

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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thank you for wearing your mask (indoors required; outdoors optional)
and social distancing outdoors when singing.*

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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!

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

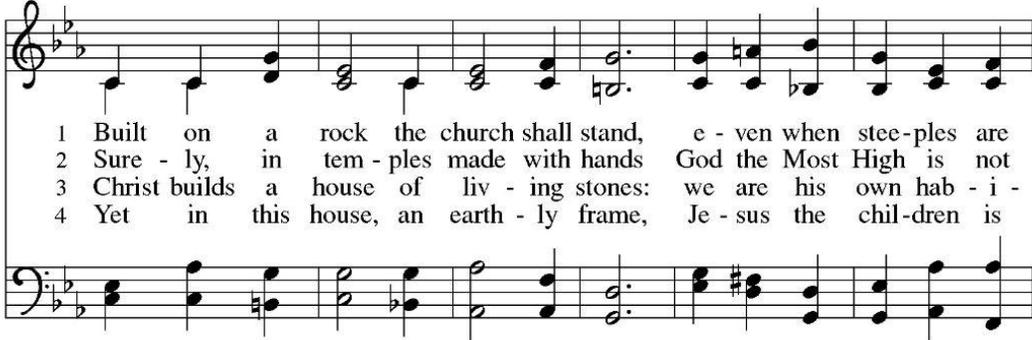
PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

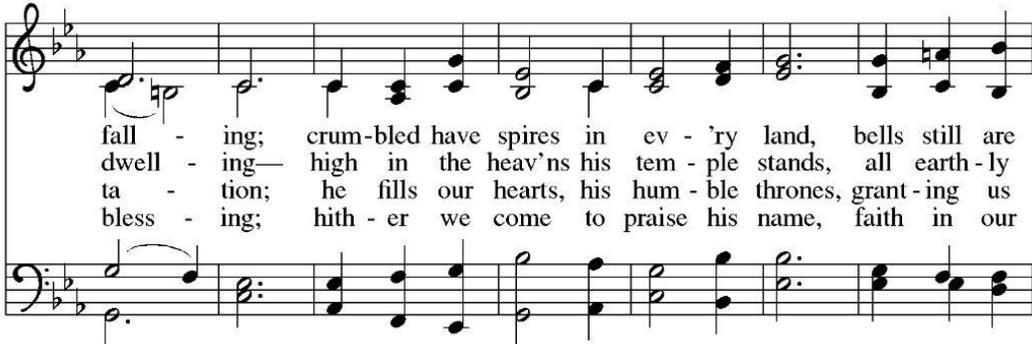
GENEROSITY SPOTLIGHT - Brian Fisher

GATHERING SONG - "Built on a Rock" - ELW 652 - Verses 1, 3 & 4

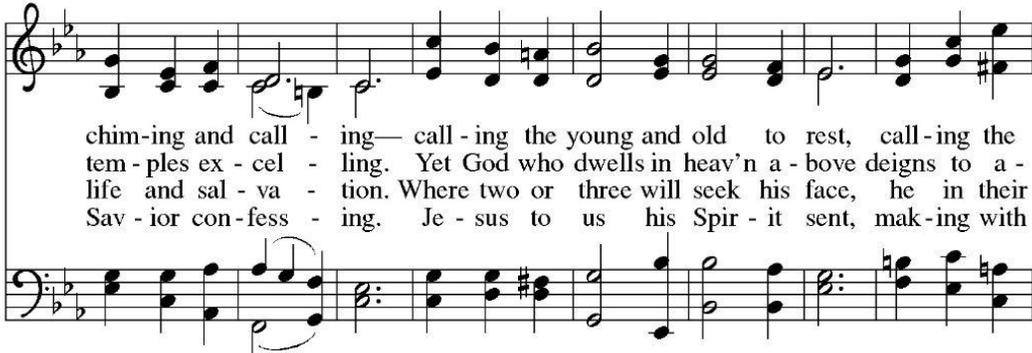
As able, the assembly stands.



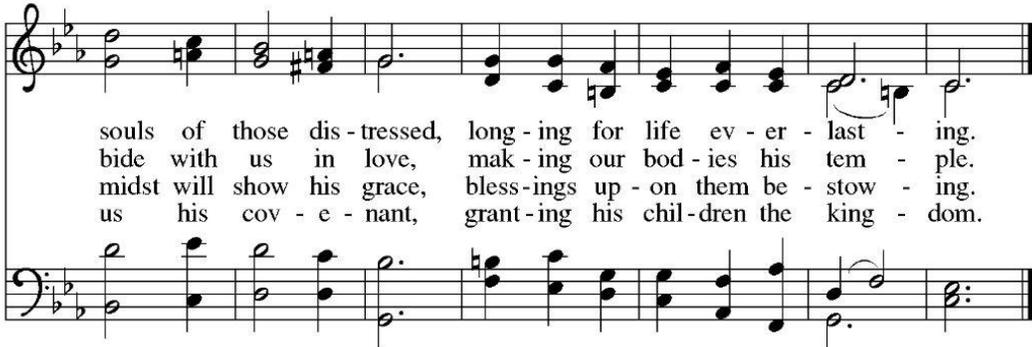
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
(Silence for reflection)

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**



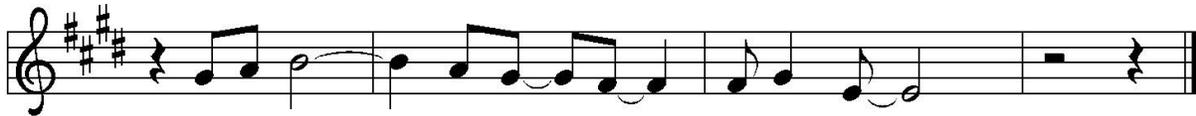
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE - "Kyrie Eleison" - ELW Setting 8



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - “Nada te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble” - ACS 1033 - sing in Spanish 3x's

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te_es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

na - da te_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community

Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia, Raise the Gospel" (Alstott/Farrell)

Refrain



Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Raise the Gos - pel o - ver the earth!



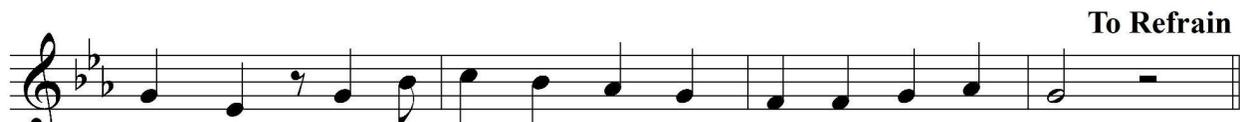
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Peace and jus - tice bring - ing to birth!

Verse



Speak, Lord, for your ser - vant's lis - t'ning, Speak, Lord, for we're long - ing to hear

To Refrain



Good News, that at last the prom - ised reign of God is near!

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Music: Bernadette Farrell, © 2001, 2002, Bernadette Farrell.

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GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

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

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

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

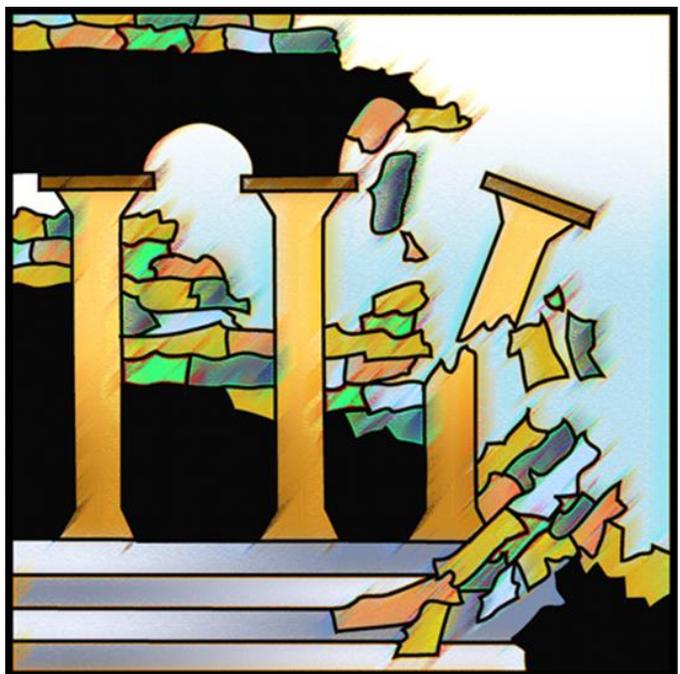
³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - The Rev. Scott J. Maxwell-Doherty



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

SONG OF THE DAY - "Canticle of the Turning" - ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and live out your reconciling love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our physician, you bring healing and restoration. Be a source of comfort to all who are fearful of changing times and circumstances. Send your grace on those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, or in need of your protection, especially (*those on our prayer list below*).

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Alice** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Jenny** (daughter of friend of Barbara Burke), **Linda** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Bonnie** (sister of Karen Cherry), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Beth Downard** (friend of the Rowleys), **Natalie Faltin, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Scott Frezieres** (son-in-law of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Bill Greason, John Grennan, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Jordan Kessler** (granddaughter of Janet Kessler), **Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Marie DeVere McClain** (daughter of Jody DeVere), **Lucille Miley, Arturo Morales** (brother of Anne & Gil Valencia's neighbor), **Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner) **and the Saner family, the family of Margaret Steele** (friend of Charlene Sakioka), **Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Jacob Wengreen** (Angie Churchill's nephew), **Howard Wullschleger.**

*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.*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "With Joy, O God, We Give to You" (Tice/ELLACOMBE)

Adam M. L. Tice

ELLACOMBE
Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirtemberg, 1784



1. With joy, O God, we give to you our
2. We ask that you would send to us the



tithes and of - fer - ings; we ask that you would
things we need to grow— our dai - ly bread to



make the most of these ma - te - rial things.
give us strength, and truth for us to know.



Be - yond our-selves, be - yond these walls, let
For - give our debts as we for - give— your



all our gifts ex - pand. Make us a wit - ness
grace will be our guide. Lead us in paths of



to the world, a bless - ing of your hand.
right-eous-ness, to use what you pro - vide.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through 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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

P And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
. . . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

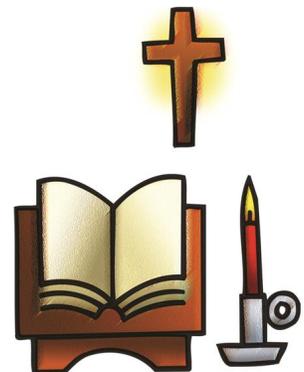
C **Amen.**

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

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.



The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 4



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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:



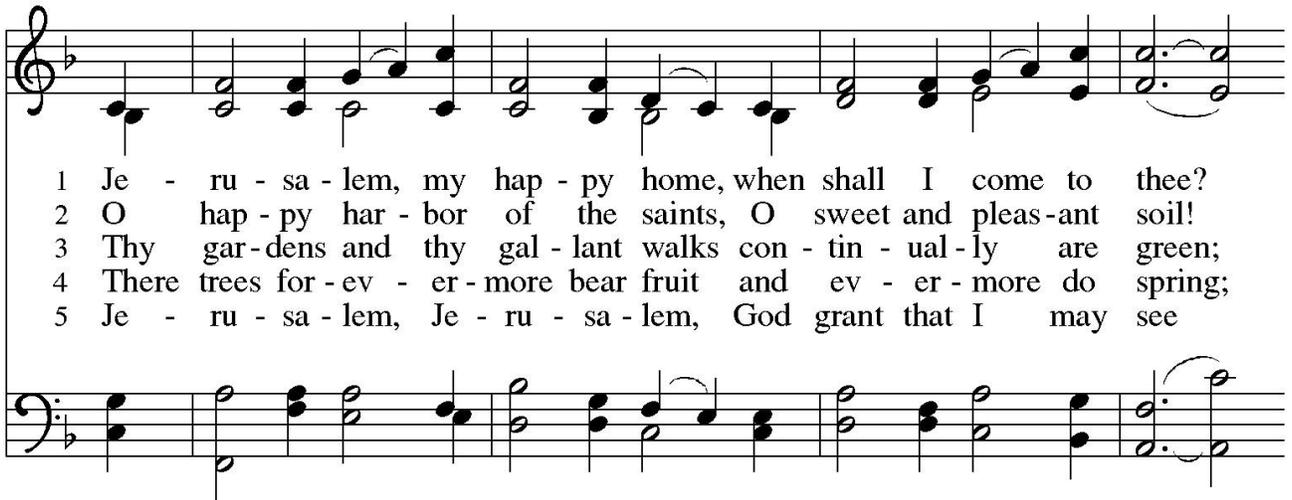
I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

(We pause for silent prayer).

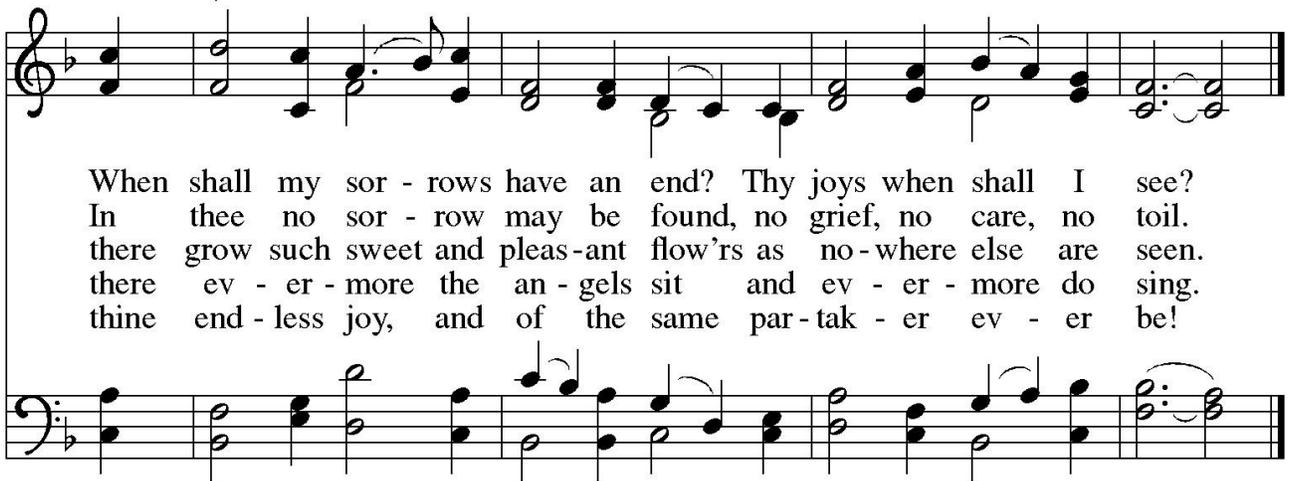
Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

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

COMMUNION SONGS - "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" - ELW 628



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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“Taste and See” (Hurd)

The musical score is written in 2/4 time and G-clef. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the'. The second staff is labeled 'Verses 1, 2' and contains the lyrics 'good-ness of God. 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to God most high, 2. Who has fash-ioned the earth and sky,'. The third staff contains the lyrics '1. glo - ry, bless-ing and praise. With one voice, O peo-ple, re- 2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and'. The fourth staff is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics '1. joice in our God, who hears _ the cry of all _ in need. O 2. sets cap-tives free, who o-pens the door to all those who seek. O'. The fifth staff is labeled 'Verse 3' and contains the lyrics '3. Oh, the love of God! Be-come flesh of our flesh,'. The sixth staff is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics '3. so that we might live in glo - ry. O'.

Refrain
Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the

Verses 1, 2
good-ness of God. 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to God most high,
2. Who has fash-ioned the earth and sky,

1. glo - ry, bless-ing and praise. With one voice, O peo-ple, re-
2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and

to Refrain
1. joice in our God, who hears _ the cry of all _ in need. O
2. sets cap-tives free, who o-pens the door to all those who seek. O

Verse 3
3. Oh, the love of God! Be-come flesh of our flesh,

to Refrain
3. so that we might live in glo - ry. O

Text: Based on Psalm 34:9, 2-4; 136:5-6; Luke 1:52. Text and music © 1988, Bob Hurd.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - "My Lord, What a Morning" - ELW 438 - Verses 1 and 3

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

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 LaJean Wenzel
in memory of her mother and her brother.*

Thank you to the Rev. Scott J. Maxwell-Doherty for being our guest preacher today!

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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 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve
Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.

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

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, November 14, 2021

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Joe
(joe@mountcross.com).

Monday, November 15, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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

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

(Church Council meeting rescheduled until Tuesday,
November 30, 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Worship & Music Committee, 1:15 p.m.

The Worship & Music Committee meets at 1:15 p.m.
in Pastor Julie's office.

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. We 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.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

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

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary (masked
and with the doors open) from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the loft (doors open,
masked), from 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Men's Bible Study at Marie Callender's,
7:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets for breakfast at Marie Callender's (185 E. Daily Drive). A \$15 donation covers breakfast and a tip, but don't let cost prevent you from attending. No RSVP necessary; questions, contact Randy Churchill (hchurchill@verizon.net)

Afternoon Chapel, 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to come to the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. for a new monthly, shortened worship service with communion, followed by fellowship.

Next Sunday, November 21, 2021

Generosity Commitment Sunday,
9:30 a.m. Worship

We'll bless all the pledges received to date. Please return your pledges so that we can plan for the 2022 budget.

Special Congregational Meeting,
2:00 p.m. Zoom

See the announcement below for details about the 2:00 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting to vote on calling a Deacon to serve Mount Cross (on Zoom).

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee meets monthly to review our COVID precautions. We continue to require masks for indoor worship. Masks are optional for outdoor worship in the pavilion, but please maintain social distancing. We also need worship assistants:

<https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants>

or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Programs are going strong so check the newsletter or email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or 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.

This week, we're asking you to support LIRS and their Hope for the Holiday program - sending Christmas cards to families in detention centers. The families, these brothers and sisters in Christ, these neighbors of ours are feeling forgotten, and we can extend to them a message of hope at Christmas. These are desperate families locked in detention centers who have walked to our borders because the situation in their home country was unsafe. They are asking for asylum, and waiting for their cases to be processed. Send them a simple message this year at Christmas - that we remember them and wish them well.

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at MyTurn.CA.gov or for walk-ins.

Locations available throughout the county!

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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.

Concert Thank-Yous!

Many thanks to Carol Browning, the Mount Cross Handbell Choir, soloist Linda Young and her accompanist Kevin Krumdieck, for the concert For All the Saints and to Barbara Cranfill, Marilyn Gardner, Jan Gerk, and Evonne Kuchera for the reception following.

Joan Brundage

Classical Concert Series at Mount Cross

(If you missed it, you can view the concert on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.)

Worship Guidelines

The Re-opening Committee met and has decided to stay the course for our worship.

Masks are still required for indoor worship. Although some places have chosen to make masks optional for those who are vaccinated, we, as Lutherans, love to sing and there are concerns about singing indoors and keeping people safe, which is our first priority. Because we love to sing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 12), masks are required indoors for worship. Masks are optional **outside** and we offer seating in the pavilion outdoors, but we ask you to keep socially distanced from those not in your household. Thanks for your continued cooperation in following these guidelines to help keep Mount Cross safe.

Special Congregational Meeting:

2:00 p.m., Next Sunday, November 21, on Zoom

We ask all members to attend a special Zoom Congregational Meeting for the purpose of calling a Deacon to serve at Mount Cross, **Sunday, November 21, at 2:00 p.m.** Please contact the church office if you are in need of technical assistance to access the meeting. Here is the Zoom information:

<https://bit.ly/MountCrossMeeting>

Meeting ID: 893 9256 5994 / Passcode: 804544

Lutheran Disaster Response Matching Opportunity

We know you all have been paying attention to the world news—fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and flooding are happening in too many places to name. Lutheran Disaster Response has been there, helping our neighbors, providing a little bit of hope along with food, water, and basic care. And you may have already taken the time to send a donation to them—but if you haven't, now is the time to do so. Your Service and Missions Team would like to offer you a **MATCH for any donations given to Lutheran Disaster Response** through the church, for up to \$1,000, during the month of November. You can use the special offering envelope in your box, or just write it on the memo line of your check and on the outside of your regular giving envelope.

Hope for the Holidays: A Project of Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services

Help bring hope and cheer to families and children waiting in detention centers for their asylum cases to be processed. We want to give them assurance that they are not forgotten, especially at Christmas. And it's easy! All you need to do is come to the table in the patio and write a greeting on a card. We will gather the cards and send them to LIRS where they will be distributed to the detention centers. If you are participating from home, please just fill out a card at home and bring it in to add to our collection. (No envelope or last names, please.)

Hospitality Sign-ups Now Online!



Who doesn't enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a light snack after church on Sunday mornings? Sign-ups for hosting a Sunday morning Hospitality on the patio has gone online. The new link is: https://bit.ly/MtCross_Hospitality.

Thank you for your service to the Mount Cross community!

2022 Generosity Campaign



"Sing praise, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds!" Psalm 105:2

At Mount Cross, we do this well. We have beautiful music during our services, thanks to Carol Browning, our music director, and all the talented musicians at Mount Cross who contribute to the musical praise we lift up to the Lord and during our Classical Concert Series at Mount Cross. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider what talent, time, and treasure you can contribute to our Mount Cross Community in order to support our music ministry and other ministries. Our Generosity Campaign will end Sunday, November 21. In order to complete a budget for next year we ask that you return monetary pledges and your Time and Talent survey by November 21. Thank you!



Advent Wreath Making with St. Columba's

Sunday, November 28, come to the pavilion for our annual **Advent Wreath Making** event, from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** Bring clippers and gloves. Other supplies will be provided and you'll end up with an Advent wreath to take home. Suggested donation: \$10. Please **sign up so we know you're coming**: <https://signup.com/go/ROiTWau>

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24

Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m., followed by our Mount Cross Pie Social.



PIE SOCIAL

Mount Cross Patio after Thanksgiving Eve Service

Bring a pie pre sliced or just stop and enjoy an assortment of wonderful pies and some wonderful fellowship with your Mount Cross friends, family, and with some of those you have yet to meet. Coffee, hot apple cider, and water will also be provided.

If you would like to bring a pie, contact: Henry Moraga
by call or text: 805-890-8394 or email: teach1art2learn3@yahoo.com