

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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especially if you will be singing indoors.*

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To the Parents of Our Young Children –

We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies. All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.

To All Worshippers –

The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community.

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!

**7th Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" - ELW 756

As able, the assembly stands.

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister continues:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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 gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for your Spirit which swept over the waters at the creation of our world. We give you thanks for parting the waters so your people could escape slavery and march towards freedom. We give you thanks for grafting us into the Body of Christ through the waters of our baptism.

Bless the water in this font, the water in the aquifers beneath our feet, the water that flows into our Calleguas Creek Watershed, the water we use for drinking, cooking, and washing, the water in our oceans, and all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

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

C **Amen.**

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**



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



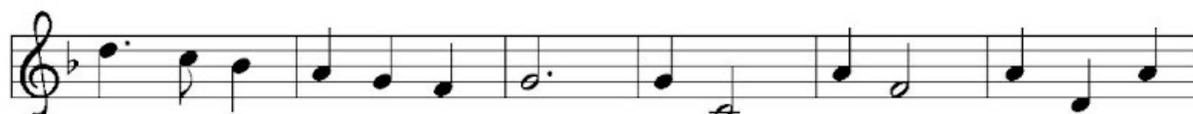
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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.



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 Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly



FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 97 - "God Reigns! Earth Rejoices!" (Morgan/NOËL NOUVELET)



1. God reigns! Earth re - joic - es! O - ceans shout God's might!
2. Fires will blaze the path - way; stars will mark the place,
3. E - vil walks be - side us, crush - es with its grief;
4. Light dawns for the right - eous, joy for God's own heirs;



Clad in truth and joy, God's throne is our de - light.
when God comes in glo - ry, meets us face to face.
yet in God the faith - ful find their sure re - lief.
love all loves ex - cel - ling; grace be - yond com - pare.



Clouds roll a - side, and night be - comes as day.
Moun - tains will shake, and worth - less i - dols fall;
Shack - les will break, and chains of bon - dage cease;
Daugh - ters and sons, God's maj - es - ty pro - claim!



God will dwell a - mong us; God will show the way!
Zi - on will re - joice, for God is Lord of all!
for - mer lam - en - ta - tions now are songs of peace.
Let your hearts de - clare the Lord's most ho - ly name!

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET (11.11.10.11), Medieval French carol, PD

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

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

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

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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 - "Christ, Our Peace" - ACS 1037 (sing 3x's)

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. Help us to work for unity in our church, in our community, and in our world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians, and give us gratitude for their sacrifices. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. Bring peace to our world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with all those suffering the loss of loved ones to gun violence. Comfort and strengthen the people of Uvalde, Texas, as they grieve the loss of so many young lives in the mass shooting this week. Grant health and freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Watch over those on our prayer list, especially ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

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

*Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks.
If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please
e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.*

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

Thank you for the beauty of the earth and the renewal we experience spending time in creation. Guide Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences as they prepare for their summer session. Bless Andrew Johnson and all who will serve as camp counselors.

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

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

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - "By Our Love" (Nockels) - CCLI Song # 5489329

Verse



1. Bro - thers, let us come to - geth - er, walk - ing in the
 2. Sis - ters, we were made for kind - ness, we can pierce the
 3. Child - ren, you are hope for jus - tice, stand firm in the



Spir - it; there's much to be done. We will come
 dark - ness as He shines through us. We will come
 Truth now, set your hearts a - bove. You will be



1.
 reach - ing out from our com - forts, and they will know us by our love.
 reach - ing, with a song of heal - ing,
 reach - ing long af - ter we're gone.



2., 3. **To Chorus**
 and they will know us by our love. The time is
 and they will know us by our love.

Chorus



now, come, church a-rise. Love with His hands, see with His eyes. Bind it a-



round you, let it nev - er leave you, and they will know us by our



1. **To Verse 3** 2. **D.S. al Coda** Final
 love. love. The time is love.



OFFERING PRAYER

- A Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

P 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, and the whole company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ho - san - na - in the high - est heav'n, al - - - le - lu - ia!
Blest he who comes, who comes in the Lord's name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text adapt.: CB.

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

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

To you, O God, be all honor and glory
in your holy church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

The assembly may be seated.



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

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Text adaptation: CB. Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE (10 10 with alleluias),
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All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church. Please come forward to receive the bread, and then walk to the side to receive wine or grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays provided. Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges (or those worshipping outside who don't wish to come inside).

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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

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

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

(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

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

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



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh - full - ness of
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song - this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! - this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al



ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the love of God was cru - ci -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er pluck me from his



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid; here in the
me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand. _____
death of Christ I live. _____
pre - cious blood of Christ. _____
pow'r of Christ, I'll stand! _____

“One Bread, One Body” - ELW 496

Refrain



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



bles - 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,



Refrain

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

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

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

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

SENDING SONG - "Go, Be Justice" (Willett/NETTLETON)



1. Go, be jus - tice to God's peo - ple; Teach the hard - ened heart to
2. Go, be heal - ing to God's peo - ple; Seek and share the sav - ing
3. Go, be mer - cy to God's peo - ple In for - give - ness free - ly



1. learn. Break the bread of true com - mun - ion, Pour the
2. call. Be the touch of Christ for oth - ers, Be the
3. shown; Find the stran - ger, call her kin - dred, Find the



1. cup of true con - cern. Feed the hun - gry, house the
2. voice of Christ for all. Lives are bro - ken all a -
3. ex - ile, call him home. Age to age God's mer - cy



1. home - less, Catch the ty - rants in their lies; Be the
2. round you, And Christ has no hands but yours; Hold in
3. wel - comes With a love that will not cease; Go, be



1. Lord's a - noint - ed serv - ant So God's jus - tice nev - er dies.
2. them the ones who suf - fer So Christ's heal - ing love en - dures.
3. Christ - light to God's peo - ple, Be an in - stru - ment of peace.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A Rooted in God's grace,
C **we joyfully witness and serve!**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Dawson
in honor of her nearly 70 years of marriage (wedding anniversary)
and by Tricha Lewis in memory of George Lewis, her husband.**

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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00-11:30 a.m.**

Please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, May 29

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Holiday

Church Office and CDC Closed

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, May 31

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

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

Wednesday, June 1

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

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

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 2

Stewardship/Generosity
Committee, 1:30 p.m.

The Stewardship/Generosity Committee meets at 1:30 p.m.

Active Shooter Training, 1:30 p.m.

A representative from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department will be our presenter. For preschool teachers and staff, worship assistants, and Church Council members.

Please contact the office

(office@mountcross.com) if you plan to attend.

Executive Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.

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

Friday, June 3

Afternoon Chapel Committee,
2:00 p.m.

The Afternoon Chapel Committee meets at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

Church Work Day, 8:00 a.m.-Noon
See the announcement below about our next
Church Work Day.

Worship Guidelines

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

Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie

COVID Tests and Masks

Although we would like for COVID to be a distant memory, it is still with us. In case you weren't aware, every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a 3rd round of **free** at-home COVID tests. They're easy to use. Order yours today at <https://www.covid.gov/tests> or call 1-800-232-0233. In addition, if anybody would like a free N95 mask, ask any pharmacist. The masks are stored behind the counter at the pharmacy, provided by the government to help curb the spread. No paperwork required. Stay healthy and safe!

Announcements

Sunday Worship

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

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

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

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

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

As citizens of this country, one of the most important things we can do is VOTE. But we also need to be informed voters. Elected officials and new laws will affect our life, and the lives of others around us. Sometimes, we need to take into perspective the idea that what is good for us personally, might be bad for others, and often minority and poor communities bear the brunt of policy, or don't even get a seat at the table. Here's an article from the VC Star on the ballot measures A and B: [What oil drilling measures on June primary would do in Ventura County \(vcstar.com\)](#) Read it - and then go read your ballot. Ballot measures are a very small part of the four page ballot. We also need to vote for many state and local offices. Get informed, and then get voting!

Altar Flowers

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

More Ways to Give

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

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

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

Amazon Smile

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

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. They could also use boxes of breakfast cereal. **Please do not donate food that is expired.**

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Thanks for your support.

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

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

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

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

Graduation Sunday, June 5, 9:30 a.m. Worship

Join us for Graduation Sunday on June 5th. Graduates of Preschool, 5th, 8th, 12th Grades and College are invited to join us for a special blessing during the children's message. Let's celebrate these big milestones and congratulations to the class of 2022! If you have any graduates (preschool through college), please let Joe Zimmerly know (joe@mountcross.com) so they can be included in our **Graduation Blessing** at our 9:30 a.m. worship on **Sunday, June 5**. Let's celebrate these big milestones and congratulations to the class of 2022!

“GRIEVING”

MOUNT CROSS HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Sunday, JUNE 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Knowledgeable speaker & panelists will cover all forms of grief.

Refreshments and takeaways provided.

All are welcome, bring a friend. Grief targets no age or gender.

For questions: Susan Prosser, 805-657-6222, prosser1@sbcglobal.net.



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

The Ad Hoc Property Advisory Committee wants to know. We are also collecting information about badly needed **major** repairs and maintenance.

We want to hear from everyone!

So here are the ways that you can submit input:



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

Please include your name and contact information.

We may wish further information.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to participate and
thank you in advance,

Randy Churchill, Chair; Gayle Johnson; Jim Prosser; Susan Prosser; and Bill Stoll

Altar Guild Looking for New Members

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

A training session with Pastor Julie is planned for current and new members on June 12 after church.

Please contact Carol Broderick to share your interest or for any further information at carolbroderick@msn.com or leave a message at 805-444-2898.