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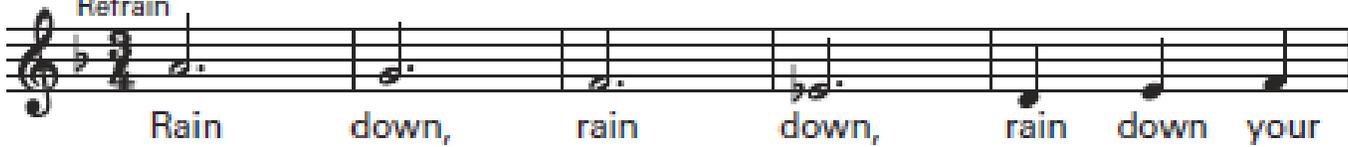
**Confirmation / Day of Pentecost  
May 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

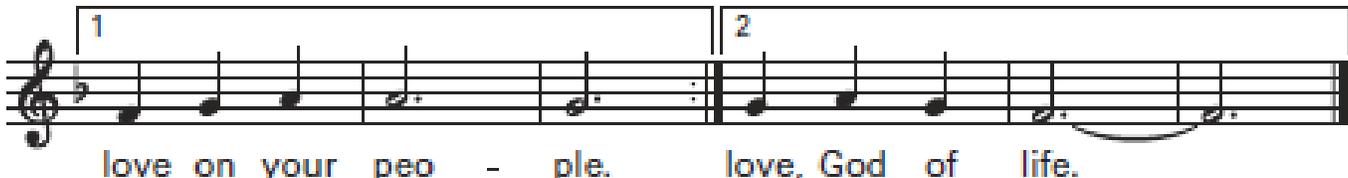
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Rain Down" (Cortez)

Refrain

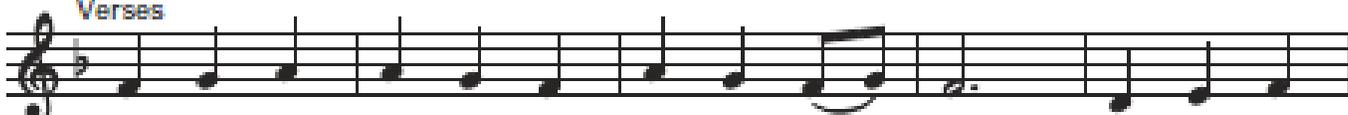


Rain down, rain down, rain down your

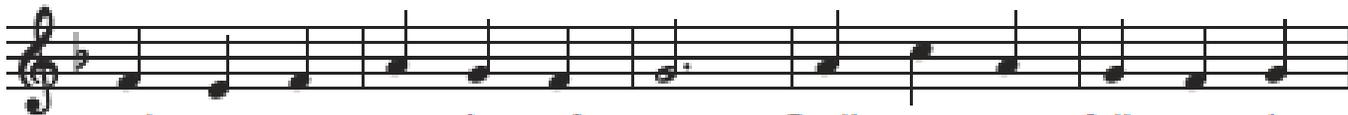


1 love on your peo - ple. 2 love, God of life.

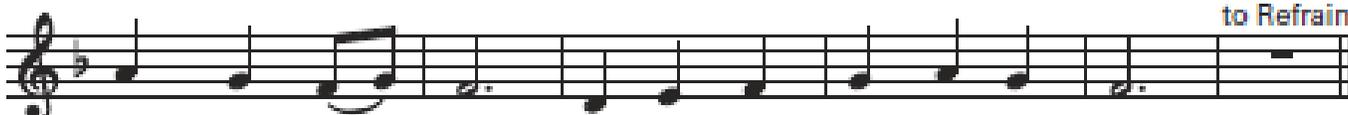
Verses



1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's  
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the  
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the  
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from  
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.  
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.  
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

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- 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** Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21 (read by Nathan Griffis)

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SONG OF RESPONSE - "Indescribable" (Reeves/Story) - CCLI Song # 4403076**

*Verse 1*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

*Chorus 1*

Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

*Verse 2*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

*Chorus 2*

Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God

*Interlude*

You are amazing God

*Chorus 1 and 2*

*Interlude*

You are amazing God

*Ending*

You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God  
(REPEAT)

You see the depths of our hearts  
And You love us the same  
You are amazing God

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27 (read by Mia Fernandez)**

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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.

Music: Caribbean traditional

**GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris and Faith Stories from the Confirmands (Matthew Fisher, Mia Fernandez, Baelin Christeson, Nathan Griffis)**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" - ELW 400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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*The assembly may be seated.*

## CONFIRMATION

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with our confirmands as they make affirmation of their baptism into Christ.

*The confirmands are presented by their Confirmation Guides, Brian Fisher and Patti Stouch.*

**Baelin James Christeson**  
**Mia Luna Fernandez**  
**Matthew Thomas Fisher**  
**Nathan Elliot Griffis**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Thank you for making Baelin, Mia, Matthew Thomas, and Nathan your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your spirit and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into us. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*The presiding minister will invite the congregation to stand, as able, and join in the responses.*

P Confirmands, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, and I invite the entire congregation to join you in the responses.

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 life everlasting.**

P Those of you affirming your baptism:

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

P People of God, do you promise to support these young people who are making public affirmation of their baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The congregation sings the following refrain:*

Refrain

Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ come in - to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ make us tru - ly wise. \_\_\_\_\_

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*One at a time, the families of the confirmands come forward.*

The following words of blessing may be repeated for each person. The leader may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

P Stir up in (name) 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.**

After each laying on of hands, the congregation sings:

Refrain



Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ come in - to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ make us tru - ly wise. \_\_\_\_\_

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After all have been confirmed, the presider continues:

P Baelin James, Mia Luna, Matthew Thomas, and Nathan Elliot, 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 (read by Matthew Thomas Fisher, Mia Fernandez, Baelin Christeson, and Nathan Griffis)**

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.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. Strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that we may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Bless all of us who were confirmed today. Help us to live our faith and share our gifts with the church and the world. Bless our Confirmation Guides, Brian Fisher and Patti Stouch, for their leadership and service. Bless Joe, Pastor Julie, and our Children, Youth & Family Ministry staff and volunteers, especially Inger as she moves on to a new position, and our CLU interns, Jaclyn and Naomi, who are finishing their internship with Mount Cross. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth and renew places where drought, fires, earthquakes, or storms have brought destruction. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of the world with your Holy Spirit, so that they learn to listen to you and to one another, seeking your gracious will in the lives of the people they govern. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, open us to the needs of our neighbors, and strengthen us to joyfully witness and serve. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. 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 - "Spirit Song" (Wimber) - CCLI Song # 27824

### Verse 1

Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

### Chorus

Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs

### Verse 2

Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

### Chorus

## 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.**

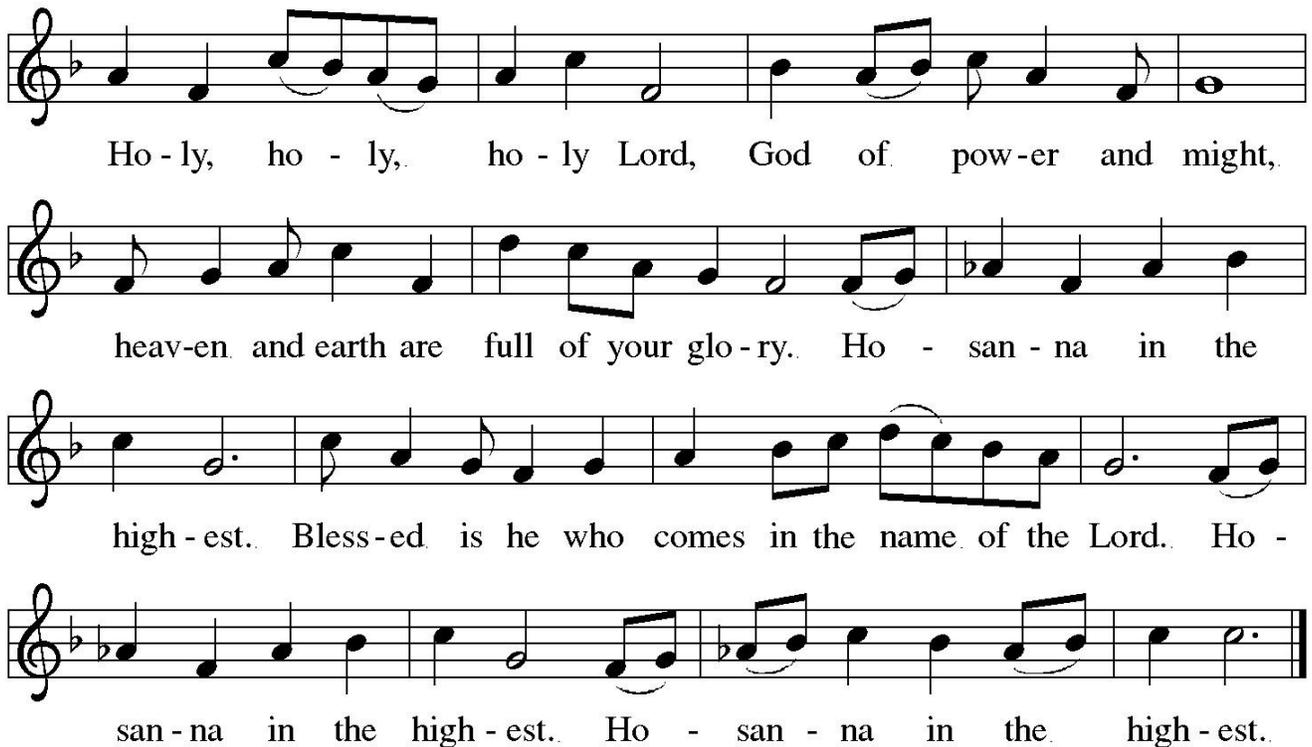


*As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.*

## 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,  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
 Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
 you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
 uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
 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.**

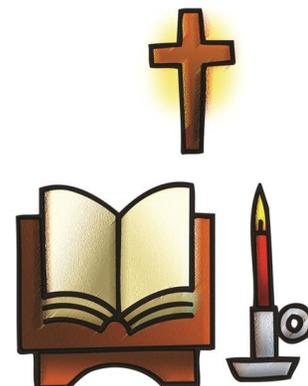
P O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

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.**

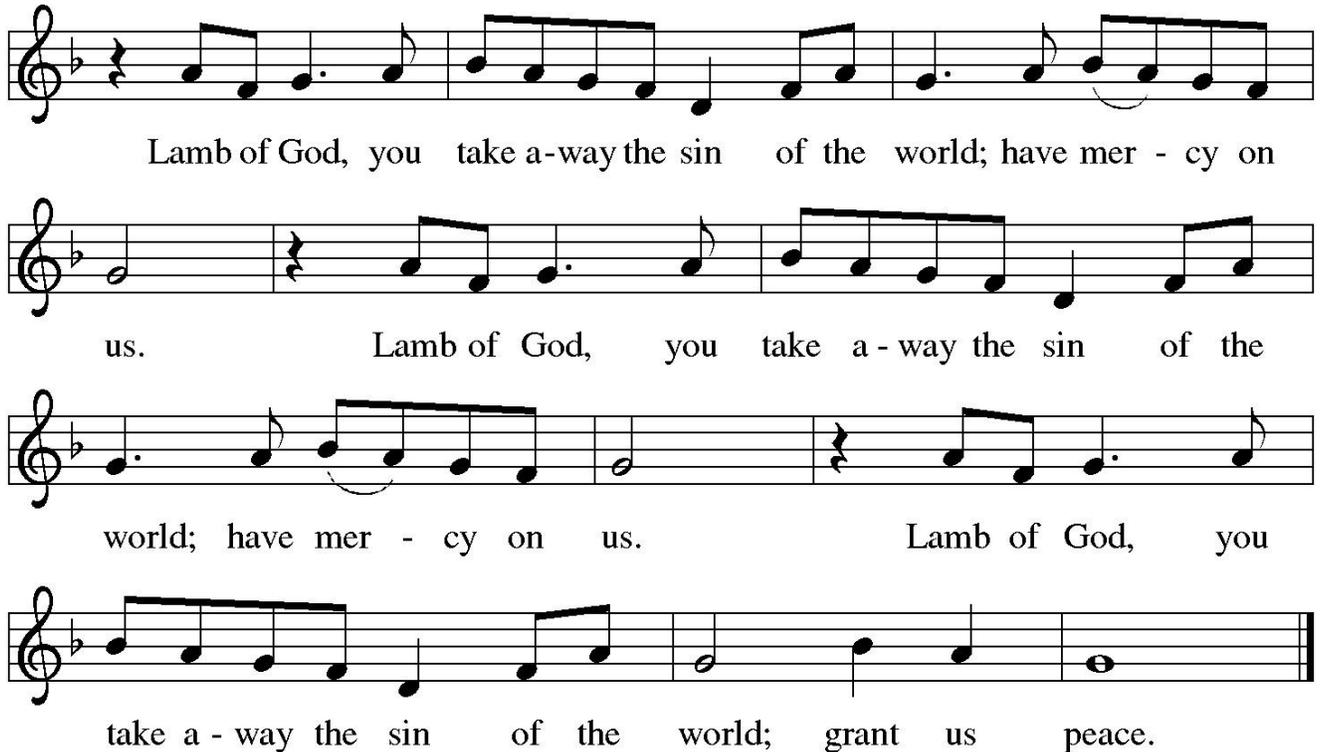


## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The assembly may be seated.*

P The risen Christ welcomes you.  
Come to the feast 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.<sup>1</sup>**

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

COMMUNION SONGS - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
 (Robinson/NETTLETON)

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy  
 raise my Eb - en - e - zer, here, by thy great help, I've  
 grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

4  
 grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for  
 come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly  
 be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my

7  
 songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I

10  
 son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the  
 stran - ger wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to  
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

13  
 mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious  
 heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a -

16  
 1, 2  
 love.  
 blood.

2. Here I  
 3. Oh, to

20  
 3  
 3  
 bove. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

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V. 2 - "Raise my Ebenezer" comes from 1 Samuel 7. "Ebenezer" means "stone of help."

**“The Table” (Tomlin/Cash/Jolley) - CCLI Song # 7028956**

*Verse 1 (sung 2x's)*

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table

*Chorus*

Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

*Verse 2*

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

*Verse 3*

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

*Chorus*

*Verse 4*

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table

**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.**

# SENDING OF YOUTH INTERNS AND YOUTH ASSISTANT INGER SMUTS

## BLESSING

**P** May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG - "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" - ELW 538

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is a simple, melodic line. The lyrics are: *En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá* / *The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,*. The second staff continues: *pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.* / *to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.* The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning: *Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar* / *The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain*. The fourth staff: *un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;* / *to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;* The fifth staff: *me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.* / *that falls to you and me and all who are made free.* The sixth staff: *A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.* / *Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.*

## DISMISSAL

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

***Congratulations to our confirmands - Baelin Christeson,  
Mia Fernandez, Matthew Thomas Fisher, and Nathan Griffis!***

***Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in honor of our 2021 Confirmation class!***



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Let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card:  
**<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](mailto:office@mountcross.com) or call 805.482.3847.*

## The Week at a Glance

### **TODAY, May 23, 2021 - Pentecost**

Children's Church Zoom, 9:00-9:20 a.m.

Contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) for the Zoom information.

### **Monday, May 24, 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 25, 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](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com), or Vicar Amanda, [amanda@mountcross.com](mailto: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 (#).

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
The Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Concert of Faiths Zoom, 7:00 p.m.  
Join the Ventura County Interfaith Community for a Concert of Faiths at 7:00 p.m. See below for details.

### **Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

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](mailto: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.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

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

## **Thursday, May 27, 2021**

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

We meet every other Thursday to study the Gospel for the upcoming week. Contact Pastor Julie, [pastorjulie@mountcross.com](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com), if you would like to be on the Men's Bible Study email list.

To join us on Zoom, please use the following link, <http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>, or call (408) 638 0968. The meeting ID is 891 5038 5706 and the Passcode is 521872.

## **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](mailto:joe@mountcross.com).

### **Children, Youth, and Family Ministry**

To find out about our programs, email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto: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](mailto: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'll deliver you a bag. Each bag has supplies to sew 5 simple backpacks... and takes about an hour to complete. Bring it back to church when you're done; we'll get the ropes in before we fill them with school supplies in August.

### **Anti-Racism Work of the Week:**

*This link is 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.*

### **Ventura County Faith Communities Advocating for Racial Justice Gathering 2021 TODAY, 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:** <https://bit.ly/3vspeKo>

### **Vaccine Sign-up Site**

COVID-19 vaccines are now available by appointment at [MyTurn.CA.gov](http://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**

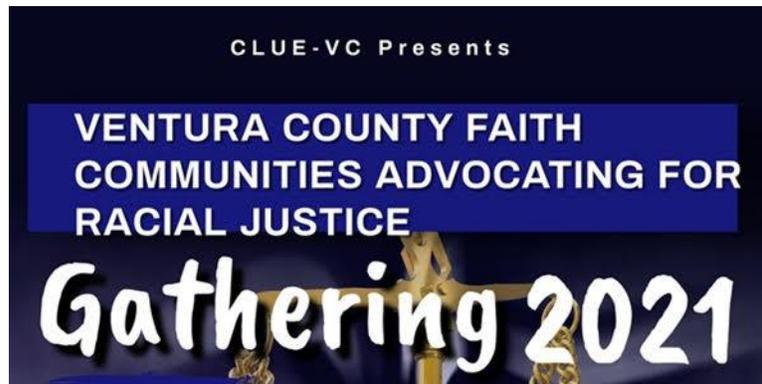
Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com).

### **Amazon Smile**

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com 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 pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. Thanks for your support!



**TODAY, May 23, 2021 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Register at <https://bit.ly/3vspeKo>**

CLUE-Ventura County is hosting a Zoom gathering **TODAY, 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>.

### **VCIC Concert of Faiths - Zoom** **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.**

Join the Ventura County Interfaith Community for a Concert of Faiths at 7:00 p.m. on May 25th, 2021. Enjoy the sounds and music from a variety of faith communities, including:

- The Bahá'í community
- Buddhists
- Christians
- Jews and
- The Church of Scientology

This virtual concert will take place on Zoom and will be free to all, so share this information widely with friends and family who may be interested. To join, click on <http://bit.ly/ConcertofFaiths> or join by phone, 1-669-900-6833, meeting ID (893 8119 5816), passcode (635639).

# LUTHERAN RETREATS, CAMPS & CONFERENCES

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**H.E.L.P.  
CAMP-aign**

Thank you to the congregations of the Pacifica Synod for supporting our **H.E.L.P. CAMP-aign** Resolution at their Synod Assembly. The same resolution will go before the Southwest California Synod in early June.

The real impact of the Covid-19 pandemic closures of our local Lutheran Bible camps has resulted in over \$1,000,000 dollars in lost revenue. Thankfully our donors responded generously, but we still have a long way to go. What is the **H.E.L.P. CAMP-aign**?

The **H.E.L.P. CAMP-aign** is our recovery plan. H.E.L.P. is an acronym:

**H**elp kids get to camp

**E**ncourage young adults to be counselors

**L**ean into your camp's financial recovery

**P**ray for God's blessing

You will hear more about the **H.E.L.P. CAMP-aign** in the next few months. How can you help today? **H**: Help kids get to camp!

It's time to fill our Bible camps this summer with campers. Our summer staff is excited and ready to go!

**You can register today at**  
**[www.lrcchome.com/summer-camp-2021](http://www.lrcchome.com/summer-camp-2021)**