

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

## **To All Worshippers –**

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

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

**1st Sunday of Advent C  
November 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

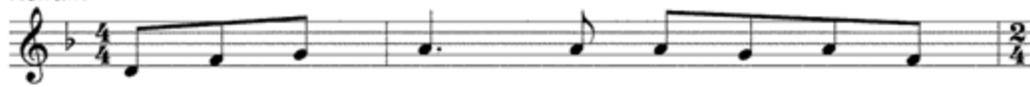
# PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Joe Zimmerly

### 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



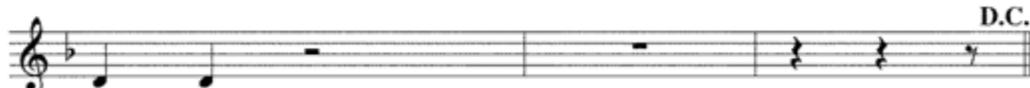
1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the



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.

D.C.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 in the presence of God and one another,  
trusting in the tender mercy of our God.  
*(Silence for reflection)*

C God for whom we wait,  
**in the presence of one another,  
we confess our sin before you.  
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.  
We falter in our call to tend your creation.  
We find our sense of self in material wealth.  
We fear those different from ourselves.  
We forget that we are your children  
and turn away from your love.  
Forgive us, Blessed One,  
and assure us again of your saving grace.  
Amen.**

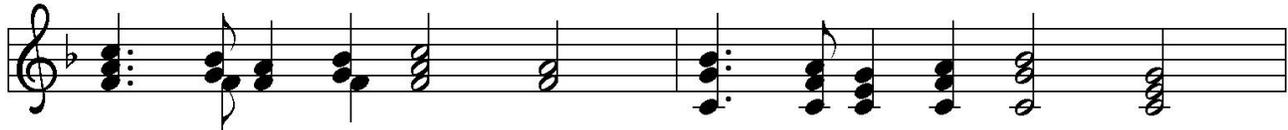
P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
† your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C **Amen.**

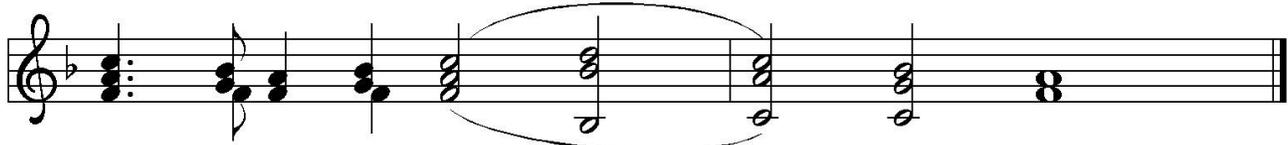


P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **And also with you.**

## KYRIE - "Kyrie" (Russian Orthodox) - ELW 155



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** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, 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 WITH CHILDREN - Joe Zimmerly (sing verse 1 while the first candle on the wreath is lit)



1. Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for hope.  
 2. Light one can-dle for peace, one bright can-dle for peace.  
 3. Light one can-dle for joy, one bright can-dle for joy.  
 4. Light one can-dle for love, one bright can-dle for love.



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

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## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

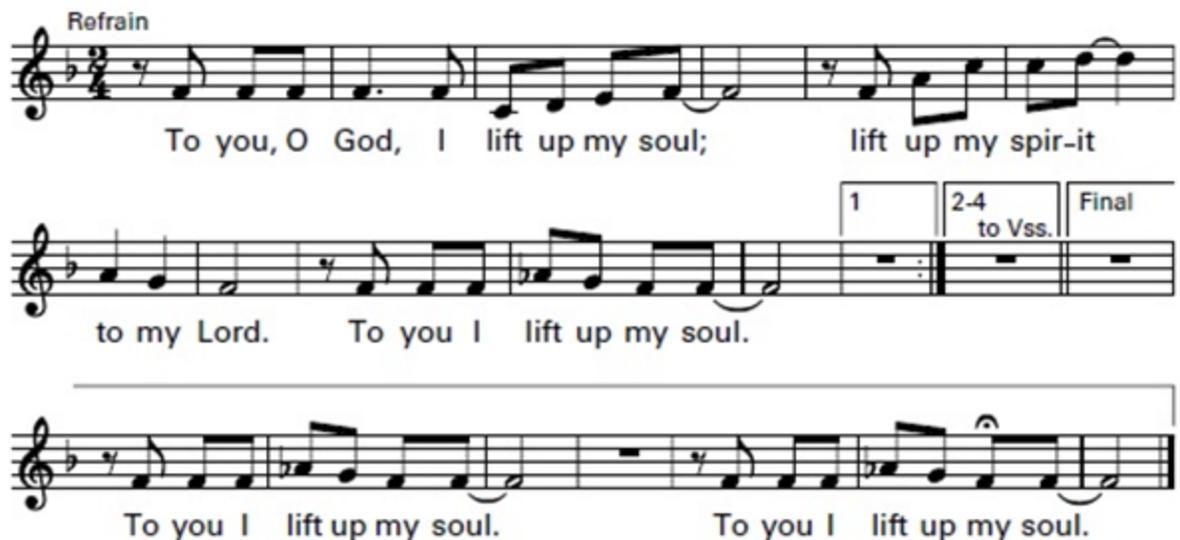
<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE - Psalm 25: "To You, O God" (Hurd)

Refrain



To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spir-it  
to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.

1 2-4 Final  
to Vss.

Verses



1. Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your  
2. Good and up-right our gra - cious God, show-ing the  
3. Stead-fast and kind your ways, O God; all who re-

1. paths, guide me. † You are my Sav - ior.  
2. way, guid - ing the hum-ble to jus - tice.  
3. vere your cov - e - nant † know your friend-ship.

to Refrain  
2

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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 twice**

Based on VENI EMMANUEL  
Stephen Pishner



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## **GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

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

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

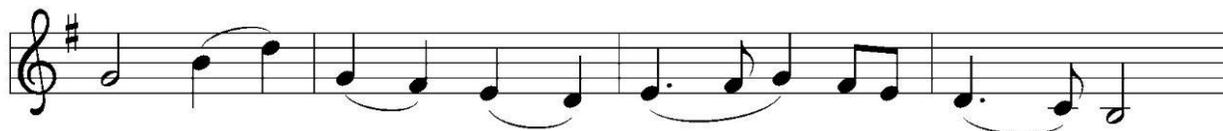
*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON - The Rev. Susan W. Klein**

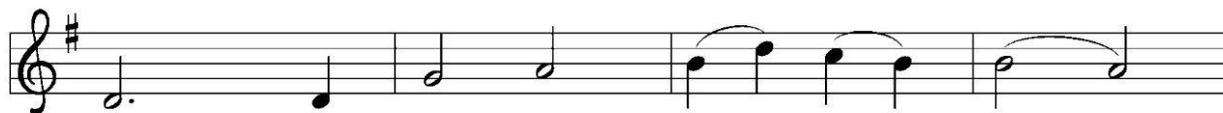


As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

## SONG OF THE DAY - "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" - ELW 435



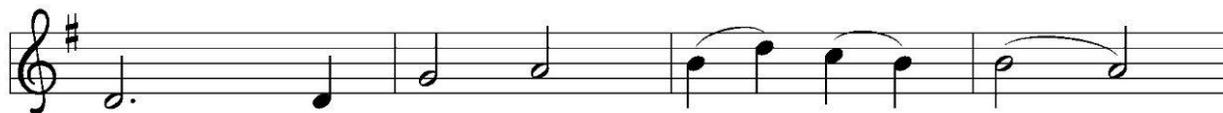
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:  
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
claim the king - dom as thine own.



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



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799

The assembly may be seated.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities and help us to be people of justice and inclusion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind, and bring them your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Send your healing grace to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, or in need of your protection, especially (*those on our prayer list below*).

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Alice** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Jenny** (daughter of friend of Barbara Burke), **Linda** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Bonnie** (sister of Karen Cherry), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Natalie Faltin, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Scott Frezieres** (son-in-law of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Bill Greason, Charlene** (sister of Glenda Greason), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Jordan Kessler** (granddaughter of Janet Kessler), **Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Marie DeVere McClain** (daughter of Jody DeVere), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Samantha Roberts** (friend of Judy and Bob Winters), **Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner) **and the Saner family, Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Lois Watts, the people of Waukesha Wisconsin, Howard Wullschleger.**

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

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

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

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING SONG - "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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A God of our waiting and watching,  
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
- C **Amen.**

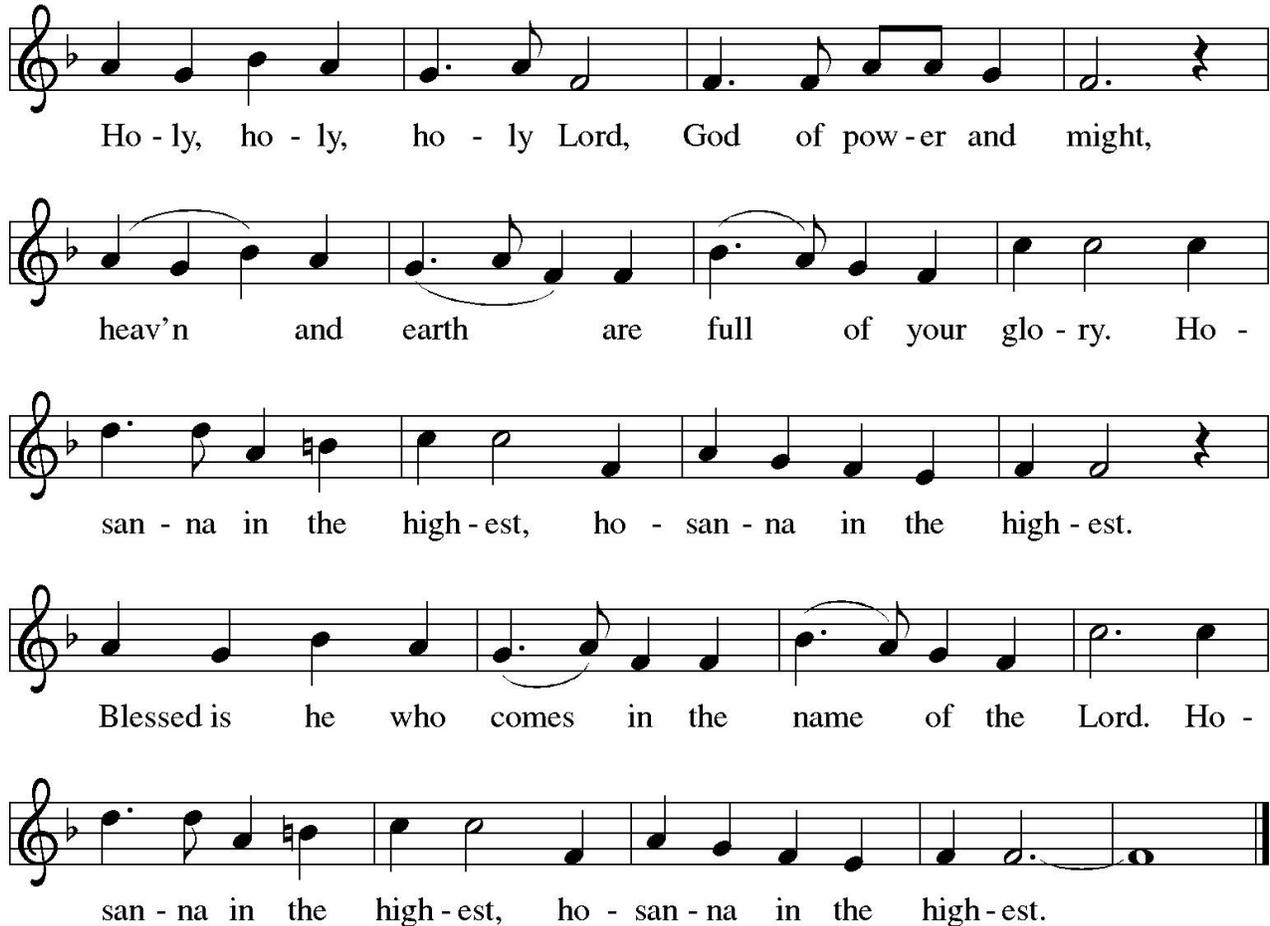


*As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.*

## 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.

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



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.

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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.

P 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**

P Come to Christ's banquet.  
Feast on God's gift of grace.

*The assembly may be seated.*



## LAMB OF GOD - "What Feast of Love" - ELW 487 - Verse 1



What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift\_\_ is giv - en?



This, this\_\_ is Christ the king, the bread come down\_\_ from heav - en.



Oh, taste\_\_ and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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

### **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)**

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

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



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

**(We pause for silent prayer).**

**Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

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

# COMMUNION SONGS - "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.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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# “Christ, Be Our Light” - ELW 715



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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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**C Amen.**

## **RECOGNITION OF MOORPARK COLLEGE SOUND INTERNS**

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

### **BLESSING**

P The God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.  
And the blessing of God,  
Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit  
be upon you and those you love,  
now and always.

**C Amen.**

## SENDING SONG - "Signs of Endings" (Nelson/Ton-y-Botel)



1. Signs of end-ings all a-round us dark-ness, death, and win - ter days  
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
3. Speak, O God, your Word a-mong us. Bar-ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad-ness, numb-ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend-ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad-ness, ter-rors calm fore-bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your prom-ised realm of jus-tice blos-som now through-out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min-ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is near.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Jaimie and John Marroquin in celebration of their wedding anniversary.**

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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.  
Please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

## The Week at a Glance

### TODAY, November 28, 2021

Advent Wreath Making, 4:00 p.m.

Come to the pavilion for our annual **Advent Wreath Making** event, from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** Bring clippers and gloves. Other supplies will be provided and you'll end up with an Advent wreath to take home. Suggested donation: \$10.

### Monday, November 29, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

*Lectio Divina* at St. Columba's, 7:00 p.m.

Come to St. Columba's Chapel (1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo), Mondays at 7:00 p.m., through December 20, for *Lectio Divina* on the upcoming Gospels for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas. This ancient practice of reading and reflecting on the scriptures helps enter into our Sunday worship more fully, especially in this holy time when we are preparing to celebrate the Incarnation.

### Tuesday, November 30, 2021

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

The Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. for "Be Still: An Advent Retreat Hour" led by Pastor Julie.

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

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

### Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

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

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the loft (doors open, masked), from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

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

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary (masked and with the doors open) from 7:30-8:15 p.m.

### Thursday, December 2, 2021

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

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

Peace & Justice Team Tour, 2:00 p.m.

The Peace & Justice team will tour the Evening Reporting Center of the Boys & Girls Club of Oxnard and Port Hueneme (126 E. 7th St., Oxnard), at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Contact Becky Gilbertson ([dbgilly2@gmail.com](mailto:dbgilly2@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

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

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

Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

# Announcements

## Sunday Worship

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

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

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

## Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

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

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants>  
or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

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

## Justice in Action Work of the Week:

*These links are offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill to those who are seeking to learn from diverse voices and take action towards reconciliation and healing. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations as we learn together.*

## Bringing Hope - Ventura County

### Family Justice Center

Please join us for this Virtual Community Forum on Saturday, December 4th - 7:00 p.m. PT via Zoom.  
"I was once a victim. Now I'm forever a survivor."

-Jillian, with

Erik Nasarenko, Ventura County District Attorney  
Michael R. Jump, Chief Deputy District Attorney,  
Victim and Community Services, and  
Heather Abbott Gonzalez, Voices of Ventura County

### Topics to include:

- VC Family Justice Center services
- Helping empower and support survivors
- How to help/how to get help

Ventura County Family Justice Center is a collaborative team from more than 40 public agencies and community-based organizations and volunteers dedicated to working together to help reduce trauma and make a positive difference in the lives of those impacted by family violence. VCFJC provides a caring, safe environment where victims and their families can access the comprehensive services they need to recover, heal and break the cycle of violence. All services are offered free of charge.

**Please register in advance here:**

### Bringing Hope VCFJC

Spanish interpretation will be available.

Registration link here:

### Trayendo Esperanza CJFCV

Chalice Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Conejo Valley, 3327 Old Conejo Road, Newbury Park; for more information, eMail: [forum@chaliceuu.org](mailto:forum@chaliceuu.org).

## Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at [MyTurn.CA.gov](http://MyTurn.CA.gov) or for walk-ins. Locations available throughout the county!

## Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost is \$35.00; you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, please let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

## More Ways to Give

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

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

Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](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](http://smile.amazon.com) so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

## St. Columba's Food Pantry

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

Thanks for your support.

## Worship Guidelines

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

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

## Advent Lectio Divina

All are welcome to come to St. Columba's Chapel (1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo) on Monday evenings at 7:00, through December 20, for *Lectio Divina* on the upcoming Gospels for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas. This ancient practice of reading and reflecting on the scriptures helps us enter into our Sunday worship more fully, especially in this holy time of preparing to celebrate the Incarnation.

## Lutheran Disaster Response Matching Opportunity

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



## Hospitality Sign-ups Now Online!

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

Thank you for your service to the Mount Cross community!

## Poinsettias for Christmas

Again, this year, we're asking for donations of poinsettias to help our Christmas Eve service look festive. Each poinsettia is \$5. 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.html> (choose "designated" and type in "poinsettias") OR you can mail a check to the church OR drop it in the offering bucket 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 8:00 p.m. Christmas worship service, or after 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 26.

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

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

### **2022 Generosity Campaign**



*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God’s grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted your pledge cards and time & talent surveys. Our church budget depends on the treasure you have committed to Mount Cross. In pledging, you are generously supporting our staff and various ministries. If you haven’t had a chance to complete your pledge or survey, pledges and time & talent surveys are always accepted. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Gratitude in Action.**

Most of us have attitudes of gratefulness all the time and as Autumn arrives and Thanksgiving approaches, we tend to set an even larger focus on gratitude. This year the Ventura County Interfaith Community is hoping to turn that “Attitude of Gratitude” into “Gratitude In Action” as the following groups share about what they do for our communities and how we too can serve.

- Adelante Comunidad Conejo
- Friends of Fieldworkers
- Women’s Interfaith Network

Join us via Zoom on Tuesday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. by clicking [here](#) or join by phone by dialing 669 900 6833 and entering the meeting id (821 3800 9141) and the passcode (112951) when prompted. This meeting is offered free of charge and is open to all, so spread the news to your family and friends!

### **Save the Date - Youth Fundraiser Presto Pasta Camarillo (1701 Daily Dr.) Tuesday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Join us on Tuesday, December 7, for our Presto Pasta fundraiser. Get a flyer from the Welcome Cart or show the Event photo on Facebook to the cashier in order for us to receive credit (20% of the sales). This event runs ALL DAY, however if you would like to dine in, Joe Zimmerly will be at Presto Pasta from 5:00-7:00 p.m. that night and so will some of our youth.

The funds raised will go towards sending our high school youth to Minnesota for the ELCA National Youth Gathering during the Summer of 2022. Send this event to your friends and family. All are welcome and we thank you in advance for supporting our programs!