

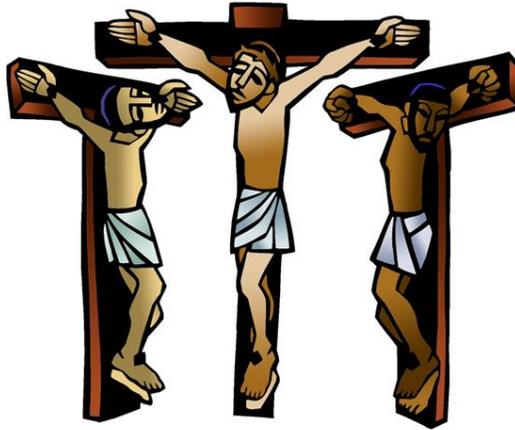
# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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## **To the Parents of Our Young Children –**

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

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

## **To All Worshippers –**

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

*Please introduce yourself to someone you do not know.*

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

**The Reign of Christ  
November 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - "Lamb of God" - (Beethoven; arr. Barrett & Angerman)

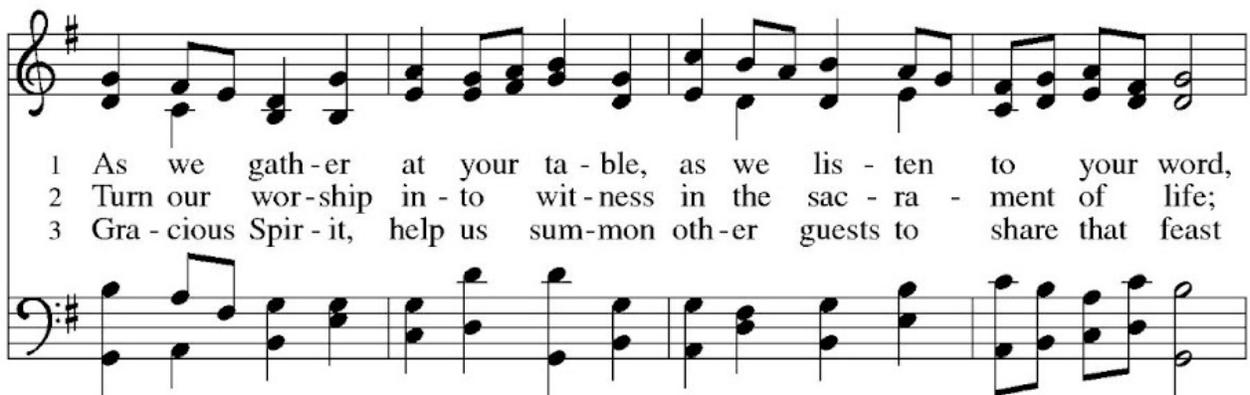
Mount Cross Choir

(Lamb of God, Redeemer of the world, You are worthy. You are worthy. You are worthy of all glory.  
Lamb of God, Redeemer of the world, You are holy. You are holy. You are worthy of all praise. Glory,  
glory and power, blessing and honor be unto You. Glory, glory and power, blessing and honor be  
unto You! King of kings and Lord of lords, You are worthy. You are worthy. You are worthy of all  
glory. Prince of Peace and Everlasting God, You are holy. You are holy. You are worthy of all praise.  
Lamb of God, Redeemer of the world, You are worthy. You are worthy. You are worthy of all glory.  
Lamb of God, Redeemer of the world, You are holy. You are holy. You are worthy of all praise. You  
are worthy of all praise. You are worthy. You are holy. Alleluia.)

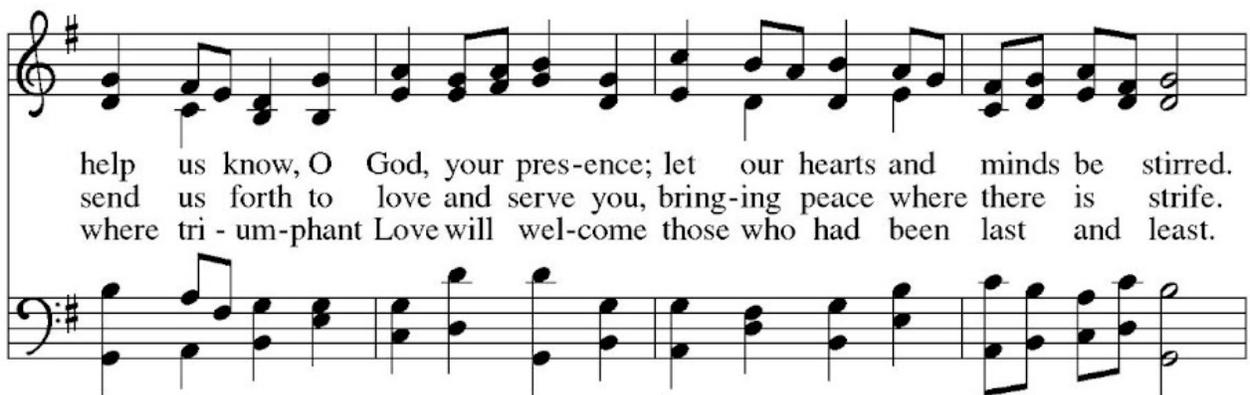
## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

### GATHERING SONG - "As We Gather at Your Table" - ELW 522

As able, the assembly stands.



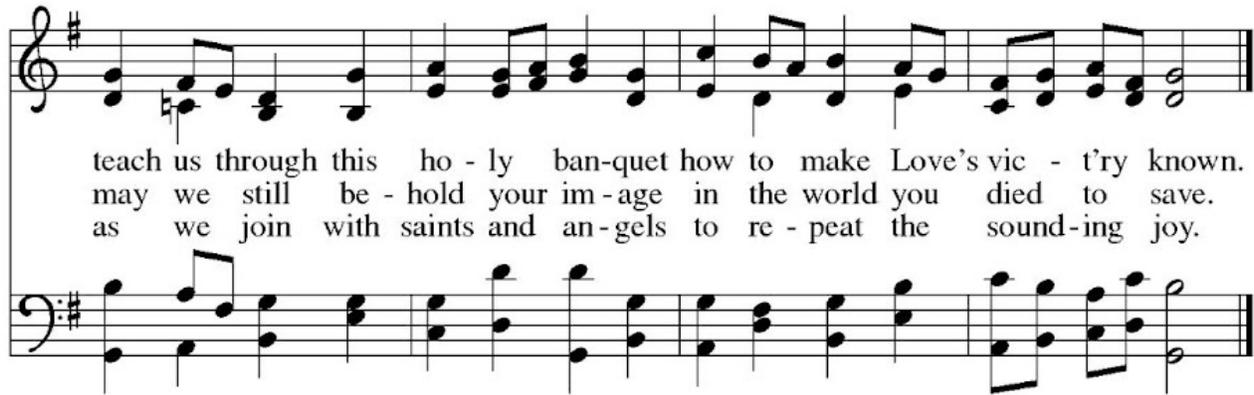
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
 † one God,  
 who is eager to forgive  
 and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends,  
 together let us acknowledge our failure to love as Christ has loved us.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of mercy and forgiveness,  
 C **we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

P Beloved of God:  
 your sins are forgiven † through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
 You are free to live in newness of life  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 - "Glory to God" - ELW, Page 213

**Refrain**

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**Final**

earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**Verse 1**

1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*To Refrain*

**Verse 2**

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*To Refrain*

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. \_\_\_\_\_  
*To Final Refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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 - Pastor Julie Morris

### CHILDREN'S SONG - "Give Thanks" (Smith) - CCLI Song # 20285

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the  
 Ho - ly One; give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je - sus  
 Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am

strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has  
done for us. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One; give thanks be-cause he's giv-en  
Je - sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks.

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### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**L** Word of God, word of life.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46 - "Be Still and Know that I Am God" (Warner) - sing Refrains with choir**

Mount Cross Choir; Carina McVeigh, verse soloist

OSTINATO/REFRAIN

Be still and know that I am God;  
Be still and know that I am God.

Ps 46

Steven C. Warner  
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**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**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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## GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

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

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris**

*Today the assembly remains seated for the Song of the Day.*

## **SONG OF THE DAY - “Jesus, Remember Me” - ELW 616 - Sing 3x’s**

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. It contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*As able, the assembly stands to affirm their faith.*

**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 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 United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

Holy God, we pray for your Church. Inspire all Christians to work together for the sake of the gospel. Bless and guide our full communion partners, St. Columba's Episcopal and Camarillo United Methodist, our neighboring church, St. Mary Magdalen's, and all churches in Camarillo. May we be true ambassadors of your love and grace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Bring peace to Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and any place where there is violence and bloodshed. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor, deacon, council members, staff, and other lay leaders in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship to joyfully witness and serve. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for Thanksgiving gatherings this week, for those who gather with family and friends, for all who are alone on the holiday, for people who have to work on Thanksgiving, for households where there is conflict and strife, for the unhoused or those who are unable to give thanks. Grant us all grateful hearts and generous spirits. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, or struggling in any way, especially everyone on our prayer list ...

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Alice Anderson** (friend of Scott Fajnor), **Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Mary Aschenbeck** (friend of Mary & Ric Kienitz), **Barbara Burke, Crista** (niece of Karen Cherry), **Allison Colby** (daughter of John Colby), **the family of Marion Cole, Kris Dawson, Pat Dawson, Guy Ervin III, Rolf Halverson** (cousin of Gail Baird), **Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Jackie Hatcher, Tom Heathorn** (cousin of Marni Engh), **Diana and Skip Hess** (friends of Judy & Bob Winters), **Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Jerry Kochans, Katy Lux** (friend of Mary and Ric Kienitz), **Mike McClary, Karen Nelson, Heather Rogers** (granddaughter of Nancy and Jim Jaeger), **Norb and Marilyn Rud, Dianne Selbrede, Amadeo Serrano** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **Cassie Sorenson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Jack Soyster, Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Patsy True** (sister-in-law of Becky Riley), **Will Wolfe** (son of Cheryl Wolfe).

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

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

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

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Lemmel/Sovereign Grace) - CCLI  
Song # 26399**

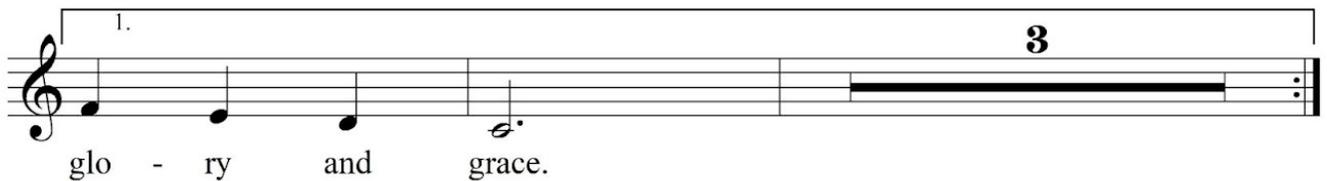
Verses 1-3



1. Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in His won-der-ful face.
2. Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer-cy em-brace.
3. Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a - wake.



And the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of His  
There the Son of God gave his life for us, and our meas-ure-less  
What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we car - ry His



1. glo - ry and grace.



2., 3. debt was e - rased.  
life in our veins.

Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes.



Je - sus, our glo-ry and our prize. We a-dore You, be-hold You, our



Sav-ior ev - er true. Oh, Je-sus, we turn our eyes to You.



turn our eyes to You.

Verse 4



4. Turn your eyes to the heav - ens, our King will re - turn for His own.



Ev-'ry knee will bow, ev-'ry tongue will shout, "All glo-ry to Je-sus a-lone!"

Chorus



Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes.



Je - sus, our glo-ry and our prize. We a-dore You, be-hold You, our



Sav-ior ev - er true. Oh, Je-sus, we turn our eyes to You. Oh,



Je - sus, we turn our eyes to You.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

- A Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
- 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; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest.

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:

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/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

*The assembly may be seated.*

### LAMB OF GOD - "This Is the Body of Christ" (Bell)

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be  
whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,  
cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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**All are welcome at the Lord's Table.** Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church. Please come forward to receive the bread, and then walk to the side to receive wine or grape juice (in the center ring). 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.<sup>1</sup>**



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

## COMMUNION SONGS - "Within the Reign of God" (Haugen) - Verses 1-3

### Verses



1. Come now, the feast is spread; in Je - sus' name we break the bread.
2. Stand up and do not fear, for Christ is tru - ly pres - ent here.
3. Wel - come the weak and poor, the sin - ner finds an o - pen door,
4. All fear and ha - tred ends and foes be - come our faith - ful friends,
5. Sing out the ju - bi - lee when those en - slaved are all set free,
6. One earth, one ho - ly band, one fam - 'ly as our God has planned,



Here shall we all be fed  
Heav - en is tru - ly near  
none judged, and none ig - nored with - in the reign of God.  
just as our God in - tends  
chil - dren of God are we  
all share the prom - ised land



Come take this ho - ly food; re - ceive the bod - y and the blood.  
Now at the wed - ding feast, the great - est here shall be the least.  
Here shall the wea - ry rest, the stran - ger be a wel - come guest.  
All you who seek God's face are wel - come in this ho - ly place;  
No more can we for - get the ones who bear life's crush - ing debt;  
Come now, the feast is spread, in Je - sus' name we break the bread;



Grace is a might - y flood  
All bonds shall be re - leased  
So shall we all be blest with - in the reign of God.  
join in the feast of grace  
God's jus - tice guides us yet  
here shall we all be fed

### Refrain



Bless - ed are they who will feast in the reign of God.

Bless - ed are they who will share the bread of life.

Bless - ed are they who are least in the reign of God;

they shall re - joice at the feast of life.

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## “My Savior, My God” (Shust & Greenwell) - CCLI Song # 4592255

**Verse**

1. I am not skilled to un - der - stand  
(2.) deed.  
(3.) bring

what God has willed, what God has planned. I on - ly know at His right  
Christ died to save me, this I read. And in my heart I find a  
my strength, my sol - ace from this spring that He who lives to be my

hand stands One who is my Sav - ior.  
need of Him to be my Sav - ior.  
King once died to be my Sav - ior.

**Pre-Chorus**

1. 2., 3. That He would leave His place on high  
2. I take Him at His word and  
and come for sin - ful man to die, You count it strange; so once did  
I be - fore I knew my Sav - ior. My Sav - ior loves.

Chorus

My Sav-ior lives. My Sav-ior's al - ways there for me. My God He was.

2nd Time To Coda

— My God He is.— My God is al - ways gon-na be.— My Sav - ior loves.

— My Sav - ior lives. My Sav - ior's al - ways there for me. My God He was.

— My God He is.— My God is al - ways gon-na be.—

D.S. al Coda

— 3. Yes, liv - ing, dy - ing, let me

Coda

My Sav-ior lives. My Sav-ior's al - ways there for me. My God He was.

— My God He is.— My God is al - ways gon-na be.— My Sav - ior lives.

— My Sav - ior loves.— My Sav - ior lives.

— My Sav - ior loves. My Sav - ior lives.—

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

## BLESSING

P God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG - "Soon and Very Soon" - ELW 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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## DISMISSAL

A Rooted in God's grace,  
 C **we joyfully witness and serve!**

## POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 by Tricha Lewis in memory of her husband George, whose birthday is November 22,  
 and by Evonne Kuchera in loving memory of Lynn and Carmen Kuchera.**

**Thank you to our Mount Cross Choir - Carol Broderick, Randy Churchill, Mary Goodenough, Melissa Henry, Miriam Hoffmann, Gayle Johnson, Evonne Kuchera, Wendy McClary, Dan Nelson, Stan Patscheck, Susan Prosser, Barbara Recker, Becky Riley, Keith Selbrede, and Bill Stoll - and our songleaders and instrumentalists - Carina McVeigh, Melissa Henry, Jerry Warren, Jessie Hanevich, Jeffrey Saner, and Guy Ervin III for their music this morning!**

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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, November 20

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.  
The High School Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. for a “Friendsgiving” potluck. Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

## Monday, November 21

The Child Development Center is closed Monday-Friday this week for Thanksgiving break.

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

## Tuesday, November 22

NO Women’s Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  
Women’s Bible Study is taking the week off to enjoy holiday preparations.

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

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
The Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

## Wednesday, November 23

Holden Evening Prayer & Pie Social, 7:00 p.m.

Come for Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m., followed by a potluck Pie Social. Bring a favorite pie to share or just come and enjoy the fellowship. See the announcement below for more information.

## Thursday, November 24- Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday / Church Office Closed Thursday and Friday

## Saturday, November 26

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

## Masking Guidelines at Mount Cross

Masks are **optional** in all indoor and outdoor settings at Mount Cross. We encourage all members to take precautions to protect themselves and others from illness. We continue to offer seating outside for Sunday worship. Our masking guidelines will change again if the COVID case rate rises and Ventura County reinstates a mask mandate. Thank you for your cooperation and care.

## 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**

For information on our weekly programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

### **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.*

### **Emanuel, Coming to Holy Trinity!**

National headlines blazed the story: Churchgoers Gunned Down During Prayer Service in Charleston, South Carolina.

After a 21-year-old white supremacist opened fire in the church, nine African Americans lay dead—leaving their families and the nation to grapple with this senseless act of terror.

Forty-eight hours later, in the midst of unspeakable grief and suffering, the families of the Emanuel Nine stood in court facing the killer ... and offered words of forgiveness. Their demonstration of grace ushered the way for hope and healing across a city and the nation.

On **December 4 at 2:00 p.m.**, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks will screen the movie *Emanuel*, an incredibly moving film about the tragic shooting where nine African descent Christians were murdered during a prayer service in Charleston, South Carolina at Emanuel AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church. The showing will be followed by small group discussion to reflect on religion and racism in America. “Come and be blessed or outraged”, as Viola Davis, one of the producers says, “but just remember.”

### **Altar Flowers**

To request flowers for our worship:

<https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. The cost is \$40.00; you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, 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](mailto: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** at the moment. **Please do not donate food that is expired.** Thanks for your support.

## **Thanksgiving Eve, November 23**

**This Wednesday, November 23**, plan to be here for **Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.** Following the service, stay for the Pie Social.

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](mailto:teach1art2learn3@yahoo.com).



## **Advent Wreath Making and Potluck**

Our third annual Advent Wreath Making Event at Mount Cross is **next Sunday, November 27**, from **11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.** Partnered with St. Columba's Episcopal Church, we invite you to join us as we learn about the history of Advent while also making an Advent wreath. This year, we are bringing back the potluck portion of this event and ask that all participants bring something to share. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to help cover the costs of the wreath supplies. **Please sign up using this link:** <https://signup.com/go/nwRxvaE>.

If you have any questions, talk to Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

## **High School Fundraiser - Christmas Cookie Dough Jars**

Our high schoolers will be selling Christmas cookie dough jars **this Sunday, November 20**. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10 per jar. These make great Christmas gifts for friends and family! All you need to do is follow the instructions provided on the jar and your dough will be ready in no time.

All funds raised will go towards our High School Summer Trip this year. Come, support our youth!

## **Clothing Drive - Today!**

The Religion Department and Campus Ministry at Cal Lutheran have teamed up to collect items for distribution by Mexican Medical Ministries, a non-profit organization working to provide low- to no-cost healthcare to those in developing, isolated, and migrant communities in Mexico. For the last 3 years, they have also collected warm clothes for children of migrant workers.

We need new/gently used children's:

Scarves

Jackets/Coats

Blankets

\*Children's preferred but all needed and gratefully accepted

If you have any clothes/blankets you would be willing and able to contribute, please bring them with you to church TODAY or contact Jessica Easter at [jeaster@callutheran.edu](mailto:jeaster@callutheran.edu). Thank you!

## **Hope for the Holidays - LIRS cards**

The 8th annual program is happening again. Visit the table on the church patio in November to write a quick Christmas card for a migrant who is held in a detention center while waiting for asylum status to be determined. Such a simple thing to do to allow them to know they are not forgotten, while our immigration process is so backlogged.

## **Noisy Offering - Laundry Love**

We're doing a quick and easy collection during the month of November - quarters to support Laundry Love, a program that helps offset the cost of a laundromat. Once a week, Harbor House hosts a laundromat in Thousand Oaks and pays for the washing and drying of homeless neighbors' clothes and possessions. Add some quarters to the tube on the "washing machine" in the narthex, and let the homeless in Ventura County receive some Laundry Love.

## **Winter Camp 2023**

Winter Camp is just around the corner. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) ASAP!

### **Family Winter Fest - January 14-16, 2023, at El Camino Pines**

The age range for Family Winter Fest is ages 4-17. It is not exclusive to those younger than 4, but it might be tough sleeping in cabins with other people.

Please let Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) know before December 10 if you would like to attend. For more information, please click this link to their website: **[Family Winter Fest 2023](#)**

## Poinsettias for Christmas



Again this year, we're asking for donations of poinsettias to help our Christmas Eve service look festive. Each poinsettia is \$7.50. You can sign up online: <https://bit.ly/MCPoinsettias> and include a dedication if desired.

You can make the donation through Mount Cross' online donation website, <https://www.mountcross.com/online-giving> (choose "designated" and type in "poinsettias"), OR you can mail a check to the church OR drop it in the offering at worship or during drive-through Communion. No matter your method of payment, please write on your check or note on the online donation website: "poinsettias."  
Responses are needed by December 15, please.

For those who want to take the plants home, poinsettias will be available after the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service, or after 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 25.

## Christmas Church Workday

Mark your calendars for our next Church Workday on **Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**. Come join us as we work at the church spending the morning trimming, pruning and general clean-up. Please bring any tools you think would be helpful for yard work and/or inside clean-up. Please come and enjoy this great time of fellowship as we prepare our church for the Christmas season! No need to sign up in advance. There is a lot to do and many hands make light work. We welcome and appreciate your help.  
Coffee and snacks will be provided!

Also ... help is needed on **Sunday, December 4**, after worship, with setting up the Christmas tree and hanging wreaths in the church. A ladder will be provided.  
If you are able to help or have any questions regarding these workdays, contact Cy Johnson at [clopsj@gmail.com](mailto:clopsj@gmail.com) or 805-388-3293.

*Let's come and serve the Lord together as one in a body-wide expression of gratitude for these grounds and this facility that He has given to us.*