

# 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!**

**All Saints' Sunday  
Celebrating Baptisms &  
Welcoming New Members  
Generosity Commitment Sunday  
November 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

# PRELUDE - "The River" (Wedgeworth/Feliz/Silverberg) - CCLI Song # 7047433

Tiana and Brian Stouch

*(I know a place where we can go to lay the troubles down eating your soul. I know a place where mercy flows take the stains, make you cleaner than snow.*

*Like a tide it is rising up deep inside, a current that moves and makes ya come alive, living water that brings the dead to life, oh, oh.*

*We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray. Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace. Let's go down, down, down to the river. You will leave changed. Let's go down, down, down to the river, never the same I've seen it move in my own life, took me from dusty roads into Paradise. All of my dirt, all of my shame drowned in the streams that have made me born again.*

*Let's go down, oo oo oo. Let's go down. (repeat).*

*We're goin' down ... never the same.*

*Oo, oo, gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.*

*We're goin' down to the river (repeat.)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

### GATHERING SONG - "For All the Saints" - ELW 422 - Verses 1, 3 & 7

As able, the assembly stands.



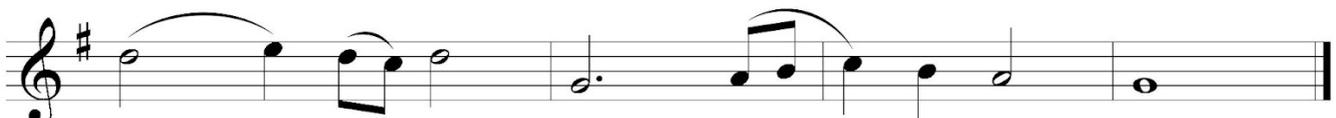
1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who  
3. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
7. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day; the



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the



name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
King of glory passes on his way.



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

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897.

Music: SINE NOMINE (10 10 10 with Alleluias), Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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.*

## FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

*The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.*

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

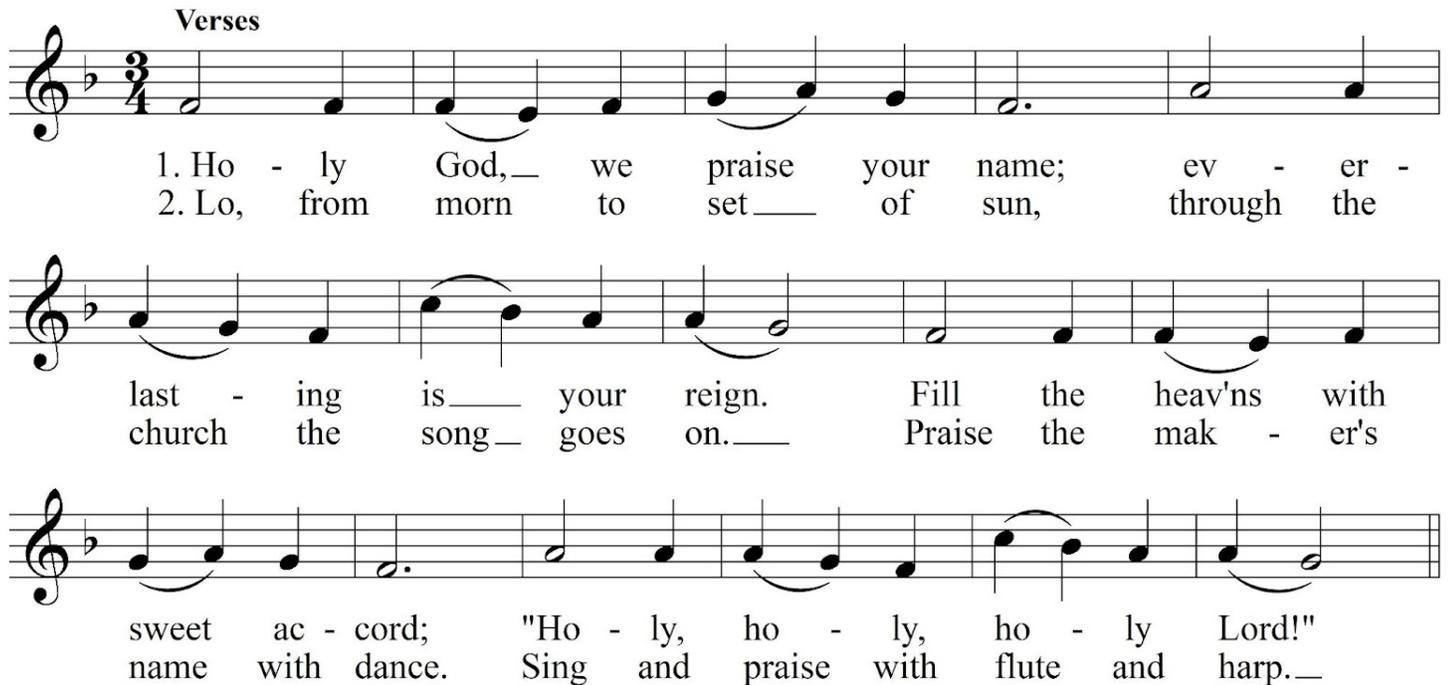
L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



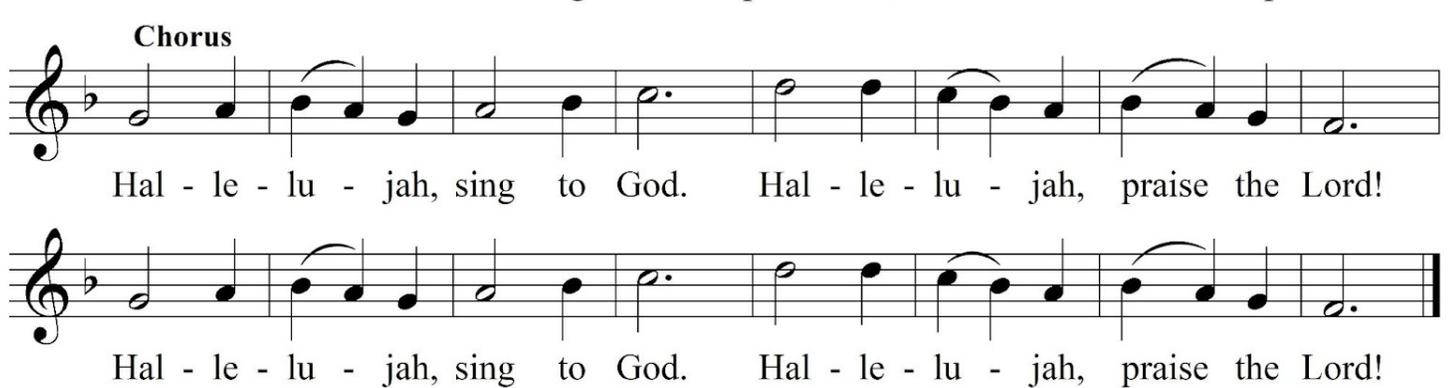
## PSALM 149 - "Hallelujah, Sing to God" (TE DEUM/GROSSER GOTT)

Verses



1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; ev - er -  
2. Lo, from morn to set of sun, through the  
last - ing is your reign. Fill the heav'ns with  
church the song goes on. Praise the mak - er's  
sweet ac - cord; "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
name with dance. Sing and praise with flute and harp.

Chorus



Hal - le - lu - jah, sing to God. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!  
Hal - le - lu - jah, sing to God. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!

Words: TE DEUM, 4th c.; Vers. Ignaz Franz, ca. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853, alt., PD.  
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774, PD.

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 6:20-31**

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.*

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

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

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON - The Rev. Julie Morris**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "Shall We Gather at the River" - ELW 423 - Verses 1 & 2

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

The assembly may be seated.

## BAPTISM AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS



P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*The candidates for Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism are presented.*

S I present Joan Elizabeth Coffed Erickson, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

S I present Laura Michelle Ripley, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

S I present Emily Noelle Schweers for baptism.

S I present Elliott Blake Ripley for baptism.

S We present Abigail Jean Ripley and Henry Elliott Ripley for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses Baptism candidates who are able to answer for themselves:*

P Emily, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

R I do.

P Joan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to affirm your baptism?

R I do.

P Elliott, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized and have your children baptized into Christ?

R I do.

P Laura, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to affirm your baptism and have your children baptized into Christ?

R I do.

P Elliot and Laura, as you bring Abigail and Henry to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism and help Henry and Abigail to grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors:*

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Abigail and Henry in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

*After the candidates for baptism and affirmation of baptism are presented, the presiding minister will invite the congregation to stand, as able, and join in the responses.*

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

*The minister addresses the congregation:*

P People of God, do you promise to support Emily, Elliott, Abigail, and Henry, who are baptized today, and Laura and Joan, who are affirming their baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit +, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you we give honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated. Any children present are invited to gather by the font.*

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidates.*

P [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

After each baptism, the congregation sings:

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

Music: Caribbean traditional

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.*

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the heads of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

**P** Sustain [name] with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the newly baptized with oil.*

**P** [Name], child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as their sponsors say:*

**S** Receive the light of Christ. Be the light of Christ.

*The presider addresses those who are affirming their baptism.*

**P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

**R** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing on those affirming their baptism.*

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The blessing may be repeated for each person. The presider may lay both hands on the head of the person and say and pray individually for those affirming their baptism.*

P O God, stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*New members through transfer from an ELCA congregation are presented.*

S I am happy to introduce to you Amanda June Burns Honda, Bryan William Hiroaki Honda, and William James Shimichi Honda, who are transferring their membership from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Simi Valley.

S I am happy to introduce to you Dave and Becky Gilbertson who are joining Mount Cross as full voting members while holding associate membership at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, Washington.

*The presider invites the new members and newly baptized to face the congregation.*

P Let us welcome the newly baptized and these new members of our congregation.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *and* REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

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

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give lay leaders, bishops, pastors, and deacons the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Bless our newly baptized and affirmed members with a sense of your love and help us to recognize the blessing they are to our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Bring civility, wisdom, and acceptance into our elections this week. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Spur us to provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Make your presence known to those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those 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), **the family of Marion Cole, 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), **Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, the family of Dottie Keough, Jerry Kochans, Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Katy Lux** (friend of Mary and Ric Kienitz), **Mike McClary, Karen Nelson, Linda Petersen** (sister-in-law of Gayle and Cy Johnson), **Heather Rogers** (granddaughter of Nancy and Jim Jaeger), **Norb and Marilyn Rud, the family of Jon Rueckert** (brother of Nils Rueckert), **Dianne Selbrede, Amadeo Serrano** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **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 of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Holy One, we remember all those who have died, including those who died in the Borderline shooting four years ago. We give thanks for your grace in the lives of our Mount Cross members who died this past year: Lois Watts, Donald Stevenson, Howard Wullschleger, Mary O'Donnell, Linda Frantz, Howard Corey, Mike Carpenter, Lucille Miley, and Marion Cole. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Individuals and families may come forward to light a candle in memory of their deceased loved ones.

During the candle-lighting, please join in singing the following songs.

### “Death Be Never Last” - ACS 1030



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es  
 2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed  
 3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the  
 loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that  
 thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.  
 grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.  
 af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

*Refrain*



Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

## “Borning Cry” - ELW 732



- 1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
- 2 “When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.”  
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”  
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



- 4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

## “How Small Our Span of Life” - ELW 636



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:  
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;  
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,  
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,  
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.  
to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.  
il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,  
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,  
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end  
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.  
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.  
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.  
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

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*If people are still lighting candles, please join in singing “Amazing Grace” - ELW 779.*

P 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 - "Jesus Sat with His Disciples" (Starks/Joyous Light)

The ushers will collect the financial offerings of the congregation, including Pledges/Estimated Giving cards, and bring them to the altar with the gifts of bread and wine.



1. Je - sus sat with his dis - ci - ples  
2. "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble;  
3. "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters,



on a moun - tain - side one day; as the crowds of  
all the earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger  
mak-ing peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the



peo-ple gath - ered, he be - gan to teach and say:  
to be ho - ly, they are bless'd and will be filled.  
per - se - cu - ted, who for righ - teous - ness lose life;



"Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it; heav-en's king - dom  
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed; mer - cy will to  
their re - ward is great in heav - en, in the king - dom



they will share, bless-ed are the sad and mourn - ing;  
them be shown, and the pure in heart are bless - ed;  
up a - bove— so be glad to share my suf - fring



joy and com - fort will be theirs."  
they have eyes for God a - lone."  
and re - joice to know my love."

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## OFFERING PRAYER and BLESSING OF 2023 PLEDGES/ESTIMATED GIVING CARDS and TIME & TALENT FORMS

P Gracious and Generous God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
All that we have comes from you.  
Bless + our pledges and estimated giving cards,  
along with all offers of time and talent.  
Make of us and all these gifts a banquet of blessing.  
Strengthen us with the gifts of bread and wine  
to serve all in need and to give ourselves away  
as bread for the hungry,  
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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

p By the witness of your saints  
 you show us the hope of our calling  
 and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
 that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
 And so, with all the saints,  
 with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



## BREAKING OF THE BREAD/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)

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "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." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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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 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.<sup>1</sup>**

## COMMUNION SONGS - "Litany of the Saints" (Becker, adapt.)

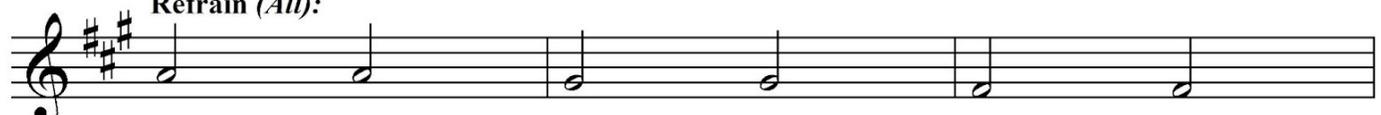
As we come forward for Communion at the Lord's table, we remember that we are gathered with the whole communion of saints, including those Mount Cross members who died in the last year: Lois Watts, Donald Stevenson, Howard Wullschleger, Mary O'Donnell, Linda Frantz, Howard Corey, Mike Carpenter, Lucille Miley, and Marion Cole.

Verses (respond to Cantor invocations):



(Saint invocations) We give thanks.

Refrain (All):



For you ho - ly men and



wom - en, we give thanks. *To Verses*

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

# "The Table" (Tomlin/Cash/Jolley) - CCLI Song # 7028956

## Verse 1



1. I will feast at the ta-ble of the Lord. I will feast at the ta-ble of the



Lord. I won't hun-ger an-y - more at His ta-ble. I will



2. Come all you wear - y, come and\_\_ find His yoke is



eas - y, His bur - den\_\_ light. He is a - ble; He will re -



- store at the ta - ble of the\_\_ Lord. 2. There is

2nd time to Coda



peace at the ta-ble of the Lord. There is peace at the ta-ble of the Lord.



I won't wor-ry an-y - more\_\_ at His ta-ble. There is



heal-ing at the ta-ble of the Lord.\_\_ There is heal-ing at the ta-ble of the\_\_ Lord.



Oh, and I won't suf-fer an - y - more at His ta-ble. Come all you

D.S. al Coda

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⊕ CODA **Bridge**

I know He has a place for me. Oh, what joy will fill my heart  
with the saints a-round the mer-cy seat of God. Come all you

**Chorus**

wear - y, come and find His yoke is eas - y, His bur - den  
light. He is a - ble, He will re - store at the ta - ble  
of the Lord, at the ta - ble of the Lord.

**Verse 4**

**2**  
I'm in - vit - ed to the ta - ble of the Lord.  
I'm in - vit - ed to the ta - ble of the Lord. He says,  
"Come just as you are to His ta - ble."

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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 May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints,  
be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way.  
And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity ✠,  
be upon you and those you love, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG - "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (Haugen) - Verses 2-4

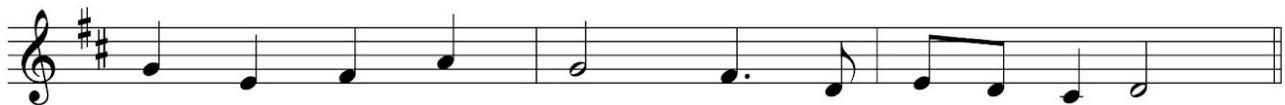
Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:  
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!  
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

**After worship, please welcome our new members on the patio  
and enjoy some cake to celebrate!**

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Kate and Tom La Calamita in honor of Patty & Tom LaCalamita's anniversary,  
by Margie Viets in memory of her husband, Fred,  
and by the Zimmerly family in celebration of  
our newly baptized and welcomed members!**

**Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson is on vacation for two weeks.**

**Pastor Julie will be on vacation November 7-14. For any pastoral care needs  
during the upcoming week, please contact the office at 805-482-3847 or  
office@mountcross.com to be directed to an on-call pastor.**

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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 6**

All Saints' / Baptisms & New Members/  
Generosity Commitment Sunday

If you haven't had a chance to return a pledge/  
estimated giving card, there is still time to do so.  
Thanks for supporting Mount Cross!

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.  
The High School Youth Group will be assembling  
cookie jars at 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Joe  
(joe@mountcross.com).

### **Monday, November 7**

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Family Faith Formation Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Family Faith Formation (formerly the Learning  
Committee) meets on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Questions,  
contact Tracy Blois or Joe Zimmerly.

### **Tuesday, November 8**

Election Day

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  
Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary,  
following the *Gather* study, "Jesus and Nature:  
Teachers of Faith."

Peace & Justice Zoom, 7:00 p.m.  
The Peace and Justice Team meets at 7:00  
p.m. on Zoom. The Zoom link is  
[bit.ly/MCPeaceandJustice](https://bit.ly/MCPeaceandJustice).

CDC Board Zoom, 7:30 p.m.  
The CDC Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

### **Wednesday, November 9**

Adult Bible Study, 4:45 p.m.  
The Adult Bible Study meets in the Parish Life  
Center at 4:45 p.m., facilitated by Allison  
Johnson.

### ROOTED, 5:00 p.m.

This program for Faith Formation parents and others is on Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 p.m. This week, join guest facilitators Elliott Ripley and Chrissy O'Farrell in the Prayer Garden or the Sanctuary.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, November 10**

Care Team, 2:00 p.m.

The Care Team meets at 2:00 p.m.

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet on the patio at 2:00 p.m.

### **Friday, November 11**

Veterans Day/CDC Closed (Church Office Open)

### **Saturday, November 12**

Al-Anon, 10:00 a.m.

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

### **Next Sunday, November 13**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Handbell Program, 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to a program of music celebrating gratitude and our many blessings, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," offered by our Mount Cross Handbell Choir **next Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.** No charge, freewill offering only. Refreshments and hospitality following the program.

### **Masking Guidelines at Mount Cross**

Now that the COVID level in Ventura County is LOW ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) and the new COVID vaccine booster, covering the original virus and the omicron subvariants, is available, 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 will 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.

For more information, contact the Mount Cross Executive Committee.

### **CDC Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser**

Our Mount Cross Child Development Center is having a "Nothing Bundt Cake" fundraiser to support their outdoor classroom. Purchase individual red velvet, chocolate chocolate chip, lemon confetti, strawberries & cream, or pumpkin spice bundt cakes (\$6.00 each).

**Order forms are in the narthex and are due to the CDC by November 10.**

# 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](mailto: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.*

## The Gentrification Of MLK: How America Intentionally Misrepresents Our Radical Civil Rights Leader

Two years prior to his death, only 33 percent of Americans thought highly of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was suspected to be communist, considered a race baiter and was deemed the most dangerous man in America by the FBI. But the past few decades have canonized him into sainthood and it is virtually impossible to travel in many communities without seeing a street named in his honor. He remains the only non-presidential citizen to have a federally recognized birthday and schools named after him are too numerous to count. This country's affirmation of Dr. King makes it a bit difficult to reconcile how deeply America reviled him while he was alive. How is it possible that a man whom President John F. Kennedy feared to be undoing democracy is now considered one of the country's heroes? What happened that now 96 percent of Americans recognize the power and necessity of Dr.

King's work? For the full article, click:

<https://www.essence.com/news/martin-luther-king-jr-gentrified-whitewashed-american-racism/>

## 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.

## Veterans' Day Tribute on the Patio Next Sunday, November 13

### We ~~Want~~ THANK You!

The Fellowship Committee would like to honor you and your loved ones, past & present, who have served in the US Military. Share your photos of the Vets in your life as we thank them for their service. You can bring your photos to the office in advance or to the Fellowship table on your way into church on Sunday, November 13. (All photos will be returned to their owner.)



## **Handbell Program - Next Sunday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to a program of music celebrating gratitude and our many blessings, “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,” offered by our Mount Cross Handbell Choir **next Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.** Our children and youth will contribute artwork and décor for the program. No charge, freewill offering only. Refreshments and hospitality following the program.



## **Mount Cross Generosity Campaign** **Rooted in God's Grace, We Grow Generosity Together**

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

As our Generosity Campaign is shorter this year, we want to stress the following:

1. Generosity packets are available on the church's website or can be obtained from the church office or one of the Generosity Team members.
2. **Please return your Generosity Pledge/Estimate of Giving and Time & Talent forms by today, November 6, if possible.** 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.

Your Generosity Team

## **Midweek Movie - November 8, 7:30 p.m.**

The midweek movie for November is ***Ticket to Paradise*** (PG-13) at the Roxy Tuesday, November 8, at 7:30 pm. Hope you can join us for dinner before and/or the movie at the Roxy! Please email Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbrundage@roadrunner.com) with any questions or comments.

## **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.

## **Many Meals Volunteers Needed**

Mount Cross is partnering with Camarillo United Methodist Church to once a month provide the food that Many Meals of Camarillo distributes to people in need. We need volunteers to cook a batch of the main dish or bake or buy some cookies or brownies and deliver the food to St. Mary Magdalen Church. Recipes for the main dish will be provided. If you would like to cook but buying the groceries would be a hardship, we could provide you with a gift card to purchase them. We plan to provide the food on the **second Monday of each month**, with November 14 being our first date. Each month, an email will go out to volunteers asking them to sign up if they can. If you would like to join the team of volunteers, please email Karin Grennan at [grennan4@verizon.net](mailto:grennan4@verizon.net).

## **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 counter in the narthex, and let the homeless in Ventura County receive some Laundry Love.

## **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 will facilitate 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.

## **Advent Wreath Making and Potluck**

Our third annual Advent Wreath Making Event at Mount Cross is 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)).

## **Looking Ahead in November**

- **Wednesday, November 23 - Holden Evening Prayer -**  
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer followed by Pie Social