."

All joining from home are invited to say the following prayer:

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.

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COMMUNION SONGS - "One Bread, One Body" - ELW 496



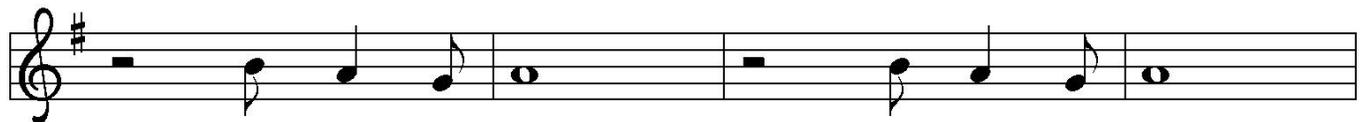
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” - ELW 543



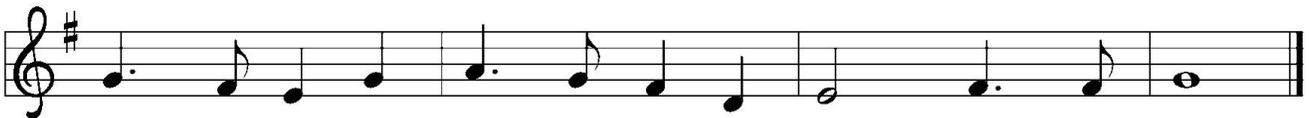
- 1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, + the holy and undivided Trinity,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

For those leaving from inside the sanctuary, please follow the direction of the ushers who will dismiss each row, beginning from the back.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Rooted in God's grace,

C **we joyfully witness and serve.**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

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

Our **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service has **switched to the last Sunday of the month (May 30 this month)**.

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

Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

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

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

We pray also for Elizabeth A, Roger Allmandinger, Bob Anderson, Cynthia Bishop (friend of Bob and Judy Winters), **Mike Carpenter, the family of Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Michael Crane** (friend of Avis Miley), **Julie Cushing** (friend of Jen & Randy Churchill), **Donna** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Steve Doshier** (Paul Crockett's brother-in-law), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Sandy Fox, David Gale** (friend of Herb & Jo Holler), **Ron Higginbotham, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Kelly Hough-Sawyer** (daughter of Betty Hough), **Jack** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Joan Husband** (friend of Bill & Glenda Greason), **Ric Kienitz, Hollie Krell** (daughter of Arlene Kochans), **Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Sonja S** (friend of LaJean Wenzel), **Allan Steele** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends 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.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, May 16, 2021

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

Endowment Presentations, 12:30 p.m.
Contact Lisa Higginbotham or Brian Fisher
with questions.

Synod Pre-Assembly Zoom with Bishop
Eaton, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
See the information below.

Abundant Table Weeding, 1:00-2:30 pm.
See the information below

Youth Group, 5:00 p.m.
High School Youth gather with the Youth staff - drop
in at Starbucks today, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; email
joe@mountcross.com with questions.

Monday, May 17, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To
join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call
on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked
to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and
then push pound (#).

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.
in the church. Contact Pastor Julie,
pastorjulie@mountcross.com, or Vicar Amanda,
amanda@mountcross.com,
if you have questions.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays. It's a nice
15-minute break in your day that includes scripture,
prayer, and relaxing video/audio. Join as often as you'd
like. Join: <http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom> OR, you can
call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. Meeting ID:
847 4745 9576, push pound (#).

Office Closed, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The church **office** will be **closed** on Tuesday for an
off-site staff meeting. In the case of an emergency,
please call Pastor Julie's cell phone, 805-312-1978.

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Lutheran Lobby Day

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through
5th grade) meets with the Children, Youth &
Family staff from 5:00-6:00 p.m., **on site**. Any
questions, contact Joe at joe@mountcross.com

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we gather
for Bible Study on the upcoming
Sunday's Gospel. Via Zoom:

<http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights>

OR you can call in by phone, 1 (669) 900 6833.
Meeting ID: 827 1932 0163, Passcode: 615543.

8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal,
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students preparing for Confirmation meet
with Joe Zimmerly **on site**. Email Joe
(joe@mountcross.com) if you have any
questions.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

The Bell Choir is resuming rehearsals in the loft
(masked and with the door open). Contact the
office with any questions.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

(Newsletter deadline)

Care Team, 1:00 p.m.

The Care Team meets via Zoom.

Next Sunday, May 23

Confirmation, 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Worship Outdoors

*Please pray for our confirmands as
they prepare for this next step on
their faith journey!*



Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person attendance for our worship indoors. Those attending need to sign in, have their temperature checked, wear masks, and observe social distancing. We also have some chairs available if you are not comfortable inside.

We also need worship assistants:

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

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for Children's Church with a fun story and gathering! Please print out your children's bulletins before the meeting. If you need a hard copy, please message Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

To find out about our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl ministry could use additional helpers to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to those in need of comfort. To give a shawl or for instructions to knit or crochet one, contact Diana Hagen (805-482-6411).

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS will be back in some form this summer from August 2-6 at Mount Cross. As we prepare for an *in person program, we expect it to be very different from past years. That being said, we need volunteers to help put together this special event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Synod Graduation Form

As we approach the end of this school year, the Southwest California Synod would like to celebrate the accomplishments of our 5th, 8th, 12th Grade(s), and college graduates on Sunday, June 13, with a virtual youth-led worship. If you have a graduate that you would like to be featured in our slideshow, please fill out this form <http://bit.ly/SynodGradForm>, as soon as possible!

At Mount Cross, we are celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 6, 9:30 a.m. so please make sure to fill this form out for your graduates.

LWR Backpacks

We have a new batch of fabric waiting to be transformed into backpacks. Sign out a bag during drive-through Communion or during the week in the office - or send Melissa Henry a text or email and she can deliver you a bag. Each bag has enough supplies to sew 5 simple backpacks... and takes about an hour to complete. Bring it back to church when you have sewn it and we'll get the ropes in before we start filling them with school supplies in August.

Legacy Giving/Endowment Requests

Any grant-requesting committee or charity in the areas of Missions, Education, Children and Young Adult Ministry, Worship and Music that submitted a request to the Legacy Giving Team for a distribution from the Endowment Fund is invited to give a three-minute presentation on their ministry and how it serves Mount Cross and our community TODAY, at 12:30 p.m.

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.

We have two "works" this week:

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Register!

<https://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/lobby-day-2021>

Ventura County Faith Communities

Advocating for Racial Justice Gathering 2021 Sunday, May 23, 2021 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

CLUE-Ventura County hosts a gathering of people committed to working against their own and society's racism. Zoom in to hear what local congregations, including members of Mount Cross' Anti-Racism / Peace & Justice Ministries have been doing and what Interfaith Antiracism actions are planned. Join us to be inspired for YOUR journey of learning about and acting against Racism!

Register at <https://bit.ly/3vspeKo>

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are now available by appointment at MyTurn.CA.gov or for walk-ins. Locations available throughout the county!

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost remains \$35.00; you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Sanctuary/Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

More Ways to Give

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

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

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

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. Thanks for your support!



Synod Pre-Assembly Gathering, TODAY, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Today, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., gather on Zoom for a multi-faceted time of conversations about the Southwest California Synod, the ELCA, and the upcoming Synod Assembly, which will be held on June 4 - 5, 2021. Our Presiding Bishop, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, will join us.

[Zoom Link for May 16](#)

Topics include the election of a new synodical Bishop, Vice President, and other officers and committee members. Those in attendance will receive overview reports regarding the State of the SWCA Synod, our current financial situation, upcoming resolutions and memorials being brought to the Synod Assembly, and how our Voting Members will be gathering for the first time in a virtual Synod Assembly. We **invite all members of all congregations of the SWCA to participate**, with a special invitation to all of the Voting Members and guests who will be attending the Synod Assembly in June.



TODAY, Sunday, May 16 2021, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Open Farm service opportunities have returned!

The **Abundant Table Farm** is delighted to re-open to volunteers on various days this spring. Our next session is Sunday, May 16 from 1:00-3:00pm. In order to ensure COVID-19 safety, RSVP's, waivers, masking, and physical distancing by household are required. (Please consider a small donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family to help support the farm)

The Abundant Table Farm @ McGrath Family Farm
1012 West Ventura Boulevard, Camarillo, CA 93010

RSVP and/or direct questions to Lisa Devine lisa@theabundanttable.org

What to bring:

- Dress in layers for changing weather. It is ideal to wear closed-toe sturdy shoes, long pants and clothing thick enough to protect from stinging nettle
- Sun protection (wide brim hat and sunscreen, bandana or scarf are helpful)
- Gardening or nitrile gloves for weeding
- Plenty of drinking water

What to expect:

- RSVP's, masks or face coverings and physical distancing by household are required
- We will have waivers on hand to sign
- Families with children are welcome! Please let us know the age of your child(ren) when you RSVP.
- Our Farm Store is open and we hope you will pick up something delicious while you are with us!
- A note on accessibility: Weeding is the service most needed on our farm this season. This requires walking on uneven soil/ground and bending over or kneeling. Folks are always welcome to visit and ask questions during this time if the physical activity is prohibitive. Also, being outdoors with masks and physical distance can make hearing more difficult. We will work to ensure instructions are shared and repeated as needed.

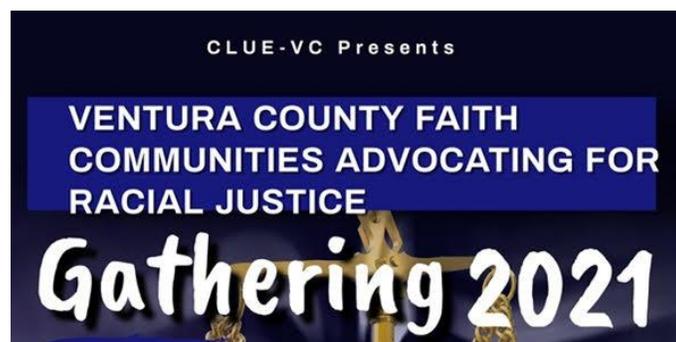


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Register at <https://bit.ly/3vspeKo>

CLUE-Ventura County is hosting a Zoom gathering on **Sunday, May 23**, from **2:00-4:00 p.m.**, to hear what local congregations are doing with regard to anti-racism, as well as what Interfaith Anti-Racism actions are planned. At the gathering, members of our Mount Cross Anti-Racism/Peace & Justice Ministry will be sharing highlights regarding our own anti-racism efforts over the past year. We hope you can join us! Please **register** at <https://bit.ly/3vspeKo>.