

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE - Carol Browning**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Vicar Amanda Berg**

**STEWARDSHIP / ANTI-RACISM TEMPLE TALK - Susan Prosser**

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

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

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

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community  
Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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**P** Blessed be the + holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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.

### KYRIE ELEISON - "Kyrie" - ELW Setting 8

**Refrain**

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

**Verses**

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

*To Refrain*

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

**C** And also with you.

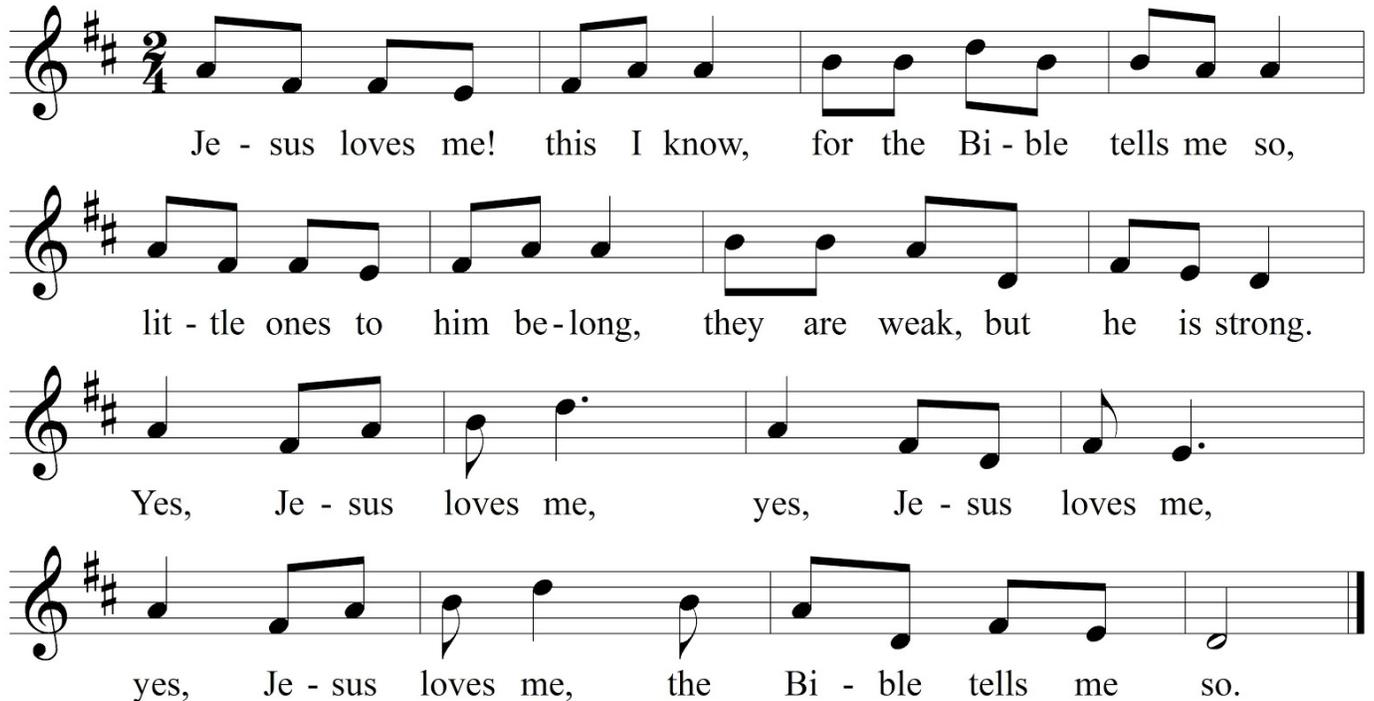
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

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



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

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

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

## FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

*In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3a</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup>He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### SONG OF RESPONSE - “Even So Come” (Tomlin)

All of creation  
All of the earth  
Make straight a highway  
A path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner  
Wake up the saint  
Let every nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing "even so come"  
Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever, faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

Oh, like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing "even so come"  
Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus, come

So we wait  
We wait for You  
God, we wait  
You're coming soon

So we wait  
We wait for You  
God, we wait  
You're coming soon

Like a bride waiting...  
We'll be at Church, ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King, we sing

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be at Church, we'll be ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King, we sing "even so come"  
Lord Jesus, come

Even so come  
Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus, come

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

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

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

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

**P** The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*



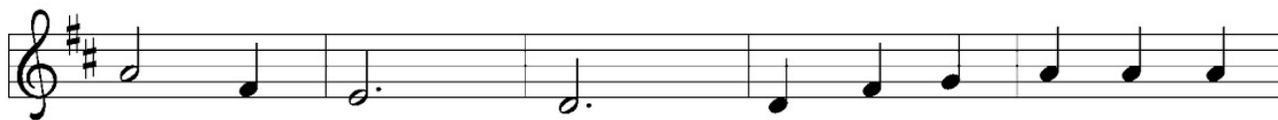
**SERMON - Pastor Lynn Enloe**

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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's mercy on the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer, especially the ongoing work and faithfulness of our worship leaders here at Mount Cross. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of farmers, gardeners, conservationists, landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation, including the Abundant Table. Grant all of us wisdom as we seek ways to faithfully care for all of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Gather into your arms the many peoples of our communities, our nation, and our world. Grant wisdom and guidance for leaders everywhere that your mercy, justice, reconciliation and hope might prevail. Be present especially with our nation. Fill our hearts with your peace, draw us together in your love, and guide us into paths of peace, reconciliation, and cooperation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Companion and Healer, console those who feel lonely, abandoned, or afraid. Bring comfort and healing to those who are ill. We pray for our Mount Cross community, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Protector, be with us as we observe Veterans Day this week. We remember and give thanks for all active duty and retired military personnel, and their families. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Comforter, be with us as we remember this weekend those who tragically died two years ago in the Borderline shooting on November 7th in Thousand Oaks. Continue to comfort the hearts of the families and friends of the beloved departed. We also pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

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



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

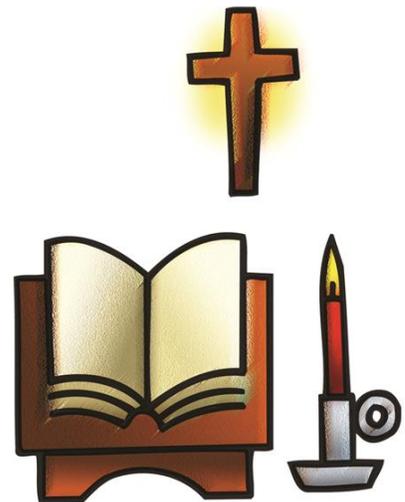
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend  
upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy  
gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body  
and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**



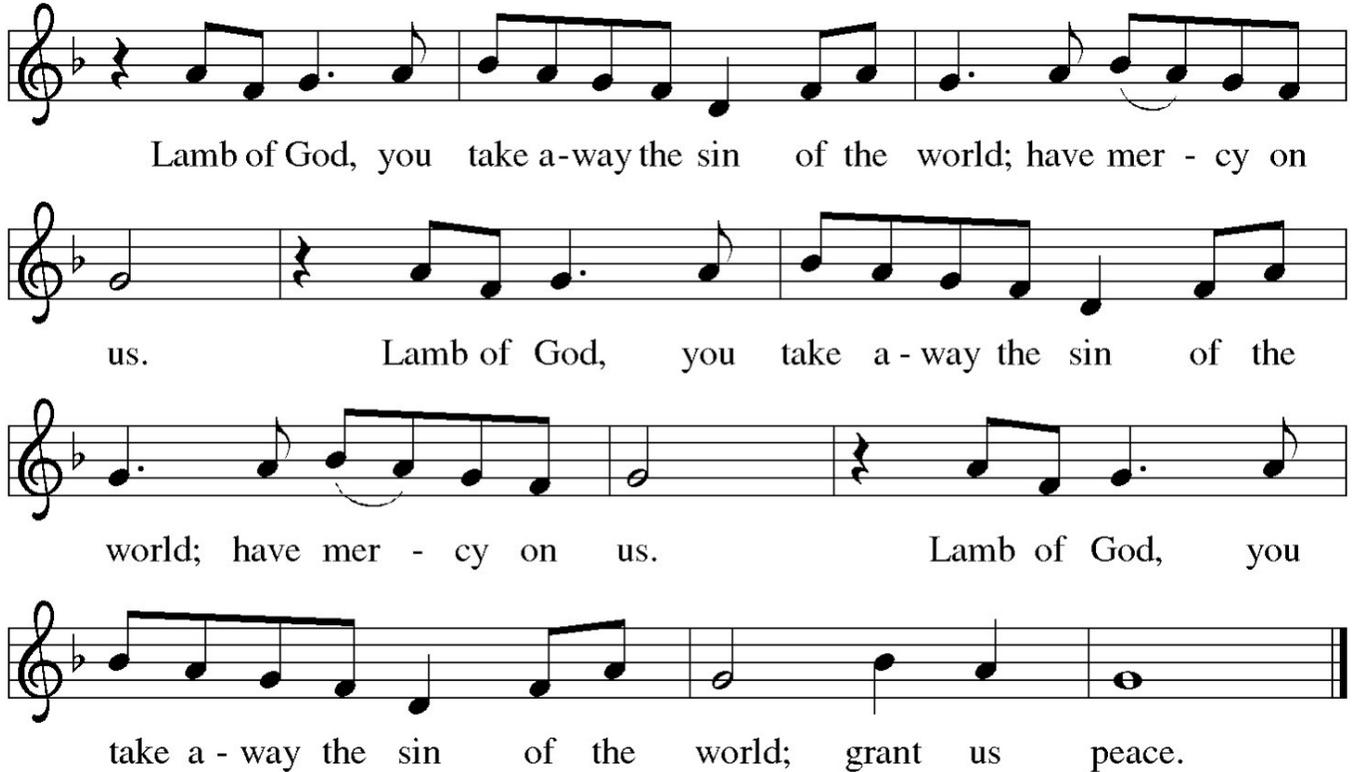
## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated.*

The assembly may be seated.

## LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



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

## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

The Assisting Minister invites all to say the following prayer:

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



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

# COMMUNION SONG - "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 God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

P Rooted in God's grace,

C **we joyfully witness and serve!**

## POSTLUDE - Carol Browning

*The flowers at the altar today are provided by Margie Viets,  
in loving memory of her husband, Fred.*

*We give thanks for all the veterans who served or are serving our country!*

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

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

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

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

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

**We pray in thanksgiving for the life of Pastor Tom Unmacht (friend of Avis Miley) and for comfort for Pastor Tom's family.**

**We pray also for Angelica** (friend of the Marroquin family), **Bobbi and Gabe** (sister and nephew of LaJean Wenzel), **Kate** (friend of Julie Merrick) **and her children, Elizabeth A, Nicholas and Samantha** (grandson and his wife of Avis Miley), **Roger Allmandinger** (brother-in-law of Jim & Susan Prosser), **Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant, Howard Corey, Barbara D'Addario, Sonja Demeter, Tom Demeter** (uncle of Allison Johnson), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Ron Higginbotham, Luke Hahn** (son of Erica Hahn, Mount Cross preschool teacher), **Charles Hilley, Sandra Manning** (friend of Judy Winters), **Nury Martinez-Silva** (friend of Bernie Lau), **Karen Nelson, the Posthauer family, Lisa Saner, Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Kevin Young** (friend of Carina McVeigh).

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

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, November 9, 2020

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

### Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 900 a.m. We will **now be meeting in the church sanctuary**. Please wear a mask.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

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

Join us as often as you'd like.

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

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

### Wednesday, November 11, 2020

**- Veterans Day**

The office will be closed for the holiday and the usual programs will not be meeting.

### Thursday, November 12, 2020

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

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Anti-Racism Check-in, 7:00 p.m.

Our next Anti-racism check-in will be from 7:00-8:00 on November 12 via Zoom.

Here is the Zoom link:

<http://bit.ly/MCAntiRacism>

# Announcements

## Sunday Worship

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

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

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

## Help with Sunday Worship and Communion

We are looking for help to make Sunday worship and drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to sign up to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

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

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

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

## Graceful Diaper Pantry

In the month of November, Mount Cross is collecting diapers for the Graceful Diaper Pantry at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oxnard. They especially need diapers in sizes 2 - 6 to help support low income families in Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Ventura. You can bring diapers to drive-through Communion on Sundays or place them in the box under the pavilion during the week. Thank you for helping!

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

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

## Silent Night Virtual Choir Video

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

If you're not much of a singer, you can light candles or sign (ASL) along, or be creative in other ways. We'll have a recording session here at the church **next Sunday, November 15, from Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

Please sign up for a time slot:

<https://signup.com/go/SFQQTbj>.

Julie Merrick or Kevin Churchill are also available to provide technical help and support.

## Faith and Society: A Conversation with Camarillo Police Commander

### Eric Tennesen

Co-hosted by Mount Cross Lutheran and Padre Serra Catholic communities

Monday, November 16, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Panel: Chief Eric, Pastor Julie, Fr. Patrick,

Teresa as moderator via Zoom webinar

Participation is limited to the first 100 to register.

**Click here to register.**

Communities are stronger and safer when residents and law enforcement professionals can relate as ordinary people with shared values, hopes, and dreams. The communities of Mount Cross and Padre Serra are invited to a conversation with Camarillo Police Chief Eric Tennesen, Rev. Julie Morris, and Fr. Patrick Mullen to find ways to work together around our many commonalities, to build bridges and break down biases, and to foster awareness and understanding of training, tactics and goals of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

## Please Share About Medical Alert Systems

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

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

## More Ways to Give

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

If you'd like to give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or the April Year-To-Date statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com). Also, if you haven't already, 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**

The Food Pantry at St. Columba's continues to serve our community and your gifts of food items have been greatly appreciated. Currently the food pantry is especially seeking **canned vegetables**. Your gifts of food can be dropped off at the church during Sunday drive-through communion.

Please do not make a specific grocery trip for your items but think of the food pantry while shopping at the store or during a grocery delivery. Please check the "best by" date as the pantry cannot use expired items. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Gun Safety**

If your family owns a gun, please note that local Sheriff and Police stations have FREE gun locks available. Go to your local station and request one. Be a part of keeping your family and

community safe by keeping firearms properly secured! Purchasing a gun means accepting the responsibility that comes along with it, and the smartest way to prevent gun-related accidents is to ensure that firearms are always properly stored in the home. Store guns where they won't be accessible to unauthorized persons: hiding a gun in a drawer, closet, or underneath a pillow DOES NOT make your house a safer place. Safe storage means using a gun lock or a gun safe.

Call your local Police Department or the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for more information. The Camarillo Police Station is located at 3701 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, 93010.

## **MOUNT CROSS STEWARDSHIP 2021**



## **Stewardship – Our Church in Changing Times**

*May the Lord reward you for your kindness. Ruth 1:8*

When the pandemic first hit, there was controversy over whether masks were necessary in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Once it was established that indeed masks were necessary when in a public place, the Mount Cross Quilters, now known as the Mount Cross Seamsters, and other volunteers went into action and began sewing masks. Medical masks were requested by healthcare providers where there was a desperate shortage of PPE. Masks were requested for farmworkers, the church staff, and for members and friends of Mount Cross.

To date, over 450 masks were sewn by the Mount Cross Seamsters and other church and community volunteers. Some of the groups provided masks include Friends of the Farmworkers, Harbor House, the COVID-19 Unit at Los Robles Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital's lab technicians, the five Urgent Care locations in Camarillo, and the ER at Pleasant Valley Hospital. Thank you to all selfless sewers who jumped at the call to provide masks where there was a huge need. They spent countless hours fulfilling requests and showed they are good stewards of our community. During these times of change, it is a blessing to know that the people of Mount Cross are willing and ready to give of themselves when there is a need.

## **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE FOR 2021**

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

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

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

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