

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!

**4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

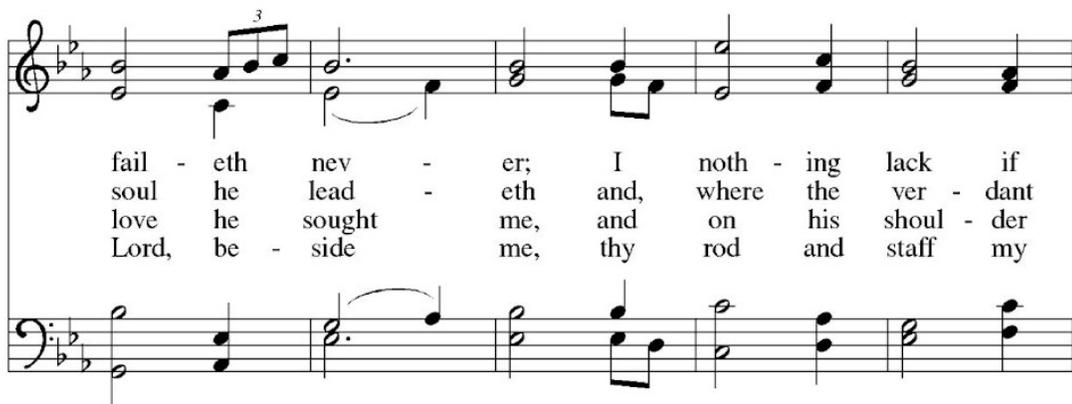
PRELUDE - "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (LLANFAIR; arr. B. B. Kinyon)
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

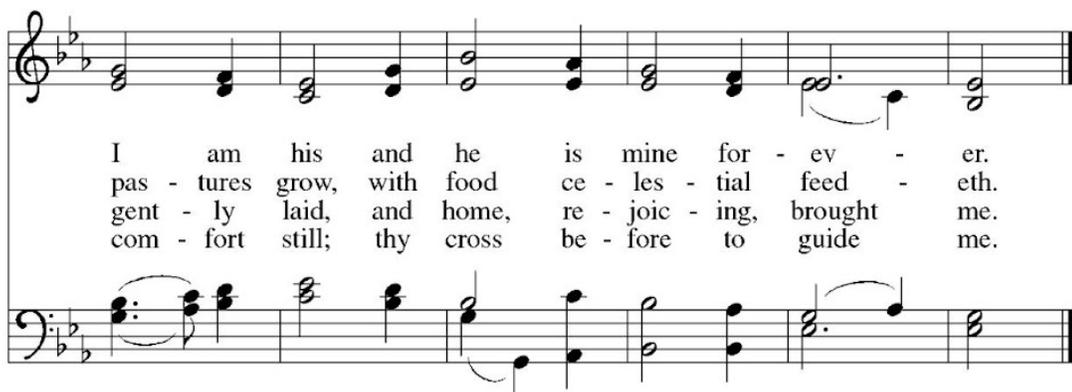
GATHERING SONG - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - ELW 502 - Verses 1, 2, 6
As able, the assembly stands.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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.

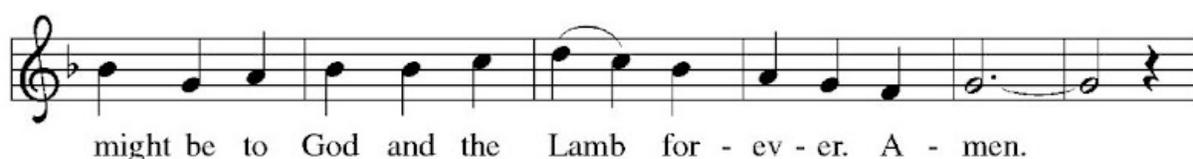
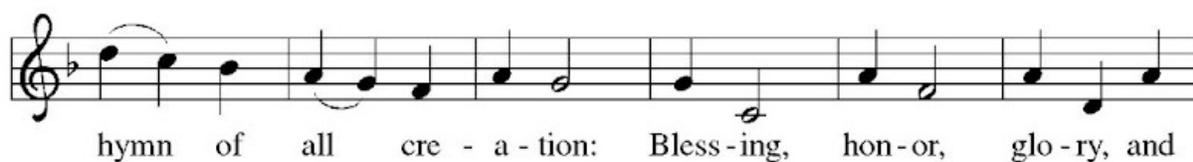
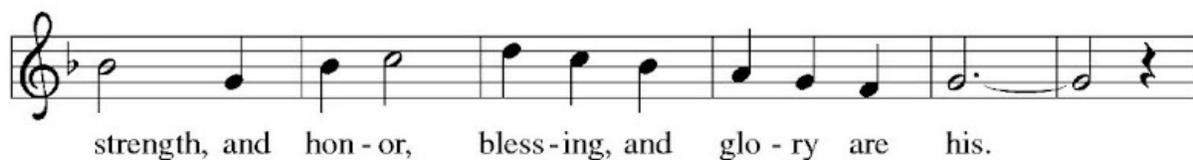
C **Amen.**

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



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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up."

Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 - "Psalm 23" (Townend) - CCLI #1585970

(We do not have permission to print the music for this song.)

Verse 1

*The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul*

Chorus

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

Verse 2

*He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights*

Chorus

Verse 3

*And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know*

Chorus

*For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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

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

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.



SERMON - Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson

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

SONG OF THE DAY - "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - ELW 789



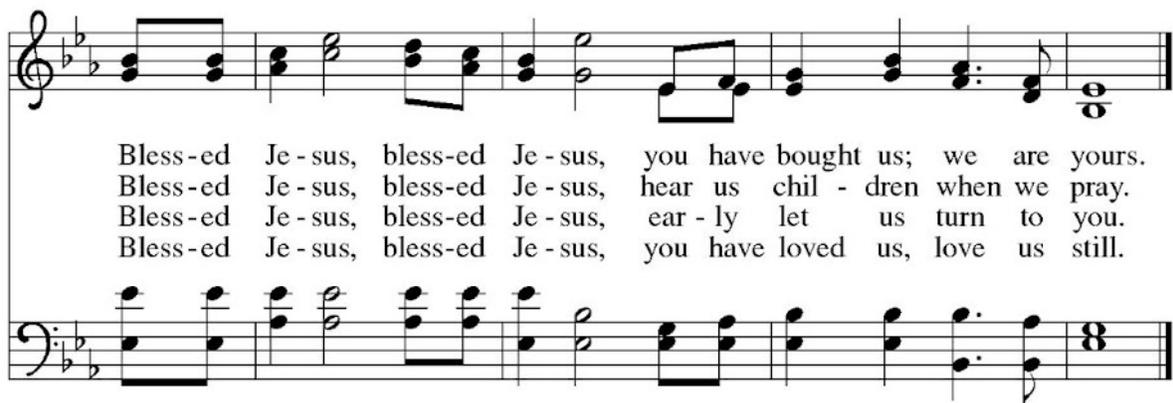
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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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.

A Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. Help all of us to listen to you and to one another with respect and care, even when we disagree. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Bring peace to Ukraine and other wartorn areas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Give us gratitude for those who care for us as mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and other caring women. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. Keep watch over those on our prayer list, especially ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Lisa, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Gloria Bennett and Miranda Miller** (friends of Carina McVeigh), **Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Courtney Burke, Jackson Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Niki Carmichael** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Doria and Vladimir Fanning** (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **the friends of Linda Frantz, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Eunice and Ron Krieger** (friends of Evonne Kuchera), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Samantha Roberts** (friend of Judy and Bob Winters), **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 Mike Waldron** (brother of Denise Sobolik), **the family of Veronica White** (Fun with Faith parent), **Jessica Willis** (sister-in-law of Carol Broderick).

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

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

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (ELLACOMBE; arr. L. Larson)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



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



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



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

Text adapt.: CB.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **Amen.**



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

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

The assembly may be seated.

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



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



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



Al - le - lu - ia! _____

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

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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

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

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

(We pause for silent prayer).

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



COMMUNION SONGS - "Shepherd Me, O God" - ELW 780

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 to stanza 4

life.

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

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
 2 Gent-ly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul, you
 3 Though I should wan-der the val-ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith-ful-ness and love, I
 lead me by path-ways of righ-teous-ness and truth, my
 fear no e-vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain

walk by the qui-et wa-ters of peace.
 spir-it shall sing the mu-sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

Refrain

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev-er-more.

Final refrain
 All

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-

yond my fears, from death in-to life.

“Gift of Finest Wheat” - ELW 484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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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 - "Lead Me, Guide Me" - ELW 768

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

D.C.
dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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

Thank you to our Mount Cross Handbell Choir - Guy Ervin III, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Barbara Recker, Jean Scott, Melissa Sobolik, Aimee Stoll, and Linda Young - for their gift of music today!

Today's altar flowers are given by Karen Gramacki in loving memory of Linda Frantz.

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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 8

NO Youth Group

The high school youth group is NOT meeting tonight.
Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly
(joe@mountcross.com)

Monday, May 9

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

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

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, May 10

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

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

CDC Board, 7:30 p.m.

The CDC Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom,

Wednesday, May 11

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the
Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
with questions.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday dinner is at 6:00 p.m., in the Pavilion or Parish Life Center. Suggested donation, \$5.

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

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

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for info.

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, May 12

Care Team, 1:00 p.m.

The Care Team meets at 1:00 p.m.

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

“Spring Training” for Liturgical Ministers, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

See the announcement below about our Liturgical Ministers training - 9:00-10:00 a.m. for lectors, assisting ministers, and communion ministers and from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for ushers and greeters.

A Message from Camp

We were delighted to have Meredith Smith here last Sunday from Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences. Unfortunately, the pandemic has been difficult financially for their organization, and they have been hit with a direct loss of over a million dollars of user fees. Their organization is barely surviving.

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

H - Help kids get to camp!

E - Encourage youth to serve as counselors.

L - Lean in to our financial recovery from COVID.

P - Pray for LRCC!

If you are interested in **donating to LRCC**, you can write a check directed to LRCC, or make an online donation at LRCCHome.com/giving.

Upcoming Camp Dates:

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

Summer Camp at El Camino Pines (2nd-10th grades): June 25-30

For more information on summer offerings go to LRCCHome.com.

Worship Guidelines

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

Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie

Announcements

Sunday Worship

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

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Our programs are mainly on Wednesdays. 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.

We invite you to be a part of the process to give your opinion to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors regarding the county seal. They have launched a web page inviting residents to vote on potential redesigns of the county seal. Residents may go to ventura.org/seal and choose from eight designs or submit their own designs. Votes will be accepted through May 17. The board is scheduled to review the results and choose a seal on May 24.

Altar Flowers

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

More Ways to Give

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

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

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

Amazon Smile

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

St. Columba's Food Pantry

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

Thanks for your support.

Liturgical Ministers Training - This Saturday, May 14

Now that we seem to have turned a corner on the pandemic and our worship experience is becoming more normalized, we want to review procedures with our liturgical ministers. On **Saturday, May 14**, all lectors, assisting ministers, communion ministers, ushers, and greeters are requested to attend a "Spring Training" session - from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for lectors, assisting ministers, and communion ministers and from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for ushers and greeters. If you're not yet involved in one of these ministries but would like to be, you're welcome to come also. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

A Word About Abortion from Pastor Julie

Dear Mount Cross Community,

We have been hearing a lot of news coverage about abortion this week. Because it is estimated that nearly one in four women will have an abortion in her lifetime[i], I realize this is a very personal issue for many of us. **I invite anyone who needs a safe and compassionate place to talk about their experiences with abortion to please reach out to me.**

I also want to direct those who are interested to the ELCA's 1991 social statement on abortion. You can access it at this link <https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/social-statements/abortion>. Copies of the summary of the statement are available in the back of the church. Notably, the statement acknowledges that there is disagreement in the church on how abortion should be regulated by the government but clearly states:

“Because of our conviction that both the life of the woman and the life in her womb must be respected by law, this church opposes: • the total lack of regulation of abortion; • legislation that would outlaw abortion in all circumstances; • laws that prevent access to information about all options available to women faced with unintended pregnancies; • laws that deny access to safe and affordable services for morally justifiable abortions; • mandatory or coerced abortion or sterilization; • laws that prevent couples from practicing contraception; • laws that are primarily intended to harass those contemplating or deciding for an abortion” (pp. 9-10).

Finally, I expect any discussion about abortion among Mount Cross members to be characterized by humility and respect.

God be near us with tenderness and care as we continue to navigate the many challenges of our lives.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Julie

[i] <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2017.304042>

Deacon Cecelia - New Position with the Synod

The Synod recently sent the following announcement about our own Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson. Congratulations, Cecelia!

“Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick Jackson (she/her) is Assistant to the Bishop for Senior Adult Ministries. Dr. Travick Jackson was ordained as a Minister of Word and Service in December, 2021 and is serving Mt. Cross in Camarillo. Before being ordained, Dr. Travick Jackson was an Associate Professor of Education at California Lutheran University. She has travelled extensively throughout the world and lived from coast to coast in the United States.

Dr. Travick Jackson came to love and nurture seniors as a young child and this passion for visitation and care continued throughout her life. She was the primary caregiver for her mother as she lived with blindness and amputation and later for her husband. I have called her because of her warmth and wisdom and obvious commitment to the aging and those who care for them.

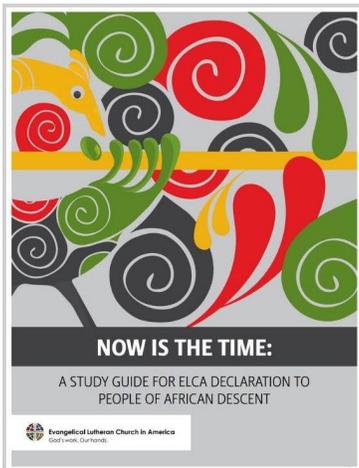
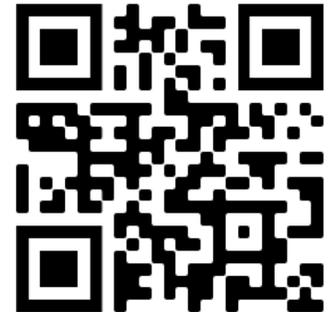
Dr. Travick Jackson will be building bridges between congregations with “official” senior adult ministries and congregations who are serving older adults in a variety of informal ways. She will be collecting and providing resources and encouragement as well as offering pastoral care to individuals and groups.”

Helping Hands Ministry ... **Additional Coordinator(s) Needed!**

Helping Hands is the **Mount Cross service group** that assists by arranging and serving at memorial/funeral receptions held at Mount Cross. Help is currently needed in the role of coordination. We currently are in **need of one or two additional co-coordinators for this ministry to continue**. If you are interested in more information on serving as a co-coordinator for this important ministry, please contact Marilyn Gardner at 805-368-0554 or momgardner_722@msn.com.

Ventura County Interfaith Dinner

Join Peace Catalyst International, the Ventura County Interfaith Community, and Two Faiths One Friendship for an exciting afternoon of dinner and relationship building! We'll meet at 4:00 p.m. on May 15 at Padre Serra Parish, 5205 Upland Road, Camarillo for a delicious catered halal style Middle Eastern meal. (A meat free dairy based meal will be available for our Jewish friends.) During the dinner, you will build relationships with individuals of other faiths and after the meal you'll be invited to join a friendship group which will meet weekly for four weeks. Dinner's on us, so get your tickets at <https://bit.ly/3JoYn9u> or via the QR code to the right! A COVID vaccine is required for participation.



**ELCA Now is the Time study (5-part series):
An ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent**
If you want to journey through this study together, please join us.

Now is the time...

...for white members of the ELCA to face our own resistance and fear

...to name uncomfortable truths

...to let go of guilt and embrace responsibility

...to uncover silence and complicity

...to acknowledge the depths of systemic racism and white supremacist culture and thinking

...for repentance, and the time to trust God's liberating grace, which gives us courage to face an uncomfortable past and walk boldly into a new future of racial justice and reconciliation, and of structural change.

We can do this work better in community. Join us.

When: 5 Thursdays from April 28 – June 2, 9 – 11 am Pacific Time (not meeting on May 19)

Format: Zoom webinar (everyone on camera)

Must register in advance: bit.ly/NowIsTheTimeELCA

Questions: Desta@CalLutheran.edu

Facilitated by: - Pastor Kacey Hahn, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Renton, WA

- Desta Goehner, Spiritual Director,

Director of Congregational Relations at California Lutheran University