

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "Sincerely Yours" (Chapman) - Jayne Pompey and Brett Hanley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

CENTERING SONG - "Come and Fill Our Hearts" - ELW 528 (sing 3x's in English)

The image shows a musical score for the song "Come and Fill Our Hearts" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythm of eighth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community
Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Holy One,

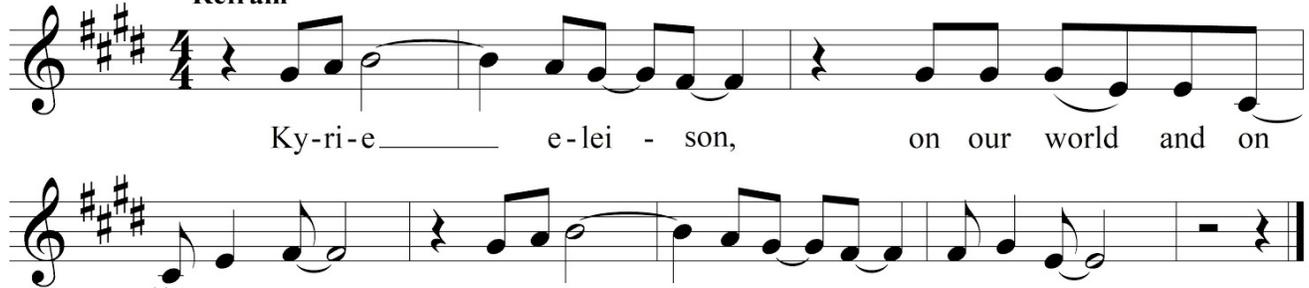
C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.

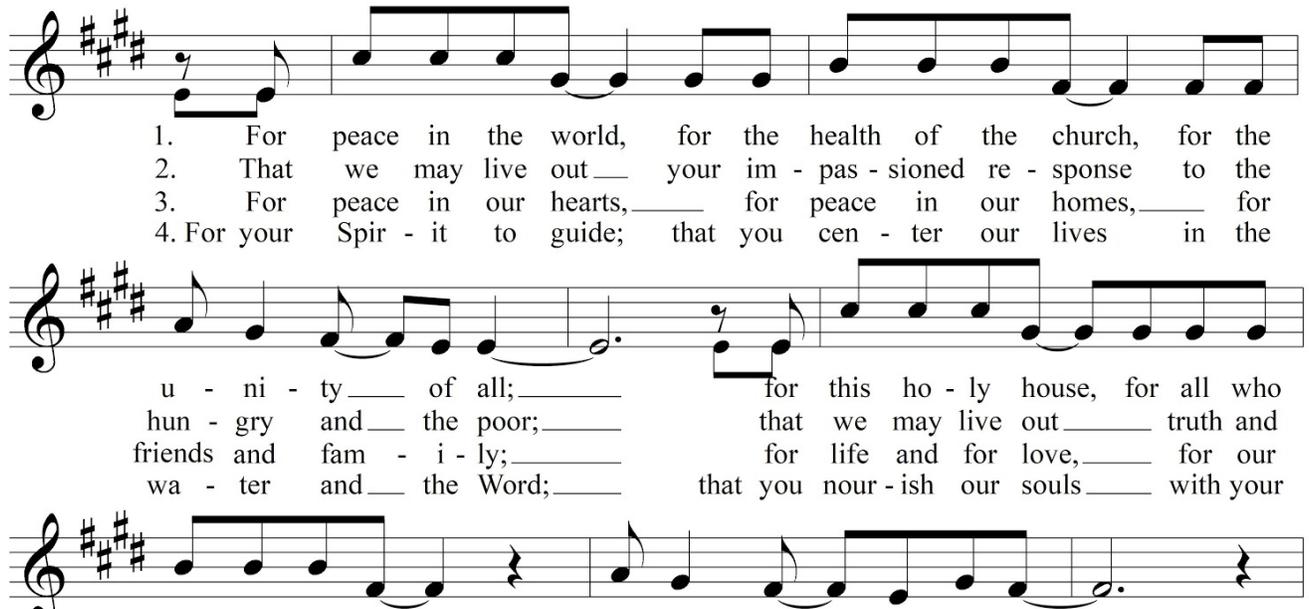
KYRIE ELEISON - "Kyrie" - ELW Setting 8

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei - son, on our world and on
our way. Ky-ri-e e-lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Verses



1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2. That we may live out your im - pas - sioned 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 this ho - ly house, for all who
hun - gry and the poor; that we may live out truth and
friends and fam - i - ly; for life and for love, for our
wa - ter and the Word; that you nour - ish our souls with your
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
jus - tice and grace,
work and our play,
bod - y and blood,

To Refrain



Let us pray to the Lord.

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

C And also with you.

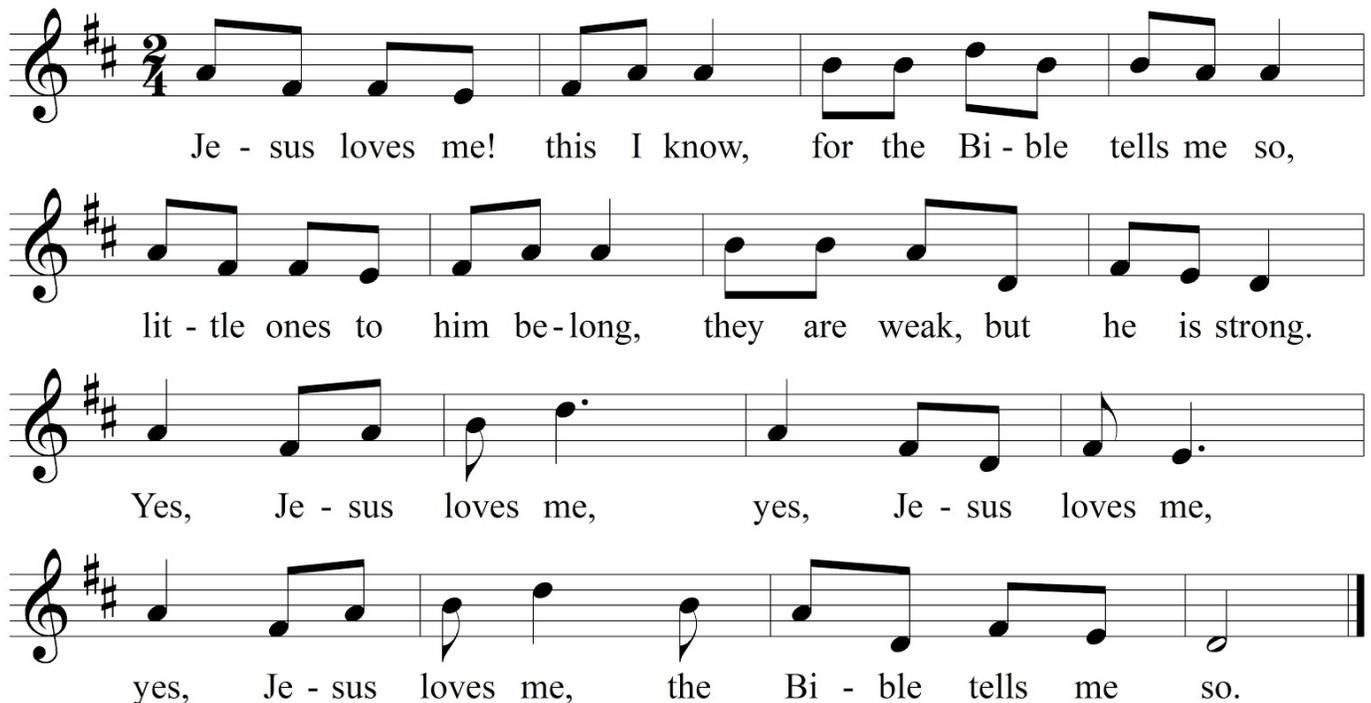
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Video from LRCC

CHILDREN'S SONG - "Jesus Loves Me" - ELW 595



Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so,
lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME (7 7 7 7 and refrain), William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

Deborah was a prophet and judge who, with her general, Barak, led a victorious holy war against a stronger Canaanite force from the north.

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died.

²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim.

³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.

⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.

⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” - ELW 693 - verses 1 & 2



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God’s own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God’s own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE’S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alle, Alleluia" (Schaner/Keil)

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

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Vicar Amanda Berg

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

SONG OF THE DAY - "The Summons" - ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish 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.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's love for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature, our parks, our beaches, and our hiking trails. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light, and we pray for all those at Mount Cross asking for your presence in their lives (*names on our prayer list*). Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Generous and loving God, You call us to be disciples of Your Son Jesus and good stewards of all Your many gifts. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of Your countless blessings. Transform us through the power of Your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbors, and generous sharing. Teach us to be faithful servants of Your gifts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - Virtual Choir Stewardship Video (“We Are an Offering”)



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. 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:



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



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, we praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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

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

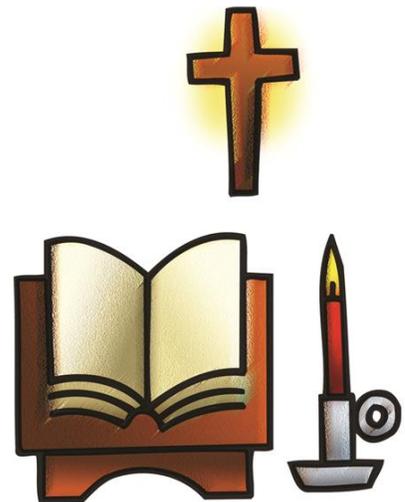
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend
upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy
gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body
and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its
creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and
holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

**C Our Father 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.**



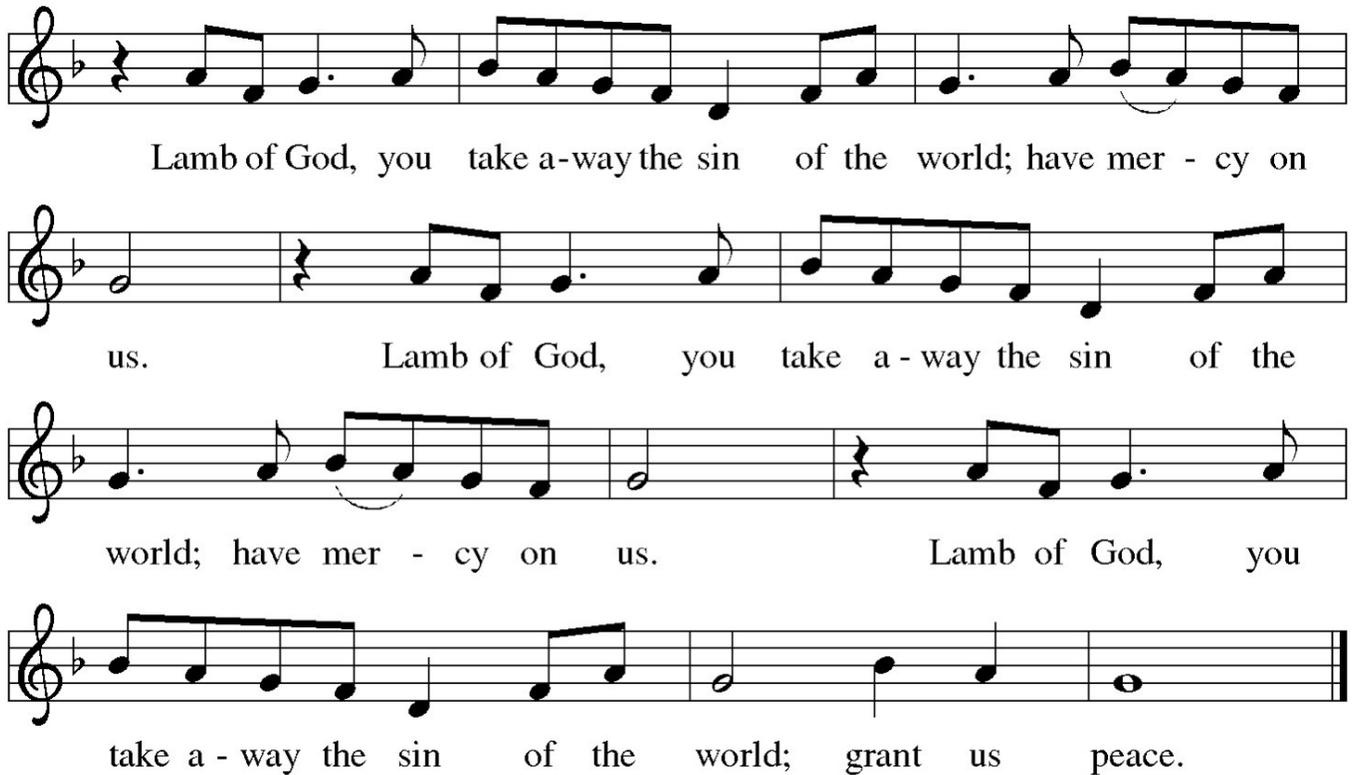
BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated.

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LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



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

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

The Assisting Minister invites all to say the following prayer:

Jesus, my savior and friend, thank you for your presence in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and your presence with us here and now. Trusting your words, "This is my body; this is my blood—given for you," I welcome you into my heart. Let my life witness to your grace and peace. Strengthen all of us with faith, hope and love until we can meet at your table again. Amen.¹



¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from prayers written by Bishop Guy Erwin and St. Alphonsus Liguori.

COMMUNION SONG - "O Christ the Same" - WOV 778

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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.**

CHURCH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you today and always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Rooted in God's grace,

C **we joyfully witness and serve!**

POSTLUDE - Brett Hanley

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Join us for **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us. There is a **new Zoom link**:

<http://bit.ly/CommunityConversationTime>.

Or to join by phone, call **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for the **meeting ID (889 0267 0619)** and **passcode (302996)**.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Drive-Through Communion** today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion. Pick up a 2020 directory, if you haven't already. If you need to make corrections to the directory, please email office@mountcross.com or call 805-482-3847, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers, for researchers searching for a vaccine, and for the families grieving the loss of each victim.

We pray also for Angelica (friend of the Marroquin family), **Bobbi and Gabe** (sister and nephew of LaJean Wenzel), **Elizabeth A, Pauline** (grandmother of Jaimie Marroquin's friend Mindy), **Roger Allmandinger** (brother-in-law of Jim & Susan Prosser), **Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Howard Corey, Barbara D'Addario, Sonja Demeter, Tom Demeter** (uncle of Allison Johnson), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Ron Higginbotham, Charles Hilley, Sandra Manning** (friend of Judy Winters), **Nury Martinez-Silva** (friend of Bernie Lau), **Karen Nelson, the Posthauer family, Lisa Saner, Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Mike Turek** (friend of the Henrys), **Kevin Young** (friend of Carina McVeigh).

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.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, November 16, 2020

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and then push pound (#).

Faith and Society: A Conversation with Camarillo Police Commander

Eric Tennesen, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Co-hosted by Mount Cross Lutheran and Padre Serra Catholic communities with a panel of Chief Eric Tennesen, Pastor Julie Morris, and Fr. Patrick Mullen via Zoom webinar

Participation is limited to the first 100 to register.

Click here to register.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We are **now meeting in the church sanctuary**. Please wear a mask.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio. Join us as often as you'd like.

Join: <http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom>

OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. You will be asked for a Meeting ID. It is 847 4745 9576, then push pound (#).

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with Jessica and Inger. Gather at the church office at 5:00 to be escorted to the park by Jessica and Inger. Children will be picked up back at the church at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we gather to study the Gospel for the upcoming week. Via

Zoom: <http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights>

OR you can call in by phone, 1 (669) 900 6833. Meeting ID: 827 1932 0163, Passcode: 615543.

Teen Mental Health Session

“Youth Program” Session – 6:30 p.m.

Parent-Only Session – 7:30 p.m.

Join Mission Oaks Counseling & Wellness Center owner Tristen Vance, LMFT, for a virtual discussion on anxiety and depression in teens. The first session will be the “Youth Program” for middle school and high school students, followed by a parent-only session.

Email joe@mountcross.com to register your email. The Zoom link will be delivered once registered.

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.

Men’s Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7:30-9:00 a.m. via Zoom::

<http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>

OR you can call in by phone, 1 (408) 638 0968 Meeting ID: 891 5038 5706, Passcode: 521872.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It’s a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio. Join us as often as you’d like.

Join: <http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom>

OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. You will be asked for a Meeting ID. It is 847 4745 9576, then push pound (#).

Re-Opening Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Re-Opening Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Send in your videos for Thanksgiving

(carina@mountcross.com) by November 18 - what are the blessings in your life, for what are you grateful?

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved a testing phase for outdoor worship. Email office@mountcross.com or call 805-482-3847 if you are interested in attending the service in person.

When arriving for Sunday morning worship, participants should park in designated areas or on the street; sign in and have their temperature taken; wear a mask; practice social distancing; bring a chair (some chairs available).

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a safe worship experience!

Help with Sunday Worship and Communion

We are looking for help to make Sunday worship and drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to sign up 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.

If you’d like to serve as a lector, intercessor, or musician on a Sunday, either by joining us on-site for the live stream or by recording in advance, please contact the office.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

High School Youth Group meets tonight at 6:00 p.m. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for other details or questions.

Graceful Diaper Pantry

In the month of November, Mount Cross is collecting diapers for the Graceful Diaper Pantry at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oxnard. They especially need diapers in sizes 2 - 6 to help support

low income families in Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Ventura. You can bring diapers to drive-through Communion on Sundays

or place them in the box under the pavilion during the week. Thank you for helping!

Melissa Henry would be happy to shop for diapers at Costco for those who prefer to donate money to the church. An anonymous donor will match the first \$300 raised for diapers!

You can also bring your diapers on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, and pick up a slice of pie after our Holden Evening Prayer livestream!

Silent Night Virtual Choir Video

We’re putting together a virtual choir video of our Mount Cross congregation singing “Silent Night” for Christmas Eve. Instructions were emailed from the office but if you didn’t get them or have questions, please contact Carol at office@mountcross.com

If you’re not much of a singer, you can light candles or sign (ASL) along, or be creative in other ways. If you need help recording your video, Julie Merrick or Kevin Churchill are available to provide assistance and support.

Or contact Carol in the office.

Faith and Society: A Conversation with Camarillo Police Commander Eric Tennesen

Co-hosted by Mount Cross Lutheran and Padre Serra Catholic communities Tomorrow, November 16, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Panel: Chief Eric, Pastor Julie, Fr. Patrick, Teresa as moderator via Zoom webinar Participation is limited to the first 100 to register. **Click here to register.**

Please Share About Medical Alert Systems

If you or a family member currently have a medical alert system, would you be willing to share information about how you selected the system and how it works? The Mount Cross Care Team has been asked to provide this type of information and it would be so helpful if we had your experience to share with fellow members. If you have information to share, please call or email Susan, to share your knowledge and experience at 805-657-6222 or prosser1@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you in advance from Mount Cross members who will benefit from this information.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! We want to make it as simple as possible for you.

If you'd like 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 the April Year-To-Date

statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com. Also, if you haven't already, 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!

Advent Wreath Making

Join us for our annual Advent Wreath Making event on **November 29 at 4:00 p.m!** This year Mount Cross has the opportunity to host this event and is excited to partner with St. Columba's Episcopal Church again. This is open to all families and households. Join us for some socially distanced fun outside under the pavilion as we learn about the season of Advent. Make an Advent wreath to use at home. Please sign up using this link. <https://signup.com/go/XcALNsa> No charge but donations welcome (\$10-15 suggested).

MOUNT CROSS STEWARDSHIP 2021



Stewardship – Our Church in Changing Times

An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up. Proverbs 12:25

We are living with the pandemic, social unrest, fires, and other natural disasters. The resulting effects on how we do things can be overwhelming despite knowing that God is with us. We are adapting to new ways of doing things and have many faithful stewards during this time. One such steward is Evonne Kuchera, RN, who has volunteered to start a health care ministry as a resource nurse. She is available to assist in finding resources for families and caregivers. She is also a caring listener for anyone who is stressed, depressed, or just needing a caring person to talk to.

Another steward is Julie Merrick. With so much of "church" being done online, there is dependency on technology. For some, technology is a mystery, unavailable or very frustrating. Julie has volunteered to assist anyone needing help with computer issues. Pastor Julie and staff are also available for support. We are thankful for the many in our congregation giving of their time and talents.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE FOR 2021

Stewardship Campaign Packets containing a letter from Pastor Julie, stewardship information, a Giving Pledge Form, and a Time and Talent Survey were distributed or mailed recently.

Next Sunday, November 22 – Deadline for Financial Giving & Time and Talent forms

Pledge Cards and Time and Talent forms can be completed online at <https://www.mountcross.com/stewardship-season-2021.html>

If you did not receive a packet and would like one OR need extra forms, contact the church office.