

# 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.

Please introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

**Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!**



**Reconciling in Christ:  
Intentionally welcoming and affirming  
LGBTQIA+ people and families.**

## **Holy Trinity**

### **May 26, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE - "I Worship You, Almighty God" (arr. Fettke)**

*Mount Cross Choir; Guy Ervin III, piano*

I worship You, Almighty God; there is none like You.  
I worship You, O Prince of Peace; that is what I want to do.  
I give You praise for You are my righteousness.  
I worship You, Almighty God; there is none like You.

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.  
Worthy of all honor, glory, thanks and praise.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

I worship You, Almighty God; there is none like You.  
I worship You, O Prince of Peace; that is what I want to do.  
I give You praise for You are my righteousness.  
I worship You, Almighty God; there is none like You.  
None like You, there is none like You.  
There is none like You, there is none like You.  
There is none like You, Almighty God.



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris**

**GATHERING SONG - "Holy, Holy, Holy" - ELW 413**

*As able, the assembly stands.*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

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.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister and the congregation continue.*

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.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

C **At the river your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C **Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

P To you be given honor and praise

C **through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE - ELW Setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**


*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

Children through 5th Grade are welcome (but not required) to come up for the Children's Message and then follow the staff to the Parish Life Center for an age-appropriate Bible lesson and activity. They will return to the sanctuary before Holy Communion. There are faith activity bags available near the front door for children who would rather stay in church.


## CHILDREN'S SONG - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Alexander/ROYAL OAK)

**Refrain**




All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

**Verse**



1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

**To Refrain**



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Tune: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK (7 6 7 6 and refrain), English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

*This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29 - “All on Earth and All in Heaven” (Morgan/EBENEZER)**

*Please join the choir in singing today’s appointed psalm.*

1. All on earth and all in heav-en raise to God a  
 2. Trees shall bow in awe and won-der, bend their branch-es

song on high; strength un-measured, love un-bound-ed,  
 to the ground; from God's lips one word in an-ger

God a-lone we glo-ri-fy. At God's voice the clouds as-  
 wrecks de-struction all a-round. But the Word which sets in

sem-ble, thun-der roars, and tor-rents fall; earth shall quake be-  
 motion such tra-vails can make them cease; that same voice which

fore God's pres-ence, moun-tains trem-ble at God's call.  
 tu-mult beck-ons in a gen-tler breath speaks peace.

Words: Paraphrase of Psalm 29; Michael Morgan, admin. Faith Alive Christian Resources.  
 Music: EBENEZER (87. 87. D), Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944, 1890, P.D.

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - “Alle, Alleluia” (Schaner/Keil)

Al - le, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**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 - "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" - ELW 412



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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**NICENE CREED** (For this feast day, we're using the Nicene Creed rather than the Apostle's Creed.)

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

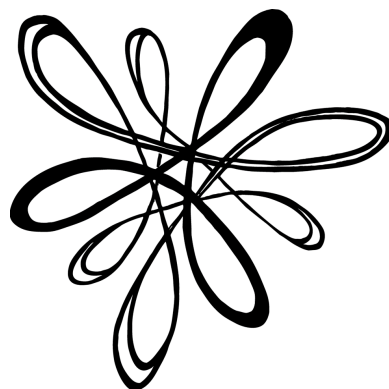
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
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.**

*Note: The term "catholic" (lower case "c") does not refer to any specific denomination or group of Christians. The term comes from two Greek words that together mean "throughout the whole." So when the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it refers to the whole or universal Christian church in all times and places.*

*The congregation may be seated.*





## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders, voting members, and others gathering for next weekend's Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they celebrate "The Unity of the Church" and pray, learn, and share with one another in our common mission of proclaiming the gospel and serving our neighbors in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict, and we give thanks for those who serve and protect us. Teach us to work for peace, especially in our own country, Israel, Gaza, the entire Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing, especially those on our prayer list ...

**PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS**

**We pray for Barbara Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **the family of Vibbs Clausen, Kris Dawson, Sonja Demeter, Bert Gabrielson** (father of Peggy Stevenson), **Patrick Heckman** (relative of Marni Engh), **Gordon Henry, Miriam Hoffmann, Betty Hough, John Hunter** (cousin of Scott Fajnor), **Trevor Jeffrey** (friend of the Phipps family), **Craig Kaihara** (friend of Scott & Nora Fajnor), **Susan Klein, David Ludwig** (friend of Jim & Susan Prosser), **Jack & Penny Luhrsen, Alexea Mitchell** (stepmother of Tracy Blois), **Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Aaron Nuñez** (friend of Claire Johnson), **the family of Angie Patscheck** (sister-in-law of Stan Patscheck), **Stan Patscheck, Michael Potts** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **Nancy Rowley, Dianne Selbrede, Carol Smith** (friend of Marni Engh), **Fleet Smith** (friend of Mark & Lisa Saner), **Waldon Swenson** (brother of Janet Rubin), **Doug T** (friend of the Blois family), **Russell Wall** (brother of Nora Fajnor), **the family of Bob Walters** (cousin of Ric Kienitz), **the family of Gene Wylie** (son-in-law of Barbara Recker), **Paul Williams** (friend of Mary Kienitz), **Nancy Zeph** (niece of Barbara Sletten).

*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.*

A God of life, **receive our prayer.**

God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud (*pause*) ... God of life, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

**PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - "How Wonderful the Three-in-One" (Wren/PROSPECT)



1. How won - der - ful the Three - in - One, Whose  
 2. Be - fore the flow of dawn and dark, Cre -  
 3. The Lov - er's own Be - lov'd, in time, Be -  
 4. Their E - qual Friend all life sus - tains With  
 5. How won - der - ful the Liv - ing God: Di -



en - er - gies of danc - ing light Are un - di -  
 a - tion's Lov - er dreamed of earth, And with a  
 tween a cra - dle and a cross, At home in  
 green - ing pow'r and lov - ing care, And calls us,  
 vine Be - lov'd Em - pow'r - ing Friend, E - ter - nal



vid - ed, pure and good, Com - mun - ing  
 car - ing deep and wise, All things con -  
 flesh, gave love and life To heal our  
 born a - gain by grace, In Love's com -  
 Lov - er, Three - in - One, Our hope's be -



love in shared de - light.  
 ceived and brought to birth.  
 bro - ken - ness and loss.  
 mun - ing life to share.  
 gin - ning, way and end.

Text: Brian Wren, b.1936, © 1989, Hope Publishing Co.  
 Tune: PROSPECT, 8 8 8 8; *Southern Harmony*; arr. by Marty Haugen, b.1950



## OFFERING PRAYER

- A Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.
- C **Amen.**

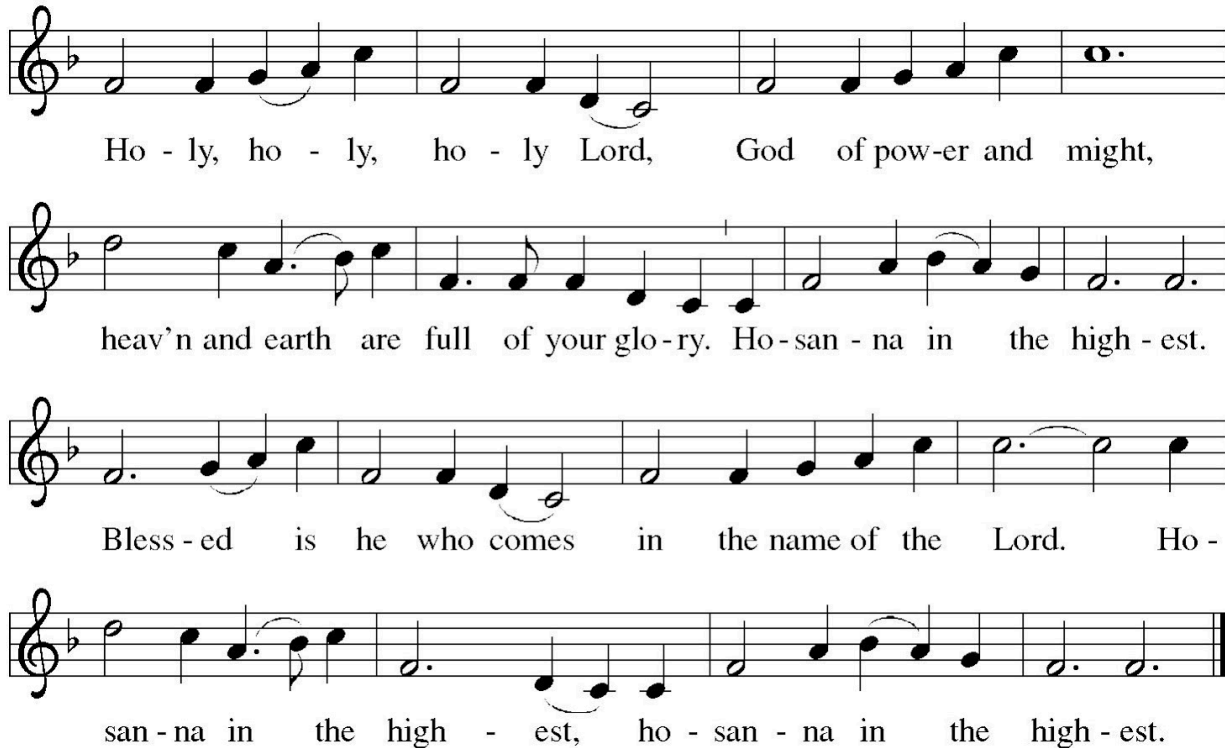


*As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.*

## 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 Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
Before all that is, you were God.  
Outside of all we know, you are God.  
After all is finished, you will be God.  
Archangels sound the trumpets,  
angels teach us their songs,  
saints pull us into your presence.

P And this is our song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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 Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
You beyond the galaxies,  
You under the oceans,  
You inside the leaves;  
You giving us your image,  
You carrying the Hebrews into freedom,  
You in the words of the prophets;  
You lived as Jesus among us,  
healing, teaching, dying, rising,  
inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
he 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.



P Holy God, we remember your Son,  
his life with the humble,  
his death among the wretched,  
his resurrection for us all.

We beg for your Holy Spirit:  
Enliven this bread and wine,  
that it will be for us the body and blood of Christ.  
Awaken us to be Christ's body in the world.  
Stir up your church, and nourish the life of the earth.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,  
our Life, our Mercy, our Might,  
our Way, our Truth, our Life,  
praise to You now,  
praise to You tomorrow,  
praise to You forever and ever.

C **AMEN!**

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

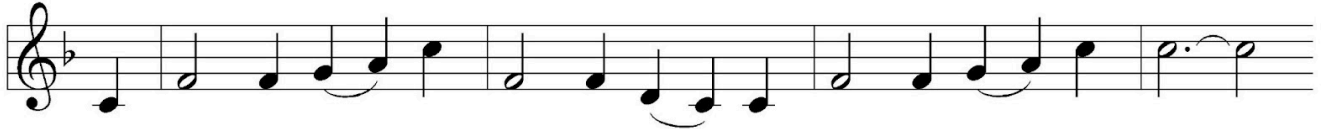
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

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

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come and eat.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD - "O Lamb of God" (Seltz/LAND OF REST)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on the Agnus Dei  
Music: LAND OF REST, North American

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**All are welcome at the Lord's Table.** Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church.

**Please come forward to receive the bread (gluten-free hosts available), and then walk to the side to dip the bread in the chalice of wine or to receive a small cup of grape juice.** Place your empty cup in the trays provided.

Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges.

### **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)**

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:

**I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.**

*(We pause for silent prayer).*

**Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

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

# COMMUNION SONGS - "Bring Many Names" - ACS 1094



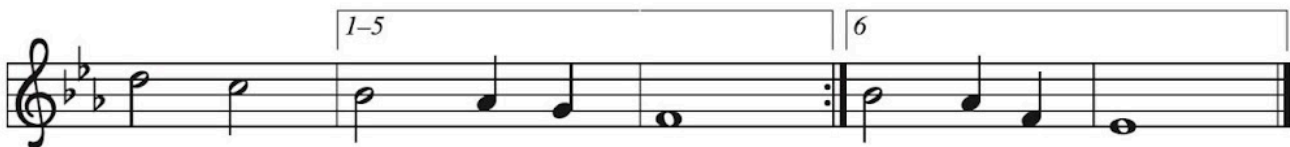
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,  
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,  
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -  
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -  
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -  
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -  
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -  
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -  
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
 san - na, 6 great, liv - ing God!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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## “Womb of Life and Source of Being” - ACS 948



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less  
2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond  
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our  
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have  
birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing  
friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we  
Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er  
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man  
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the  
Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing  
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en  
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of  
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: RAQUEL, Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1944–1992

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.
- C **Amen.**



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

## BLESSING

- P May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Creator, Christ ✝, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.
- C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG - "This Is My Song" - ELW 887

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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 Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957  
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## DISMISSAL

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 Patricia Lewis in memory of George Lewis - Happy Anniversary!  
 and by Vicky Edell with love and honor to all mothers.*

*Thank you to today's Worship Assistants (current as of printing date)*

Acolytes -  
 Altar Guild - Vicky Edell, Evonne Kuchera  
 Assisting Minister - Susan Prosser  
 Children, Family, Youth Ministry Director - Joe Zimmerly  
 Clergy - Pastor Julie Morris  
 Communion Assistants - Herb Holler, Becky Gilbertson, LaJean Wenzel,  
 Patricia Lewis, Gayle Johnson  
 Greeter -

Music Ministers -  
Songleaders - Barbara Recker, Keith Selbrede  
Mount Cross Choir - Fred Antrim, Sabrina Ebright, Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry,  
Claire Johnson, Gayle Johnson, Evonne Kuchera, Wendy McClary, Dan Nelson, Susan Prosser,  
Barbara Recker, Becky Riley, Keith Selbrede, Bill Stoll  
Accompanist - Guy Ervin III  
Readers - Tom Neuhaus  
Technical Crew - Bill Dawson, Justin Thai, Mona Neuhaus  
Ushers - Scott Fajnor, Vicky Edell

Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson is not serving  
for a few weeks due to medical reasons.

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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 **11:00-11:15 a.m.**

## The Week at a Glance

### TODAY, May 26

Civic Study, 11:00 a.m.

Join Pastor Julie for a Civic Study in the Parish Life  
Center - details in the announcement below.

### Monday, May 27

**Memorial Day Holiday - Church**

**Office and CLC Closed**

Men's Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m.

A Men's Al-Anon group meets in the Parish Life Center  
at 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 28

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

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the  
sanctuary. Questions, contact Pastor Julie.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft  
from 6:15-7:15 p.m., on Tuesday for this week only.

### Wednesday, May 29

Meditation, 10:00 a.m.

The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 10:00  
a.m. Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

The choir meets in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.  
(this week only) to rehearse music for Sundays  
and learn anthems and special music.

### Friday, May 30

Synod Assembly at Lutheran Center

### Saturday, June 1

Synod Assembly at Lutheran Center

Al-Anon, 10:00 a.m.

Al-Anon meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish  
Life Center.



# Announcements

## Sunday Worship

We always need worship assistants. We will train you. Contact Vicky Edell at [vickyedell5@gmail.com](mailto:vickyedell5@gmail.com), 818-395-7674, or sign-up online at <https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>. Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

For information on our programs, email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

## Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship; <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2023>. The cost is \$40.00; 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, let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy. If you ordered flowers, please remember to pay for them - online or in the offering, marked for "Flowers."

## Financial Statements

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you show your church family! Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com).

## 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** (tuna or chicken) are always a good choice. They could also use **cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. Please do not donate food that is expired.** Thanks for your support.

## Civic Life and Faith Study Group

The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Social statements are the ELCA's primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience, and set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation.

Church members are encouraged to study and give feedback on a draft version of the social statement. You can read a draft of the statement at <https://bit.ly/CivicLifeFaithDraft>. The feedback period will be open until September 30, 2024. Pastor Julie invites you to join her in studying the draft document using a 6-session study guide prepared by the ELCA Task Force on Civic Life and Faith.

**The remaining meetings are Sundays, May 26, June 2, June 9, and June 30 from 11:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Life Center.**

Contact her at [pastorjulie@mountcross.com](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com) for more information.

## Graduation Sunday - Next Sunday, June 2

On Sunday, 6/2, at our 9:30 a.m. worship, we'll be recognizing our high school seniors who are graduating this year, as well as celebrating any other individuals who are graduating from other grade levels. Please let Joe Zimmerly ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) know if you or a family member would like to be included in this celebration.

## Next Sunday, June 2, 2:00 p.m. - Mount Cross Handbell Concert

On Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m., our talented Mount Cross Handbell Choir will present "Celebrate with Gladness," an afternoon program of handbell music from throughout the church year. The concert will also feature handbell and chime soloist Linda Young. All are welcome. No charge; freewill donation.

## **Camarillo Pride - June 2, Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for June 2. Mount Cross' RIC Team invites you to stop by our table at the 3rd annual Camarillo Pride. June is Pride month and is an important time to affirm and advocate for LGBTQIA+ people. It's a wonderful opportunity to stand together, in love and acceptance in our community. Let us be a beacon of inclusivity and compassion.

(Bob Kildee Park - 1030 Temple Ave, Camarillo)

If you would like to make a contribution to Mount Cross RIC/RW in June, funds will be used for our annual commitment to Reconciling Works ([reconcilingworks.org](http://reconcilingworks.org)).

Join the RIC Team as we get special shirts to wear for Camarillo Pride and other church events. Follow the link [HERE](#) to see and purchase this colorful shirt with a nice message. There are many color options as well as sizing options for unisex, women's slim fit, long sleeve, tank tops, and youth options. Purchase your shirt soon if you want to get it in time for Camarillo Pride!

The shirts are labeled online as "San Diego Pride Parade." Unclick the donation tab.

Join us as we spread the love.

## **Gold Coast Chorus Concert - This Weeked**

Our own Barbara Recker is part of the Gold Coast Chorus and they're finishing out this concert season with a program of light music this weekend, **Friday, May 31, 7:30pm, and Saturday, June 1, Noon**, both at St. Mary Magdalen, just down the street.

<https://www.goldcoastchorus.org/box-office>

## **Concert at Camarillo United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, June 9, 4:00 p.m.**

Camarillo United Methodist Church (291 Anacapa Dr.) will present an "Annual Music Celebration," featuring their Chancel Choir, Adult Bells, Ukulele Ensemble, Songbirds, and house musicians performing a variety of styles. Freewill Offering. <https://camarilloumc.org/>

## **Sponges, Dish Towels, and Dish Soap Needed for New Housing Community**

Many Mansions is opening their newest low-income housing community in June. Central Terrace on Meta Street in Oxnard will be the new home for 87 households—35 of whom are coming directly from homelessness. They have asked Mount Cross to donate new sponges, dish towels, and dish soap for each household. We will be collecting these items throughout the month of May. Please bring them to worship on Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

For any questions, please contact Gordon or Melissa Henry or Pastor Julie.

## **Help Feed People in Need**

The second Monday of every month, Mount Cross joins with Camarillo United Methodist Church to cook for Many Meals, the dinner served at St. Mary Magdalen Church to people in need. The recipes are provided. All you need to do is sign up, cook, and drop off the food at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. If you can help, please let Karin Grennan know. Her email address is [grennan4@verizon.net](mailto:grennan4@verizon.net).

## **Lutheran Disaster Response - Help Needed**

Severe storms across the Midwestern and Southern United States have brought deadly tornadoes and flash flooding to millions of people. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild. Please help those in need - give online:

<https://bit.ly/LDRMay2024>, mail checks to **Lutheran Disaster Response**, P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009, or give by phone at 800-638-3522.

Through these disasters and others across the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as the recovery process takes. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.



## **Vacation Bible School - August 5-9**

Mount Cross is hosting **Vacation Bible School** on **August 5-9, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** each day. Our theme this year is "On Earth as in Heaven" written by ELCA World Hunger. Each day, our kids will be learning parts of the Lord's Prayer through stories, crafts, games, and music. Make sure to click the link below in order to register your child. Children of VBS volunteers attend for FREE this year! If you would like help, please contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

We hope to see your children there! [Click Here - VBS Registration Form](#)

## **ELCA National Youth Gathering - July 15-20, 2024**

Every three years, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America hosts the National Youth Gathering in various cities around the country for over 30,000 high-school-aged youth. The Gathering's goal is to create environments and opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. While some of the experiences can be replicated at home, some are unique and special to the Gathering because of the size and scope of this ministry. As we worship in the Superdome (home of the New Orleans Saints), walk through Jackson Square, listen to the community, pray for one another, I encourage you to follow our journey and I also invite you to find ways to support our youth from Mount Cross. Whether that be financially, or by prayer, we want the entire Mount Cross community to remember that we are all on this journey together. —Joe Zimmerly

## **Giving to Mount Cross!**

If you would like to give to Mount Cross, in addition to adding your offering to the collection plate on Sundays, you can do so via [our online giving page](#), through mail (102 Camino Esplendido, Camarillo, CA 93010), or via our Venmo account (@MountCross-LutheranChurch, or scan the QR code) 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 be sure to indicate what your payment / donation is designated for. Thank you!



## **Mount Cross Lutheran Church Welcome Statement**

*Mount Cross Lutheran Church welcomes, embraces, and affirms all individuals, regardless of race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, faith background, physical or mental ability or anything else that may set us apart from each other. We are a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, one of over 1000 Lutheran communities that intentionally welcome and affirm LGBTQIA+ people and families. We are committed to racial equity and the work of anti-racism, celebrating the beautiful tapestry of humanity and fostering an inclusive community that recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to follow Jesus' way of love, compassion, and justice and invite you to walk this path alongside us. With open hearts and open arms, we welcome you.*