

# 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!***

**The 19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Blessing of LWR Quilts and Backpacks  
October 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

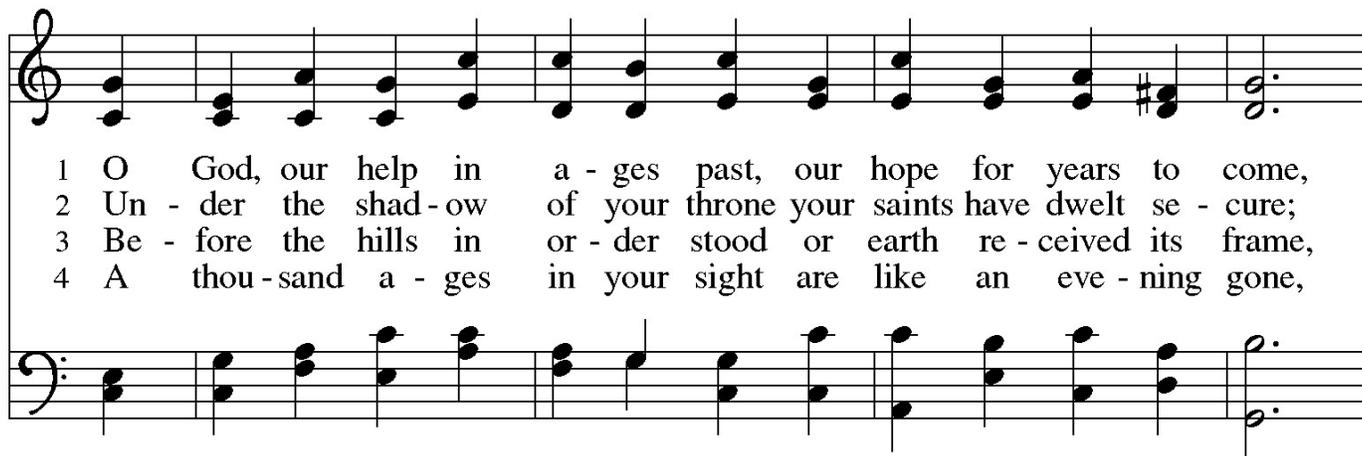
**PRELUDE - "To God Be the Glory" (arr. Larson)**  
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris**

**GENEROSITY ANNOUNCEMENT - Luanne Crockett**

**GATHERING SONG - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" - ELW 632 - Verses 1-3**

*As able, the assembly stands.*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✠ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends,  
together let us acknowledge our failure to love as Christ has loved us.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of mercy and forgiveness,  
C **we confess that sin still has a hold on us.  
We have harmed your good creation.  
We have failed to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you.  
Turn us in a new direction.  
Show us the path that leads to life.  
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

P Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven ✠ through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You are free to live in newness of life  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



## GREETING

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

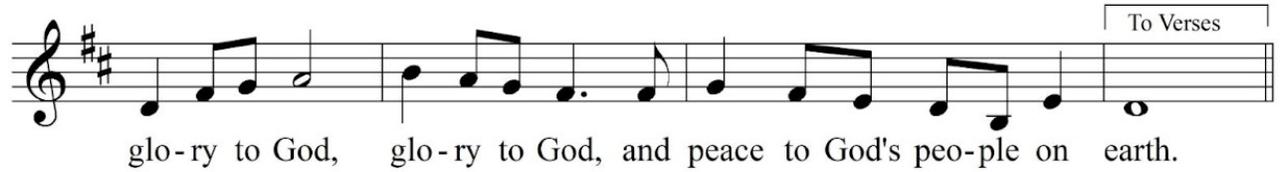
C **And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "Glory to God" - ELW, Page 213

**Refrain**



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**Final**



earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**Verse 1**

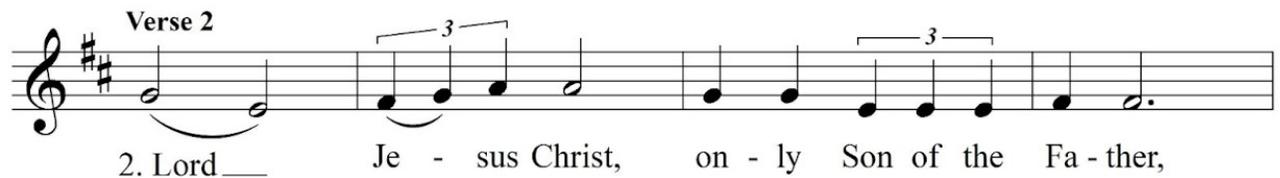


1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

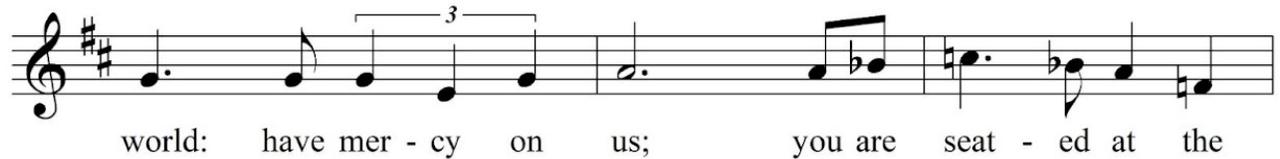
**Verse 2**



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. \_\_\_\_\_  
*To Final Refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

## BLESSING OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS AND CARE KITS



## CHILDREN'S SONG - "Give Thanks" (Smith) - CCLI Song # 20285

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the  
 Ho - ly One; give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus  
 Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am

strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has  
done for us. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give  
thanks to the Ho-ly One; give thanks be-cause he's giv-en  
Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks.

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### **FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

# PSALM 121 - "You Are My Help, O God" (Browning)

**Refrain**

You are my help, O God, you are my grace.\_\_\_\_\_

Wher-ev - er I may go, I will be safe in your em -

brace, O God.\_\_\_\_\_ You are my help.\_\_\_\_\_

**Final Ending**

help. You are my help.\_\_\_\_\_

**Verses**

1. If I look to the moun - tains, if I run to the  
2. If \_ trou - bles should threat - en, when I'm on shak - y

1. deep, in sun - shine or sha - dow, by night or by day,  
2. ground, in joy or in sor - row, in youth or late life,

1. who else should I turn to? No one but you, my Cre -  
2. in au - tumn or spring-time, as I come or I go, I know

1. a - tor, the mak - er of \_ heav - en and earth.\_\_\_\_\_  
2. you are my path - way, all the days of my life.\_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are labeled 'Refrain' and the last two are labeled 'Verse'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**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 18:1-8**

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**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 - "Be Thou My Vision" - ELW 793 - Verses 1-3



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*The assembly may be seated.*



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

O God, we pray for all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. We ask your blessing on those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, including our Service & Missions Committee, our Peace & Justice Team, our Reconciling in Christ Team, Lutheran World Relief, and Lutheran Disaster Response, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Grant all your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Bring relief to areas ravaged by hurricanes, storms, floods, earthquakes, wildfires, and other natural disasters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are troubled or grief-stricken. Be with those who are ill or in difficult circumstances, especially those on our prayer list ...

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Craig Abernathy** (son-in-law of Bob and Judy Winters), **Mary Aschenbeck** (friend of Mary & Ric Kienitz), **Crista** (niece of Karen Cherry), **Marion Cole, Kathy Considine** (sister of Mary Goodenough), **Pat Dawson, Guy Ervin III, Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Doug Harris** (cousin of Kristine Dawson), **Jackie Hatcher, Sue Headley, Tom Heathorn** (cousin of Marni Engh), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Jerry Kochans, Jan Kull, Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Jack and Penny Luhrsen, Dave McDonnell** (friend of Karin and John Grennan), **Kathy McBroom** (friend of Nancy & Bill Rowley), **the family of Bob McMenamini** (cousin of Karen Gramacki), **Karen Nelson, Linda Petersen** (sister-in-law of Gayle and Cy Johnson), **Ellie Ranson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Heather Rogers** (granddaughter of Nancy and Jim Jaeger), **Samantha Roberts** (friend of Judy and Bob Winters), **Norb and Marilyn Rud, the family of Jon Rueckert** (brother of Nils Rueckert), **Dianne Selbrede, Jack Soyster, Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **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.**

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

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

### PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY - "What Wondrous Love" (arr. Larson)**  
*Mount Cross Handbell Choir*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

- A Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Generous God, the Creator of heaven and earth. 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.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
 English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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.

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.

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.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949  
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949  
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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>**



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

# COMMUNION SONGS - "There Is a Longing" - ACS 1078



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



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



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



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



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



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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## “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” - ELW 751

Ostinato Chorale

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O".

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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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 God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG - "Lift Every Voice and Sing" - ELW 841



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE - Elliott Ripley

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Emily Schweers in thanksgiving for the welcome  
and hospitality of the Mount Cross community,  
and to the glory of God.*

**Thanks to our Mount Cross Handbell Choir - Betty Ertel, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Jerry Kienitz, Barbara Recker, Elliott Ripley, Melissa Sobolik, Aimee Stoll, and Linda Young - for sharing their musical gifts today!**

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

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

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00-11:30 a.m.**

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

# The Week at a Glance

## TODAY, October 16

Blessing of LWR Quilts & Backpacks  
If you can stay after worship, we still have a few more LWR Backpacks to fill before the In-Gathering pickup on October 20.

Following Jesus, 11:00 a.m.

Join Pastor Julie in the Parish Life Center for "Following Jesus." See the announcement below for details.

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.  
The High School Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. Contact Joe Zimmerly ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) for details.

## Monday, October 17

**Pastor Julie, Joe Zimmerly, and Deacon Cecelia attending Theoasis Monday-Wednesday.**

Generosity Committee, 10:00 a.m.  
The Generosity Committee meets at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion.

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

## Tuesday, October 18

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."

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

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

## Wednesday, October 19

### **NO REGULAR PROGRAMS**

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

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

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, October 20

### **Newsletter Deadline**

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

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

LWR In-Gathering, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The LWR truck will be here to load up the quilts and backpack kits.

Afternoon Chapel, 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Chapel is at 2:00 p.m. See the announcement below for more info.

## Next Sunday, October 23

Youth & Family Sunday and Pumpkin Patch Play Date

Our Youth and their families will be filling the volunteer worship assistant roles next Sunday, followed by a Play Date at the Pumpkin Patch (see the announcement below for details).

## **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.

# 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.*

Seeing White is a fourteen-part documentary series exploring whiteness in America—where it came from, what it means, and how it works.

Here is the podcast link:

<https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/>

## 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.

## Afternoon Chapel

Join us for **Afternoon Chapel** on **Thursday, October 20**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mount Cross Sanctuary. This shortened Worship Service is complete with communion, singing, prayers and fellowship. Contact the Mount Cross office at 805-482-3847 if you need a ride to the Chapel Service or for more information.

## Assembling Lutheran World Relief Kits

Thanks to all who helped us last Sunday assembly school and personal care kits. We have a few more kits to put together if you can help **today, after worship**, so that these kits can go on the LWR truck this Thursday.

## Adult Spiritual Growth Opportunity!

### Following Jesus

All are invited to a three-week adult faith formation series called, "Following Jesus." This is for people new to or exploring the Christian faith, as well as for people who have been disciples of Jesus for a long time. We will meet **Sundays, October 16, 23, and 30** from 11:00 a.m.-Noon in the Parish Life Center. Contact Pastor Julie ([pastorjulie@mountcross.com](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com)) for more information.



## **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

Generosity is year-round and we are thankful for all of you who contribute your time, talent, and resources to support the mission of Mount Cross. Generosity flows from the heart dedicated to God and it shows in our caring church. Whether we gather for worship in the sanctuary, the pavilion, or online, "we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another." It takes a continual commitment on the part of the whole congregation.

This is the time of year when we start to plan for next year. To aid in the budgeting process, we need to provide the Financial Secretary, Joan Brundage, with our pledges/estimates of giving for next year. Please prayerfully consider what time, talent, and resources you can give to be a good and faithful steward of that which the Lord has entrusted to you.

The Generosity packet, which includes a letter from Pastor Julie, a pledge/estimate of giving card, a time and talent form, and a return envelope, are available in the patio after in-person worship, during drive-through Communion, on the church's website or weekday afternoons in the church office.

Please return your pledge/estimate of giving card and time & talent form by mail, in person, or on the church website by Commitment/All Saints Sunday, November 6, at which time they will be blessed.

### **Play Date Sunday / Pumpkin Patch Trip**

Join us **next Sunday, October 23**, after worship for our Play Date Sunday at the Pumpkin Patch. We will be heading to Limoneira Ranch in Santa Paula. Bring the family and friends for a fun day! Email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) if you are interested in joining us.

### **Trunk or Treat / Friday, October 28**

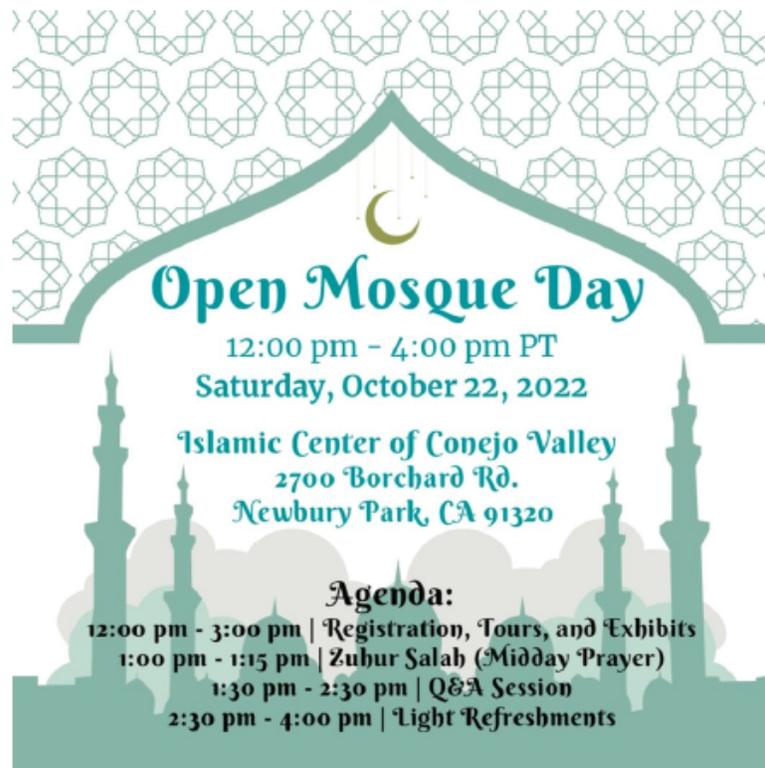
Trunk or Treat is back! We are excited to host this again at Mount Cross on **Friday, October 28**, from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** This event is FREE to all who want to join us. We will need lots of cars to hand out candy. If you are interested in handing out candy, please contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

## **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).

## **Open Mosque Day - Saturday, October 22**

Several people from Ventura County Interfaith Community will be attending the Islamic Center of Conejo Valley's **Open Mosque Day**. Join us in showing your appreciation for the local Muslim community on **Saturday, October 22**, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.! The address of the mosque is 2700 Borchard Rd. Newbury Park, CA., and you can find full information on the day by visiting <https://iccv.org> or on the flyer below.



## **Thursday, October 27 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

### **WACKY DRESS MOCKTAIL PARTY!**

Calling All Adult Seniors! (And all who identify as adult seniors)  
If you don't have wacky mix-matched clothes or costumes, come anyway.  
Let's laugh and socialize together.

## **Feast of Faiths, Next Sunday, October 23, 4:00 p.m.**

The Ventura County Interfaith Community is excited to announce the return of the annual Feast of Faiths. The Feast of Faiths is a gathering of individuals from various religions to discuss their beliefs with those of other faiths informally over dinner, with a theme of “Almost 2 years of Pandemic: What have we learned?”

Members of various religions – including but not limited to Trinitarian Christians, Muslims, Jews, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Unitarian Universalists, Bahá’ís, Quakers, Scientologists, and others – share a meal, to promote dialogue and friendship between people of different religions. Halal-style and vegetarian food is served.

Join us for this exciting opportunity for interfaith friendship at **4:00 p.m. on October 23** at **St. Columba’s Episcopal Church**, 1251 Las Posas Road, Camarillo. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feast-of-faiths-tickets-411492243377>. The suggested ticket price is \$26 if received by the Early Bird deadline of October 17, or \$30 afterwards. Suggested student (8 and older) price is \$10 by October 17, or \$15 afterwards.

## **Church Workday to Clean Out and Organize Storage**

**Saturday, October 29**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

What is it about space? There never seems to be enough space for EVERYTHING at church. What should stay, what can go? What items do you need at your fingertips, and what can be stored out of reach? Does everything need to be out of sight? These are just a few of the questions the different committees along with the Property Committee wrestle with regarding storage at our church. On **Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**, we will attempt the job of cleaning out and organizing the different storage cabinets/closets at Mount Cross. Each Committee/Group is asked to send at least one representative to help with this task. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with this daunting undertaking. No experience necessary ... if you are willing, we would LOVE to have your help! Please consider coming to assist us with finding creative storage solutions so EVERY group has a place to store their “stuff.” Refreshments of coffee, donuts, and fresh fruit will be provided. Any questions, contact Cy Johnson at [clopsj@gmsil.com](mailto:clopsj@gmsil.com).

*“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10*

## **New Program! 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.



Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. Ian, as predicted, is one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades. Your generosity has poised Lutheran Disaster Response to be ready for times such as these – and we are equipped to accompany partners and survivors of Hurricane Ian for as long as it takes. For that, we cannot thank you enough.

Along with our partners in the region, we are prepared to respond to Hurricane Ian with immediate relief, including water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and more. Your dollars are also hard at work in communities around the world through Lutheran Disaster Response, including responses to Hurricane Fiona, the drought in the Horn of Africa, the severe storm in Alaska, the war in Ukraine – to name a few.

We pray that God's presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors in Florida and around the world that they are not alone. Thank you.

Gifts to [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters, whenever and wherever they strike.

**Additional Ways to Give** - Checks or money orders can be sent to:  
Lutheran Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or [online](#).