

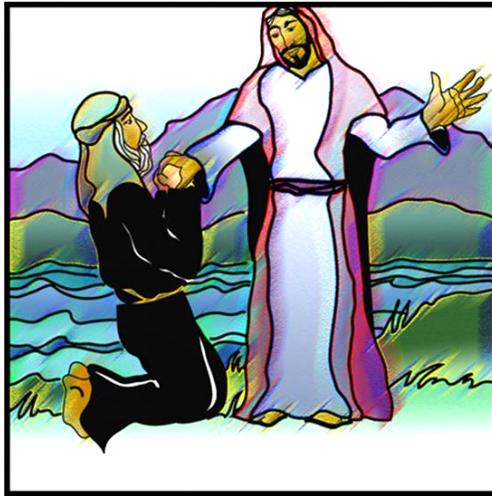
# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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thank you for wearing your mask (indoors required; outdoors optional)  
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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!***

**20th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

# PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson

### GATHERING SONG - "Gather Us In" - ELW 532

As able, the assembly stands.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

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

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. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**



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

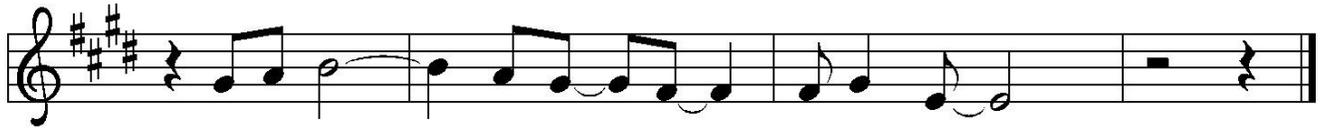
C **And also with you.**

# KYRIE - "Kyrie Eleison" - ELW 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.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned 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  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly



### FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE - "The Kingdom of God" (Taizé) - sing 3x's

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and

joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and

o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

Text: Taizé Community  
Tune: Taizé Community  
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## SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

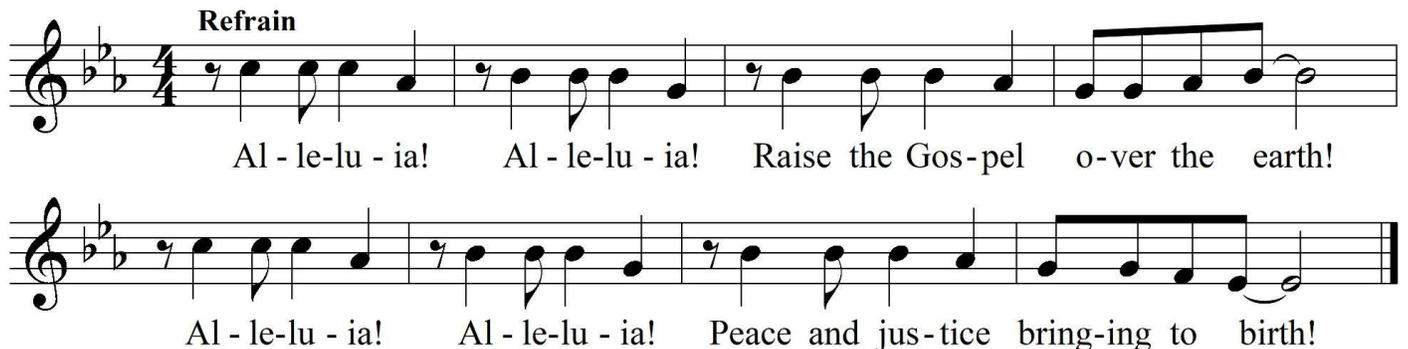
<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

*As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

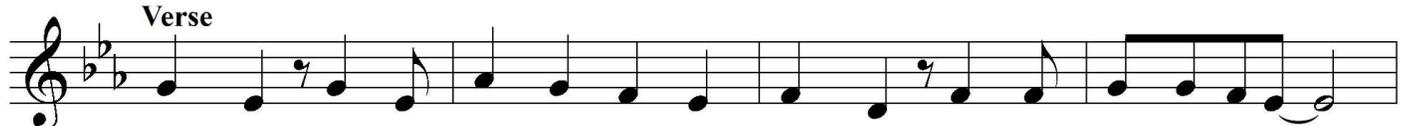
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia, Raise the Gospel" (Alstott/Farrell)

**Refrain**



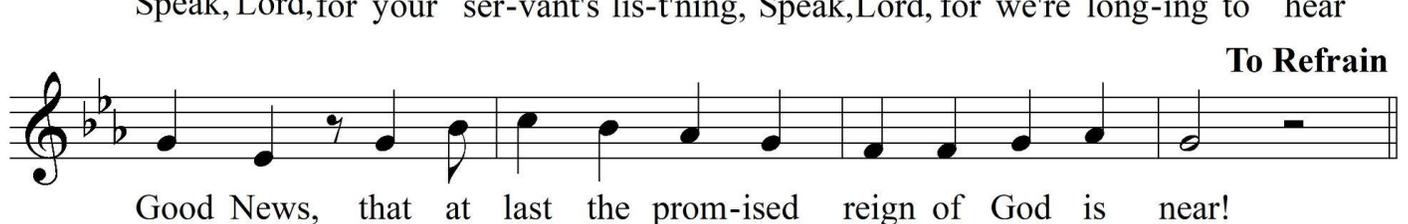
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Raise the Gos-pel o-ver the earth!  
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Peace and jus-tice bring-ing to birth!

**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: Mark 10:17-31**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

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

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

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "Seek Ye First" - WOV 783



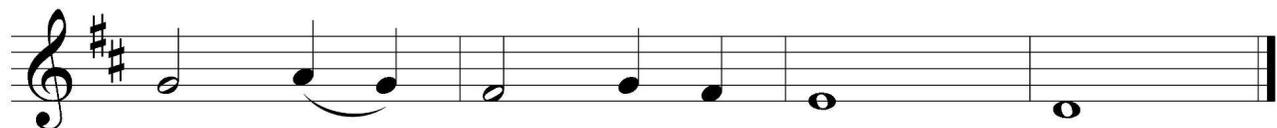
1. Seek ye \_\_\_ first the \_\_\_ king - dom of God  
2. Ask and it shall be \_\_\_ giv - en un - to you;  
3. We do not live by \_\_\_ bread a - lone,



and its \_\_\_ righ - teous - ness, \_\_\_\_\_  
seek and \_\_\_ you shall \_\_\_ find; \_\_\_\_\_  
but by \_\_\_ ev - 'ry \_\_\_ word \_\_\_\_\_



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God.



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

Text: v. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty; v. 2, Matt. 7:7; v. 3, Matt 4:4.

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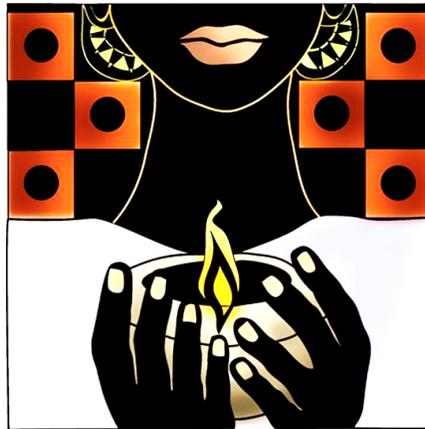
## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*The assembly may be seated.*



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards, especially the Abundant Table and our local Fieldworkers. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Bring restoration to the ocean, beach, animals, and sea creatures harmed by the recent oil spill off of Huntington Beach. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Teach us to build bridges not walls and to seek good for all in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us, and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. As we continue to navigate the realities of COVID, inspire us to serve one another in inspiring ways and to seek your Kingdom in all we do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Sheltering God, in Jesus, you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind, including Harbor House, Lutheran Social Services, Mercy House, Habitat for Humanity, and Lutheran World Relief. Bring your comforting presence to those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit, 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, Crista and Bonnie** (niece and sister of Karen Cherry), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Beth Downard** (friend of the Rowleys), **the family of Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **the family of Bob Edell, Natalie Faltin, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Scott Frezieres** (son-in-law of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Bill Greason, John Grennan, Jo Holler, Jerry Kochans, Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Mary O'Donnell, Jennifer** (daughter of Mary O'Donnell), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner) **and the Saner family, Larry** (brother of Lisa Saner), **Marlene** (sister of Lisa Saner), **the family of Walter** (friend of Denise Sobolik), **the family of Kathleen Stevens, Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Bob Winters, 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.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts 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.**

**OFFERING SONG - "Word of God Speak" (Millard/Kipley) - CCLI Song #3912788**

*Verse 1*

*I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say*

*Chorus*

*Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
To be still and know  
That You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness  
(Word of God speak)*

*Verse 2*

*I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet hear Your voice*

*Ending*

*I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay*



**OFFERING PRAYER**

- A** God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- 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;  
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:

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.

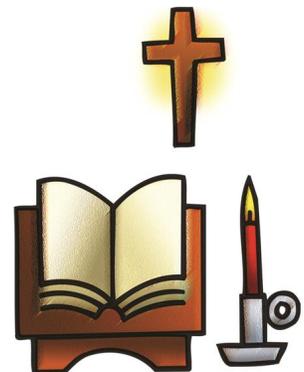
C **Amen.**

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**

P All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.



The assembly may be seated.

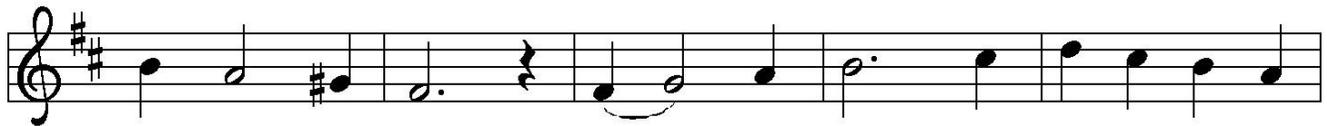
## LAMB OF GOD - "Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 4



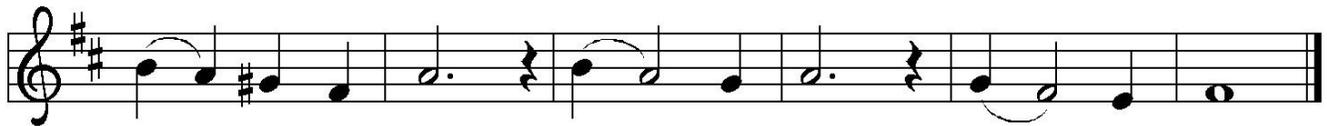
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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, grant us peace.

### **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 - "By Your Love" (Nockels) - CCLI #5489329

## Verse 1

Brothers let us come together  
Walking in the Spirit  
There's much to be done  
We will come reaching  
Out from our comforts  
And they will know us by our love

## Verse 2

Sisters we were made for kindness  
We can pierce the darkness  
As He shines through us  
We will come reaching  
With a song of healing  
And they will know us by our love

## Chorus

The time is now  
Come church arise  
Love with His hands  
See with His eyes  
Bind it around you  
Let it never leave you  
And they will know us by our love

## Verse 3

Children you are hope for justice  
Stand firm in the Truth now  
Set your hearts above  
You will be reaching  
Long after we're gone  
And they will know you by your love



# “Bread for the World” (Farrell)

## Refrain



Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger.



Wine for all peo - ples: peo-ple who thirst. May we who eat



be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

## Verses



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the



reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -  
 hearts once bro - ken and where dry-ness sleeps. Where we are  
 rich and pow'r-ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -



vide your peo-ple you are wait - ing there on bend - ed  
 tired and wea - ry you are wait - ing there to be the  
 vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed you walk a -



knee to wash our feet with end-less care.  
 way which beck - ons us be - yond de-spair.  
 mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

D.C.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C Amen.

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

## SENDING SONG - "God of Grace and God of Glory" - ELW 705 - Verses 1 and 4

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

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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, October 10, 2021

New Member Class, 2:00 p.m.

If you're interested in becoming a member of Mount Cross, meet with Pastor Julie in the Parish Life Center at 2:00 p.m. today.

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m.. Questions, contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

### Monday, October 11, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

### Tuesday, October 12, 2021

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

The Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Bring the October *Gather* magazine.

### Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Worship & Music Committee,  
1:15 p.m.

The Worship & Music Committee meets in Pastor Julie's office at 1:15 p.m.

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.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the loft (doors open, masked), from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary (masked and with the doors open) from 7:45-8:30 p.m.

Celtic Book Study Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Join with our friends at St. Columba's for our Fall Book Study of John Philip Newell's newest book, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom **through October 21. Read Chapter 6: John Muir and Chapter 7: Teilhard de Chardin.** To access the Zoom Book Study, visit <https://bit.ly/SCCelticBookGroup>

## **Thursday, October 14, 2021**

Celtic Book Study (at St. Columba's),  
10:45 a.m.

Join with our friends at St. Columba's for our Fall Book Study of John Philip Newell's newest book, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, at 10:45 a.m. in person in St. Columba's parish hall, **through October 22. Read Chapter 6: John Muir and Chapter 7: Teilhard de Chardin.**

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet in the Pavilion at 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Chapel, 2:00 p.m.

Come to the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. for a new monthly, shortened worship service with communion, followed by fellowship.

Youth Incarceration Panel Zoom,  
6:00 p.m.

Join us to hear a panel discussion of people working directly with youth in Ventura County, before, during, and after incarceration. The Zoom link is **<https://bit.ly/JusticeAction>**, Meeting ID: 818 6149 8062 Passcode: 122357.

For more information, contact Tracy Blois, [tracy.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.allyson@gmail.com) or Becky Gilbertson, [dbgilly2@gmail.com](mailto:dbgilly2@gmail.com).

## **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.

### **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 as we learn together.*

Our Work this week is to take part in the **Youth Incarceration Panel**, a discussion of people working directly with youth in Ventura County, before, during, and after incarceration. The Zoom link is

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### **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 remains \$35.00; you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Sanctuary/Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound 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. 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.

### Mount Cross Senior Adult Ministry Announces New Monthly Afternoon Chapel Worship Service

Beginning, **Thursday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m.**, Mount Cross will offer monthly Afternoon Chapel worship services with Communion in the Sanctuary. The entire service is 20-30 minutes long, with refreshments and socializing following the worship service. If you need that midweek spiritual boost, or you find Sunday mornings challenging (perhaps you work on the weekend or any number of reasons making it difficult to attend worship on Sunday morning), Mount Cross Senior Adult Ministry offers this additional opportunity to worship.

Come, join us, sing your favorite hymns, listen to an inspiring sermonette, share in our Lord's Holy Meal, then, if your schedule allows, visit with old and new friends while enjoying some good old Lutheran fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you on October 14. Oh, by the way, if you need a ride to church, call the church office (805) 482-3847 by October 12 so that it can be arranged.

Keep reading the newsletter for the November and December Afternoon Chapel worship dates. There is room for you on the Senior Adult Ministry team - talk to me or to any Senior Adult Ministry committee member.

Mount Cross Senior Adult Ministry Team  
Dr. Cecelia Travick Jackson - Diaconal Candidate  
Randy Churchill, Sonja Demeter, Allison Johnson, Evonne Kuchera, Susan Prosser,  
LaJean Wenzel, Pastor Julie Morris (Ex officio)



### Justice in Action: Supporting Incarcerated Youth THIS Thursday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

The *Just Mercy* summer book group (sponsored by our anti-racism team) was inspired to read about the work of Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative on behalf of incarcerated youth. We felt called to explore the needs of incarcerated youth in our area.

Join us **October 14 at 6:00 p.m.** to hear a panel discussion of people working directly with youth in Ventura County before, during, and after incarceration.

The Zoom link is <https://bit.ly/JusticeAction>, Meeting ID: 818 6149 8062 Passcode: 122357.

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## Lutheran World Relief Kits - Blessing of Quilts & Kits



Thanks to everyone who helped assemble School Backpack Kits and Personal Care Kits last week! We will be doing the **blessing of the quilts and all the kits** during the worship service **next Sunday, October 17**, and the truck arrives to take them away on Thursday, October 21. Many thanks for all the donations of time and treasure leading up to this - we are on pace to make more than 100 backpacks and our goal is 100 personal care kits to match. These will be such a blessing to the neighbors who receive them at their time of need .... many kits have already made their way to Haiti and been used with refugees from many conflicts.



Join us **Sunday, October 17**, for our annual trip to the **Pumpkin Patch!** We will meet at Mount Cross after church and head over to Limoneira Ranch for some Fall festive fun. The cost is \$10 per person (children 2 years and younger are free) and parking is free. Let us know if you are going by signing up with this link: <https://signup.com/go/GMgfojC>.



Welcome to **Trunk or Treat 2021** at Mount Cross - **Friday, October 29, 5:00 p.m.!** We are so excited that you will be joining us for a fun-filled evening. The cost is \$25 per car. There will be a "best decorated trunk" award as well as candy, music and Mister Softies! You won't want to miss out. Please sign up using this link: <https://signup.com/go/gsNAEAJ>



### **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!

### **Fall Book Study with St. Columba's Episcopal Church: Exploring Celtic Wisdom**

Join with our friends at St. Columba's for our Fall Book Study of John Philip Newell's newest book, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. There are two options for our gatherings: **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom** and **Thursday mornings at 10:45 a.m. in person in St. Columba's parish hall**, through October 20 & 21. To access the Zoom Book Study, visit <https://bit.ly/SCCelticBookGroup>

- **October 13-14 – Chapter 6: John Muir and Chapter 7: Teilhard de Chardin**
- **October 20-21 – Chapter 8: George MacLeod, Chapter 9: Kenneth White, and Conclusion**

### **Child Development Center Scholarship Fund**

Founding director Cathy Channels recently retired from our Mount Cross Child Development Center preschool after 33 years. To honor her dedication and commitment to the CDC, a "**Cathy Channels Scholarship Fund**" has been established. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can donate online or bring/mail a check, payable to Mount Cross Lutheran Church. Please designate "Cathy Channels Scholarship" in the memo field.