

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Source of all life,

C **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**



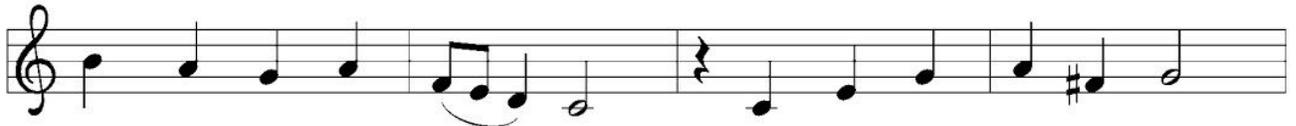
GATHERING SONG - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - ELW 504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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 - "This Is the Feast" - ELW Setting 2

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Detailed description: This block contains the first part of the canticle. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The music is written on a single staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line is the refrain: "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -". The second line continues the refrain: "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third line begins the first verse: "1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us". The fourth line continues the verse: "free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and". The fifth line concludes the verse: "strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his."

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the second part of the canticle. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The music is written on a single staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line is the refrain: "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -". The second line continues the refrain: "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third line begins the second verse: "2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the". The fourth line continues the verse: "hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and". The fifth line concludes the verse: "might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men."

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Vicar Amanda Berg

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

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” - ELW 247 (English only)



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
Text and music © Geonyong Lee



SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John.

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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 - "The Church's One Foundation" - ELW 654

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in Armenia & Azerbaijan, and in our own country. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Bring reconciliation and healing wherever there is division and suffering. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant your healing touch to those who are ill, especially all those suffering in body, mind, or spirit because of the coronavirus or other serious illnesses and difficulties. We pray for our Mount Cross community, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith, we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

A Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

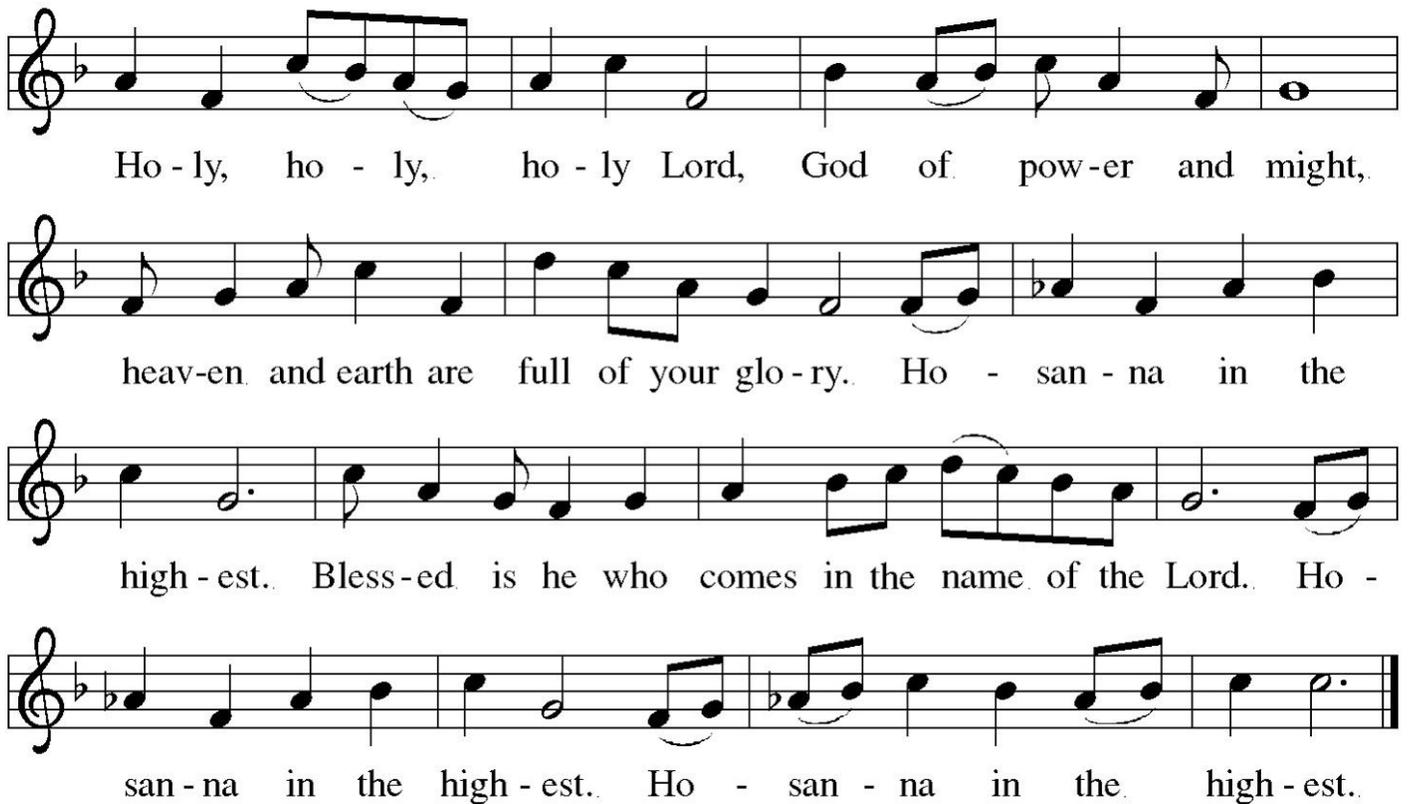
P Lift up your hearts.

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.

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.

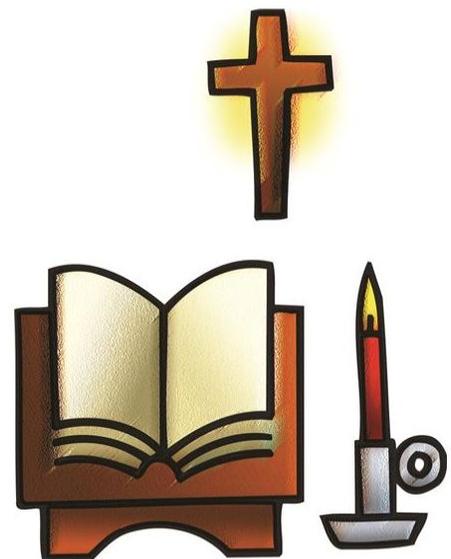
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

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.**



The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



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

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

The Assisting Minister invites all to say the following prayer:

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



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

COMMUNION SONG - "Amazing Grace" - ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

C Amen.

BLESSING

P 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 - Guy Ervin III

**The flowers at the altar today are provided by Joan Brundage,
in honor of her mother's - Patricia Springer's - birthday.**

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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), **Bobbi** (sister of LaJean Wetzel), **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, 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, Sandra Manning** (friend of Judy Winters), **Nury Martinez-Silva** (friend of Bernie Lau), **Karen Nelson, the Posthauer family, 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 26, 2020

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, October 27, 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. It's a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio. Join us as often as you'd like.

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 (#).

Family Faith Night, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for Family Faith Night on Zoom! Gather your family to pray together, play a game, and read the Gospel story. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for the Zoom info.

Wednesday, October 28, 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 Zimmerly on-site. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) if you have any questions.

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

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Friday, October 30, 2020

Halloween Spooktacular, 6:00 p.m.

Our Halloween Spook-tacular is now FULL. Those who signed up using our [sign-up link](#) will be greeted in the parking lot starting at 6:00 p.m. If your name is not on the list, I am so sorry that we will not be able to let you in. Between 6:00 and 6:45 p.m., we will have a Mister Softee truck on campus handing out FREE ice cream! At the same time, we will have a Halloween photo booth and costume contests so make sure to wear your costumes or you can use one of our cardboard cutouts!

For those who did sign up, please make sure to wear your costume and we will even have a best decorated car contest! We will begin our drive-in movie at 6:45 p.m. as we watch Coco. We will supply some sweet treat bags that we will safely prepare ahead of time, but we ask that you do not share candy with other families. If you have to leave your vehicle at any point, you MUST be wearing a mask even with this event taking place outside.

We are looking forward to seeing you October 30 at 6:00 p.m.!



Announcements

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

We are looking for help to make Sunday worship and drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to sign up to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistant>

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.

Confirmation - November 1

Next Sunday, November 1, which is All Saints Day, we'll celebrate Confirmation during our 9:30 a.m. livestream worship. Please keep our young people being confirmed in your prayers.

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!

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>

Gun Safety

If your family owns a gun, please note that local Sheriff and Police stations have FREE gun locks available. Go to your local station and request one. Be a part of keeping your family and community safe by keeping firearms properly secured! Purchasing a gun means accepting the responsibility that comes along with it, and the smartest way to prevent gun-related accidents is to ensure that firearms are always properly stored in the home. Store guns where they won't be accessible to unauthorized persons: hiding a gun in a drawer, closet, or underneath a pillow DOES NOT make your house a safer place. Safe storage means using a gun lock or a gun safe.

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

MOUNT CROSS STEWARDSHIP 2021



Stewardship – Our Church in Changing Times

*I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13*

It was the middle of March 2020, when life as we knew it changed significantly. Just about everything either closed or changed, including on-site worship at Mount Cross, due to COVID-19. Soon after this shutdown, volunteers from our church stepped up and contacted the Mount Cross community. This was to ensure that members and friends of Mount Cross knew there was a lifeline out there during this time of change. These volunteers took to their phones and attempted to make a voiced connection with everyone possible. When a phone connection was not made, letters were written and mailed. It was the goal of our church to make sure members and friends of Mount Cross knew they were thought of during these changing times and to contact the church office if they needed any assistance.

Fast forward to today and so much of the world we once knew is still very changed, but what hasn't changed is the commitment of Mount Cross to be there for you should you need any assistance. Pastor Julie, Vicar Amanda, Joe Zimmerly, the Care Team, and many other volunteers want you to know you can always consider Mount Cross to be your church home when you need support. Stewardship is not only about monetary giving but is also about giving of ourselves when others are in need. Even during times of change, we must remember God's love for us never changes.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE FOR 2021

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

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

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

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