

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!

First Sunday of Advent

"What Can't Wait?"

November 27, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE - "In Silence We Wait" - ACS 998

In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you
come to us; bring us your light.

Text: Susan Masters, b. 1957
Music: IN SILENCE WE WAIT, Susan Masters
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "My Soul in Stillness Waits" (Haugen) - Verses 1 and 2

As able, the assembly stands.

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the
glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
pil - grim - age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the



you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
 Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
 you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
 main, o - pen to us the path - way of your
 Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
 seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us



shad - ow.
 hearts.
 ris - ing.
 peace.
 hand.
 now.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950
 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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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 alone does wonders,
 who lifts up the lowly,
 who fills the hungry with good things.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all mercy and consolation,

C **come to the help of your people,
 turning us from our sin to live for you alone.**

**Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
 that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
 and grow into the fullness of 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.

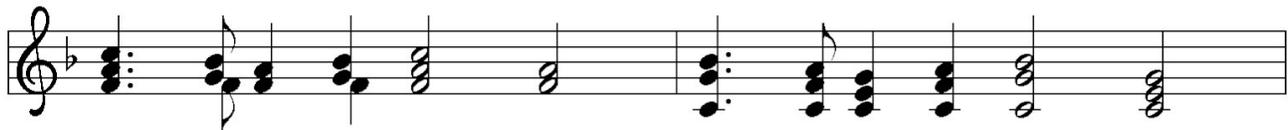
C **Amen.**

GREETING

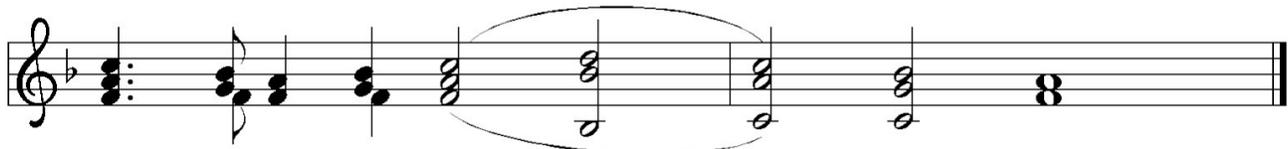
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE - "Kyrie Eleison" - ELW 155 - sing in Greek



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord,	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ,	have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

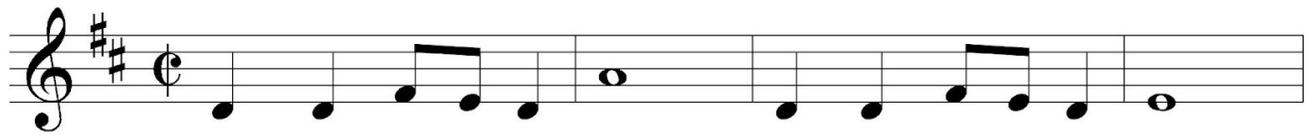
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

CHILDREN'S SONG - "Light One Candle" (Sleeth)



1. Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for hope.



Christ brings hope to ev' - ry heart. He comes! He comes!

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 122 - "Rejoice, Rejoice, Come Sing with Me" (Tice/FOREST GREEN)



1. Re-joice, re-joice, come sing with me: "This is the house of God!"
2. In mar - ket square and cit - y__ street we seek the peace of God.



The tem - ple gates swing wide and free- this is the house of God!
Be - fore the rul - er's judg - ment seat, we seek the peace of God.



For ev - 'ry tribe and ev - 'ry__ race this is the house of God!
In__ joy - ful song and whis - pered prayer we seek the peace of God.



God calls us to this ho - ly__ place- this is the house of God!
God's cit - y can be an - y - where we seek the peace of God.

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SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Advent Gospel Acclamation" (Pishner) - sing 2x's

Based on VENI EMMANUEL
Stephen Pishner



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

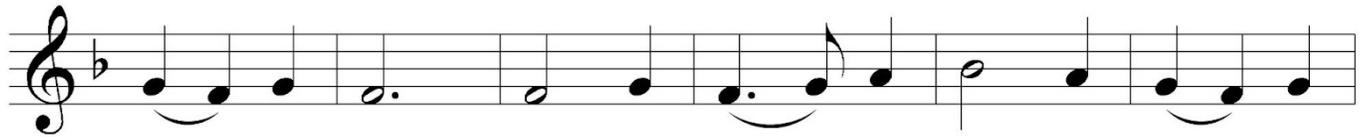


As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Wesley/HYFRYDOL)



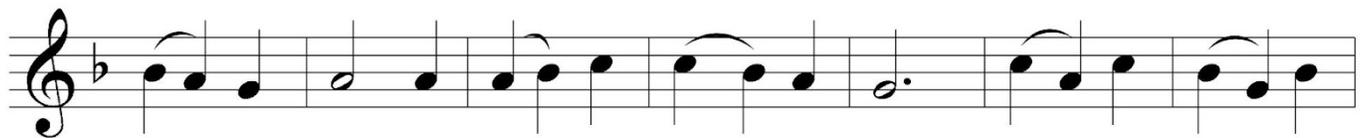
1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet_ a king, born to reign in us for - ev - er,



let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own_ e - ter - nal



la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -



ev' - ry na - tion, joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to_ thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: HYFRYDOL (87.87 D), Rowland H. Prichard, 1830;
harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

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 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 As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. Bring relief to areas harmed by storms, earthquakes, or other natural disasters. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war and gun violence. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth, in Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Afghanistan, and wherever violence reigns. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care, 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), **Crista** (niece of Karen Cherry), **Allison Colby** (daughter of John Colby), **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, 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), **Diane Tapangco** (sister of Bill Stoll), **Patsy True** (sister-in-law of Becky Riley), **Will Wolfe** (son of Cheryl Wolfe), **and for the victims and families of the mass shootings in Colorado Springs and Chesapeake, Virginia, and for all survivors of violence.**

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

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

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

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

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - ELW 490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

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.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, b. 1937

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P Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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 life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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



Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "Lamb of God" (Kraft/IRBY)

Lamb of God, the world's Re - deem-er, mer - cy to your peo - ple give.

Lamb of God, the world's Re - deem-er, may we in your mer - cy — live.

Lamb of God, we all im - plore, grant us peace for ev - er - more.

Text: Linda J. Kraft, Pastor, Holy Trinity ELCA, Trumbull, CT.

Music: IRBY (8 7 8 7 77).

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 worshiping outside who don't wish to come inside).

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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

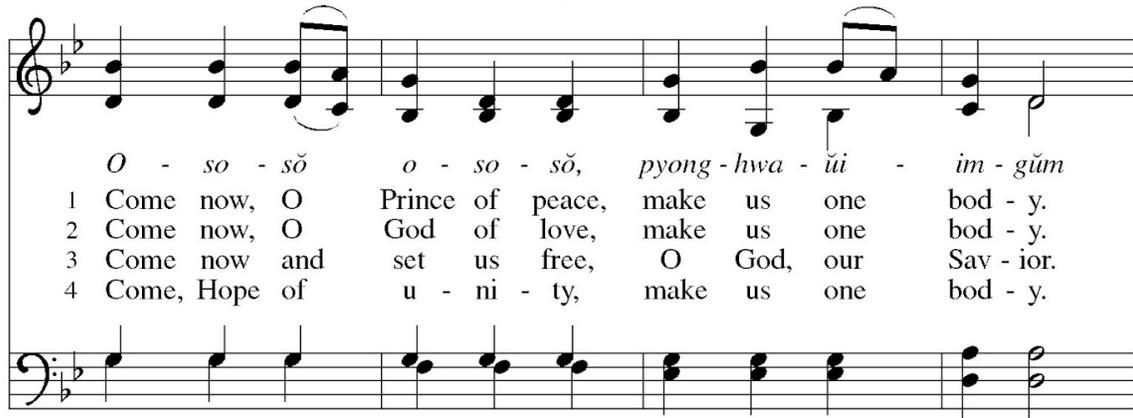
As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:

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

(We pause for silent prayer).

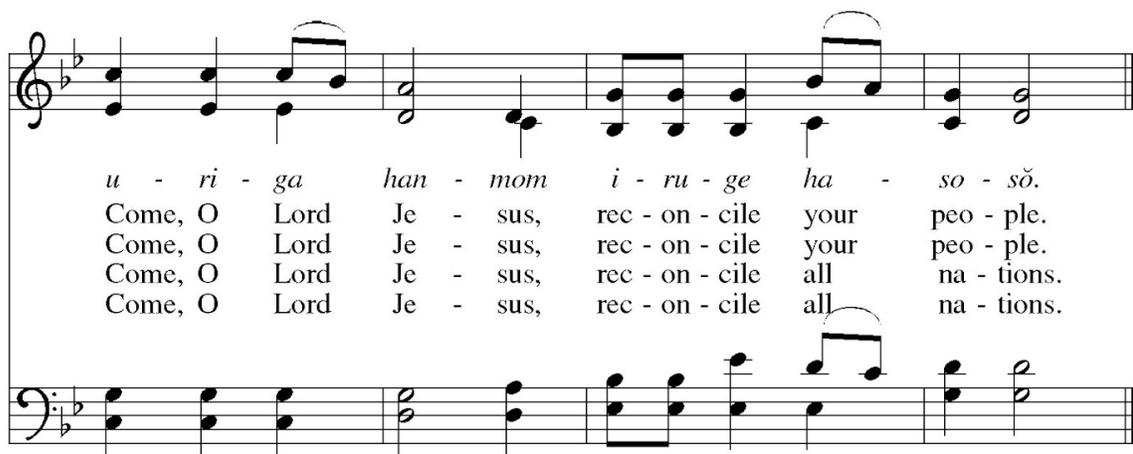
Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

COMMUNION SONGS - "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" - ELW 247



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

“There Is a Longing” - ACS 1078



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

- P God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✚ bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - "Christ, Be Our Light" - ELW 715 - Verses 1, 2, and 5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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 Valerie and Stan Patscheck in gratitude for their loving family.*

Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson is giving a Temple Talk and attending an Adult Forum at Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church in Pasadena 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 **11:00-11:30 a.m.**

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

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, November 27

Advent Wreath Making and Potluck,
11:00 a.m.

All are invited for a combined event with St. Columba's - Advent wreath making and potluck on the patio at 11:00 a.m. More info below.

Monday, November 28

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 29

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

Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary, following the *Gather* magazine Advent devotional, "Good Things Come in Small Packages: Moving from Wanting to Waiting at Advent."

Wednesday, November 30

ROOTED and Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

The Wednesday Evening ROOTED program meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Garden or Sanctuary (depending on the weather) for community connection, scripture reflection, and centering prayer. For Advent, the Adult Bible Study is combining with ROOTED. Questions, contact Pastor Julie.

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

All children Preschool through 5th grade are invited to join Joe Zimmerly at 5:00 p.m. for "Fun with Faith"! Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Community Dinner, 5:45 p.m.

All are invited to join us for dinner each Wednesday in the pavilion and Parish Life Center. Suggested donation: \$5/person. Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation for our Middle School youth meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Questions, contact joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

The choir meets in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. to rehearse music for Sundays and learn anthems and special music.

Thursday, December 1

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

The Men's Bible Study meets at Marie Callender's (185 E. Daily Drive, Camarillo). A \$15 donation covers breakfast and a tip, No RSVP necessary. Contact Randy Churchill (hrchurchill@verizon.net) with any questions.

Executive Committee, 7:00 p.m.

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

Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.

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

Friday, December 2

Senior Adult Ministry Committee, 2:00 p.m.

The Senior Adult Ministry Committee meets at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Saturday, December 3

Church Work Day, 8:30 a.m.–Noon
See the announcement below for information on our Work Day.

Al-Anon, 10:00 a.m.

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

Next Sunday, December 4

After Worship

We could use help in putting up the Christmas tree and wreaths in the sanctuary. See the announcement below.

Emanuel at Holy Trinity, 2:00 p.m.

See the Anti-Racism Work of the Week for information on the screening of this important film at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks.

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." A **carpool will leave at 1:15 p.m.** from Mount Cross. Contact pastorjulie@mountcross.com if you would like to drive or need a ride.

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.

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.



Advent Wreath Making and Potluck

Our third annual Advent Wreath Making Event at Mount Cross is **TODAY, 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.

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

High School Fundraiser - Christmas Cookie Dough Jars

Our high schoolers will be selling Christmas cookie dough jars on **Sundays until they're sold out**. 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!

Hope for the Holidays - LIRS cards - LAST DAY

The 8th annual program is happening again. Visit the table on the church patio **TODAY** 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.

Christmas Church Work Day

Mark your calendars for our next Church Work Day **this 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!

There will be opportunities to serve in many ways, including:

- Polish brass (inside)
 - Vacuum pews
- Sweep parking lot gutters
- Sweep patio and sidewalks
- Assist with light bulb replacement in sanctuary
 - Trim junipers and other bushes
 - Rake pine needles out of junipers
 - Trim trees on east bank
 - Carpet repair
- Repair patio bench (tighten screws and bolts)

Also ... help is needed **next 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 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.

Camarillo Community Band - Christmas Concert

The Camarillo Community Band (including our own Melissa Sobolik) is offering a **free Christmas concert next Sunday, December 4**, at **4:00 p.m.** at the Community Center (1605 E. Burnley St., Camarillo), with a special guest - Santa Claus!

Noisy Offering - Laundry Love

We're doing a quick and easy collection extended through the month of December - 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) 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) 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.

ROOTED for Parents and All Adults

Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 p.m. Attend weekly or occasionally.

Instead of preparing dinner, set aside 45 minutes in the center of the week to be re-centered and rooted in God's grace. Pastor Julie facilitates a space for you to breathe, pray, savor scripture, move a little bit, and connect with God and each other about things that matter. Fun with Faith is offered at the same time for preschool through elementary-aged children. Community dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. for all to enjoy. Meet Pastor Julie in the Prayer Garden or the Sanctuary (depending on weather).



Mount Cross Generosity Campaign

Rooted in God's Grace, We Grow Generosity Together

If you haven't had an opportunity to complete your **Generosity Pledge/ Estimate of Giving and Time & Talent forms**, you can still do so.

These can be returned by mail, in person at the church, or on the church website for those wishing to complete the forms online.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned your forms.
It is helpful and very much appreciated.

Advent/Christmas Events and Activities

- ❖ Gifts of Hope to Support Harbor House (watch for information)
- ❖ TODAY, November 27, 11:00 a.m. - Advent Wreath Making and Potluck
 - ❖ December 3, 8:30 a.m.-Noon - Work Day
 - ❖ Sunday, December 4, 2:00 p.m. - Viewing the Film *Emanuel* at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks.
Carpool leaves Mount Cross at 1:15 p.m.
 - ❖ December 11, 4:00 p.m. - Advent/Christmas Program for all ages, featuring our Youth and Music Ministry
- ❖ Sunday, December 18, after worship - Make sandwiches for Harbor House and trim the Mount Cross Christmas Tree
 - ❖ Saturday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service with Carols, Candles, and Communion
 - ❖ Sunday, December 25, 9:30 a.m. - Christmas Sunday Worship
- ❖ Sunday, January 1, 9:30 a.m. - Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion
 - ❖ Friday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. - Epiphany Star Service followed by a Dessert Potluck