

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE - Carol Browning

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

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 creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

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,

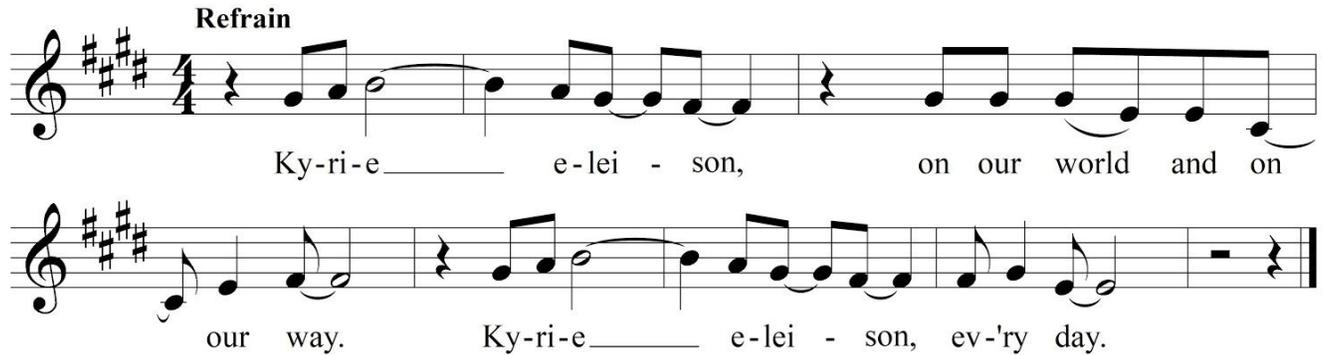
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,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

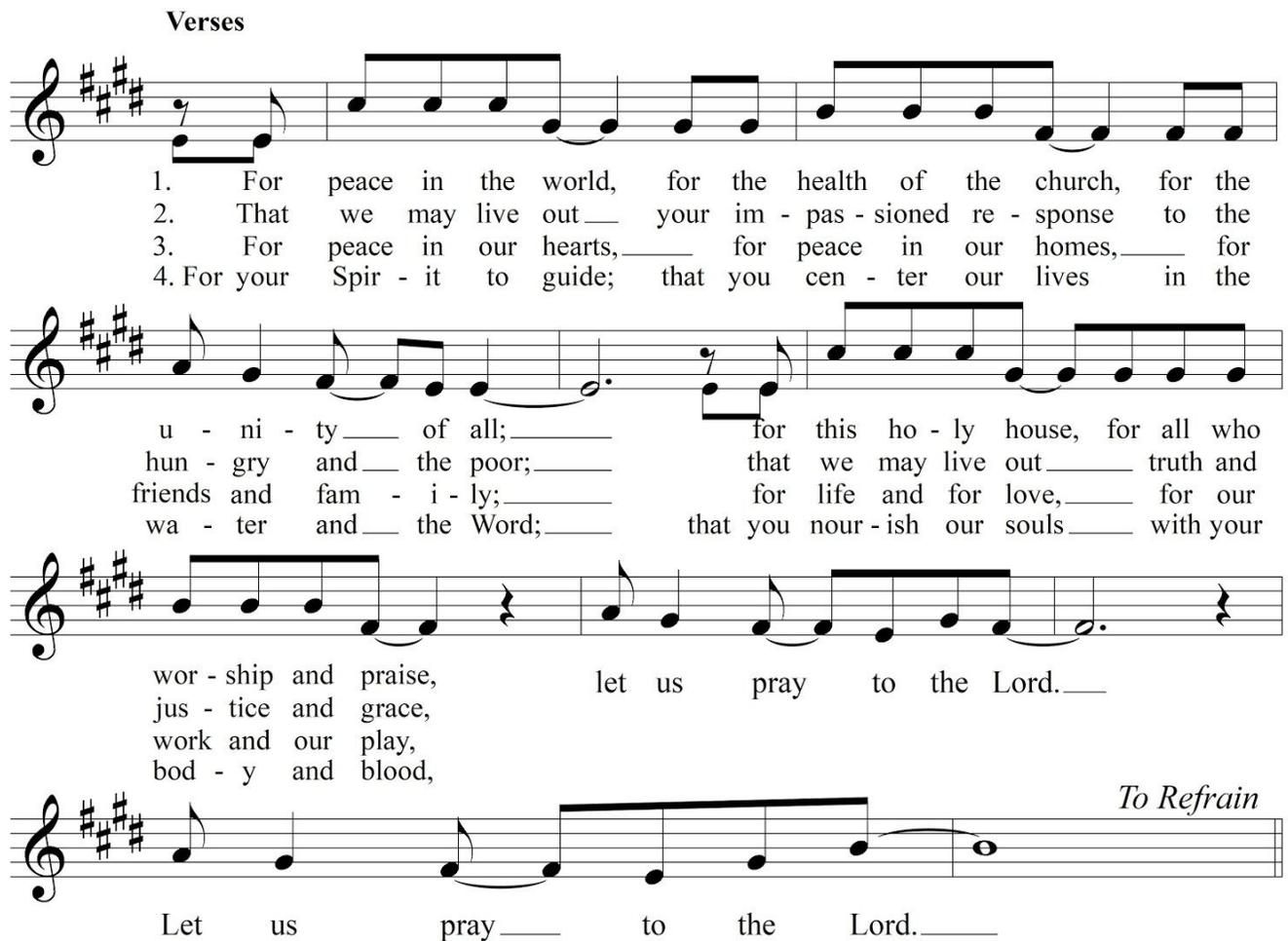
KYRIE ELEISON - "Kyrie" - ELW Setting 8

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 Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Video from LRCC

CHILDREN'S SONG - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" - WOV 767, v. 1 & 4

The image shows a musical score for the children's song "All Things Bright and Beautiful". It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into three sections: a Refrain, a Verse, and a section labeled "To Refrain".

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

Verse

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

To Refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Tune: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK (7 6 7 6 and refrain), English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958.

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23 (Video reading by Bernie Lau)

Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display the divine glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." Moses is not allowed to see God's face, but only God's back.

¹²Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'¹³Now if I have found favor

in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”¹⁴He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”¹⁵And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.”¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”¹⁸Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.”¹⁹And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”²¹And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - “Lord, Be Glorified” - ELW 744

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 in your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952
 Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick
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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 - "Take, Oh Take Me As I Am" - ELW 814 (sing 3 x's)

The image shows a musical score for the song "Take, Oh Take Me As I Am". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some melodic lines in the vocal part.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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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 AND LITANY OF GENEROSITY

A With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(Prayers of intercession will be offered)

A: Dear Lord, we come before You today asking your blessing on our season of stewardship. We pray for generous hearts ... so we may fully appreciate all Your many gifts to us ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may give without counting the cost ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may share without expecting something in return ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may know the joy that comes from helping others ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may share all that You have given us ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may hold all our treasures in an open hand ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may recognize the many blessings in each new day ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may learn the difference between what we need and what we want ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: So we may ever thank You and serve You ...

C: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

A: Lord, we ask all of this, knowing that You will always give us all that we need. Please bless the work we do for You today and always.

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, 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.

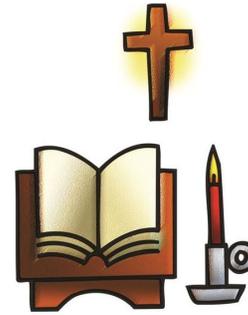
P Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

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.**



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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line.

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 presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

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.¹

COMMUNION 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.

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



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;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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 The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Carol Browning

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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**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88902670619?pwd=SXV4elNsMjVBNE9VR2NqVUpyZVBJQT09>. The Meeting ID is **889 0267 0619** / Passcode: **302996**. 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 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 also for Angelica (friend of the Marroquin family), **Kate** (friend of Julie Merrick) **and her children, Elizabeth A, Roger Allmandinger** (brother-in-law of Jim & Susan Prosser), **Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Mike Carpenter, Richard Casey** (friend of Mary Kienitz), **Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant, Howard Corey, Barbara D'Addario, Tom Demeter** (uncle of Allison Johnson), **Joe Devere** (son of Jody Devere), **Bob Edell, Brian Edwards, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Ron Higginbotham, Luke Hahn** (son of Erica Hahn, Mount Cross preschool teacher), **Charles Hilley, Sandy Knierim** (daughter of Barb Sletten), **Sandra Manning** (friend of Judy Winters), **Nury Martinez-Silva** (friend of Bernie Lau), **Karen Nelson, Audrey Posthauer, Lisa Saner, the Sobolik family, Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage).

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 or call 805.482.3847.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, October 19, 2020

(Newsletter Deadline)

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, October 20, 2020

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

Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 900 a.m. at Valle Lindo Park, 889 Aileen St, Camarillo, CA 93010. Please wear a mask and bring a chair.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Join us as often as you'd like.

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747459576>

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, October 21, 2020

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through

5th grade) meets with Jessica and Inger.

Gather at the church office at 5:00 to be escorted to the park by Jessica and Inger. Children will be picked up back at the church at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we gather to study the Gospel for the upcoming week. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet, go to this link <https://zoom.us/j/861819171> or to call on your phone dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is 861 819 171 and then push pound (#). All are welcome.

Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students preparing for Confirmation meet with

Joe Zimmerman on-site. Email Joe

(joe@mountcross.com)

if you have any questions.

Thursday, October 22, 2020

(LWR Ingathering)

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

Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 730-900 a.m. via Zoom. To join on your laptop, smartphone, or tablet, go to <https://zoom.us/j/122561229> or from your phone, dial 1 669 900 6833. You will be asked for a meeting ID number. Enter 122 561 229 and push pound (#).

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Join us as often as you'd like.

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747459576>

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 (#).

Announcements

TODAY - All-Church Hike at 1:00 p.m.

Join us at 1:00 p.m. today for a fun family hike! We will meet at the parking lot for the Hill Canyon trail entrance (Hill Canyon Rd, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012).

You can use this link to sign up:

<https://signup.com/go/SXjkJiK>. Make sure to bring water and good hiking shoes. We ask that children in first grade or younger have an older sibling (middle school or above) or a parent with them. Don't forget to bring plenty of water, some snacks, and a mask!

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved a testing phase for outdoor worship. Email 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

If you are looking for help to make Sunday worship and re-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/October2020WorshipAssistants> 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) for other details or questions.

Lutheran World Relief Health Care Kits

The recent explosion in Beirut meant the loss of quilts & kits. We have work to do, to replace those kits.

Here's what we need:

- light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended
- bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- toothbrushes (adult size only, can be in bulk packaging)
- sturdy combs
- metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

These items are very specific and should be new. They cannot have any religious symbols or messages, any patriotic or military symbols, including camouflage or the U.S. flag.

Melissa Henry can be your shopper; send a donation to the church office marked "LWR Personal Care Kits" and she'll do your shopping. A donation box to collect the items is available ANYTIME, sitting by the pavilion.

Thank you for your generosity!

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. Also, if you haven't already, 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!

Volunteer Opportunities from Our Volunteer Coordinator

Urgent Transportation Needed

One of our members is in need of transportation from Camarillo to Ventura for weekday chemotherapy treatments. The appointments begin around 9:00-10:00 a.m. and could take up to three hours, depending on what is planned for that day. Folks who are interested can volunteer for a one-way trip, or both ways. Notice will be provided regarding the expected duration and times of the appointments beforehand. Please email serving@mountcross.com to receive additional information and/or volunteer to help.

Meal Delivery SignUp

Mount Cross now has an active signup.com group to include all meal delivery signups.

If you are interested in helping, please check out the website. The link is <https://signup.com/Group/747013451681402013>. This link will be updated with active signups as they are created, so you can bookmark it. If you would like to receive an email whenever there is a new meal delivery sign-up available, please email serving@mountcross.com.

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!

Take Action! - Vote!

Voting is one way to advocate for policies that advance the call for peace and justice in our communities and nation. Make sure you are registered to vote: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>. Encourage those you know to vote.

Additional Resources:

Lutheran Office of Public Policy -
California 2020 Voter Guide:
<http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/2020-voter-guide>

ELCA Civic Engagement Guide
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCAvotes_civic_engagement_and_voter_education_guide.pdf?_ga=2.36652391.670041802.1599148443-1099257076.1595169200

League of Women Voters (CA)
What's on the Ballot?
<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-measures>

Our Church in Changing Times – Ready to Go Where God Leads

*Perhaps **you** are here for just such a time as this. Esther 4:14*

MOUNT CROSS STEWARDSHIP 2021



October 18th begins the time when we focus on the gifts that God has given us. During this period, as Christian stewards, we examine how well we use and share these gifts and consider our future commitments.

2020 has been a year of change for our congregation. Change in what we needed from the church, what we could offer the church, and how Mount Cross could best “be the church.” There have been some surprises but not surprising has been how willing and well-equipped Mount Cross has been to go where God has led. With little notice, our Pastor, staff, and volunteers have adapted to best replicate what we once had and meet newly emerging needs.

Mount Cross’ faithful givers continued their financial support throughout the year providing the stability needed to support flexibility. How remarkable that, despite rightful concerns about health and uncertainty about financial circumstances, together we have kept Mount Cross equipped to respond. The strong support from volunteers during this period has been astonishing.

And so, the 2021 Stewardship Season rightfully starts with an expression of gratitude to those who continued to give of their treasure, time, and talents through the changing times of 2020. There is no doubt that *we are here for just such a time as this.*

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 are available for pickup.

- Sunday, October 18 – at In-person Worship or Drive-through Communion, or
- Monday, October 19–Wednesday, October 21 – at the church from 1:00–5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 22 – Remaining packets will be mailed
- Sunday, November 22 – Deadline for Financial Giving & Time and Talent forms

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

