

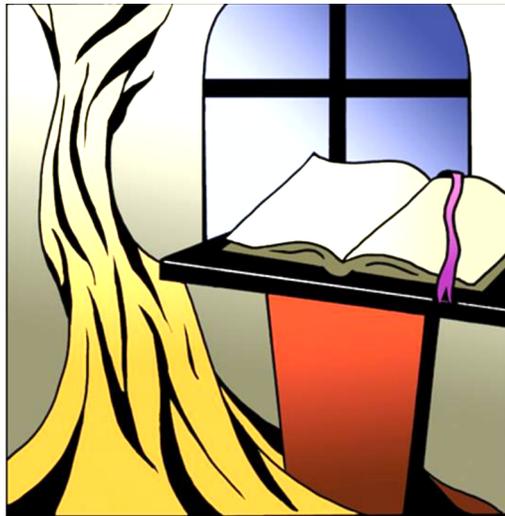
# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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*For those of you worshipping with us in person,  
thank you for wearing your mask (indoors required; outdoors optional)  
and social distancing outdoors when singing.*

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## **To the Parents of Our Young Children –**

*We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies. All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

*We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.*

## **To All Worshippers –**

*The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community.*

**Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!**

**Reformation Day  
October 31, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

## GENEROSITY SPOTLIGHT - Gordon Henry

## GATHERING SONG - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - ELW 504 - Verses 1, 2 & 4

As able, the assembly stands.



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!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

By grace you have been saved.

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

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

C **Amen.**



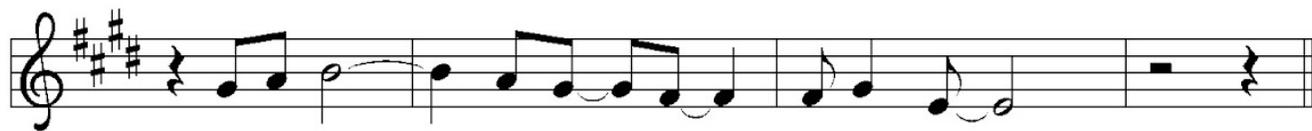
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

# KYRIE - "Kyrie Eleison" - ELW Setting 8



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



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



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

## 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris



### 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.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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 - "Though the Earth Shall Change" - ACS 1035



Though the earth shall change,      though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage,      you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war,      though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters,      we will not fear.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, and Tom Witt, b. 1957, based on Psalm 46

Music: WE WILL NOT FEAR, Tom Witt

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### 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.*

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For 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 – “Alleluia, Raise the Gospel” (Alstott/Farrell)**

**Refrain**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise the Gos - pel o - ver the earth!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Peace and jus - tice bring - ing to birth!

**Verse**

Speak, Lord, for your ser - vant's lis - t'ning, Speak, Lord, for we're long - ing to hear

**To Refrain**

Good News, that at last the prom - ised reign of God is near!

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**GOSPEL: 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 Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They 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?’”

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

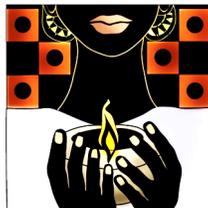
**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*The assembly is seated.*



## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The assembly may be seated.*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Unchanging God, we pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, and neighborhoods. Instill in our beings a new love and care for creation. Give us the wisdom to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for stillness and peace to listen to your voice, calling us to know that you are God. Give us discerning hearts and minds and the willingness to be guided by your will, even when it calls us to uncomfortable places. Grant us the courage and the grace to be generous stewards of the time and talents you have placed in us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of your scriptures. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, Bible studies, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Watch over Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson in her path of ministry in Word and Service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, elder care communities, nursing facilities, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Be with each person who is sick or in need of prayer, especially (*those on our prayer list below*).

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Alice** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Jenny** (daughter of friend of Barbara Burke), **Linda** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Bonnie** (sister of Karen Cherry), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Beth Downard** (friend of the Rowleys), **the family of Bob Edell, Natalie Faltin, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Scott Frezieres** (son-in-law of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Bill Greason, John Grennan, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Jordan Kessler** (granddaughter of Janet Kessler), **Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Marie DeVere McClain** (daughter of Jody DeVere), **Lucille Miley, Arturo Morales** (brother of Anne & Gil Valencia's neighbor), **Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner) **and the Saner family, Larry** (brother of Lisa Saner), **Marlene** (sister of Lisa Saner), **the family of Walter** (friend of Denise Sobolik), **the family of Margaret Steele** (friend of Charlene Sakioka), **Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Jacob Wengreen** (Angie Churchill's nephew), **Howard Wullschleger.**

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud (*pause*) ... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING SONG - "We Are an Offering" - ELW 692 - CCLI Song # 16220

### Chorus 1

*We lift our voices*

*We lift our hands*

*We lift our lives up to You*

*We are an offering*

*Lord use our voices*

*Lord use our hands*

*Lord use our lives they are Yours*

*We are an offering*

### Bridge

*All that we have*

*All that we are*

*All that we hope to be*

*We give to You*

*We give to You*

### Chorus 2

*We lift our voices*

*We lift our hands*

*We lift our lives up to You*

*We are an offering*

*We are an offering*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

*San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

*. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie-lo y la tie-rra de tu glo-ria.*  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

*Ben - di - to el que vie-ne en nom-bre del Se-ñor. . .*  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

*Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e-res, oh Dios.*  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

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

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

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

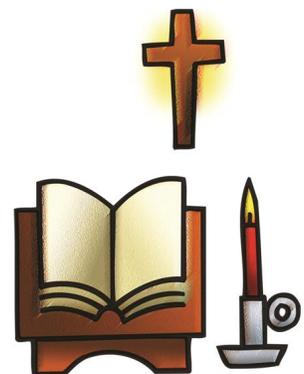
C **Amen.**

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

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

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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



The assembly may be seated.

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



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)**

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

*As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:*



**I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.**

*(We pause for silent prayer).*

**Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

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

**COMMUNION SONGS - "Grace Alone" (Brown/Nelson) - CCLI Song #2335524**

Verse 1

Ev'ry promise we can make  
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith  
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make  
Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry mountain we will climb  
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine  
Ev'ry blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us our Cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone

Verse 2

Ev'ry soul we long to reach  
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach  
Ev'rywhere we share His peace  
Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry loving word we say  
Ev'ry tear we wipe away  
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise  
Is only by His grace

Chorus (sing twice)

We will go forth in grace alone



## “Break Now the Bread of Life” - ELW 515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The image shows a three-part musical score for the hymn "Break Now the Bread of Life". It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**C** **Amen.**

### BLESSING

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

**C** **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG - "The Church's One Foundation" - ELW 654 - Verses 1, 2 & 5

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.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Vicky Edell in thanksgiving for the life of Robert (Bob) Edell, with gratitude to the Mount Cross Care Team, and in celebration of Reformation Sunday.**

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

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

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars. Please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

## The Week at a Glance

### TODAY, October 31, 2021

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

### Monday, November 1, 2021

Website Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
The Website Committee meets at 9:00 a.m.

### Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

### Service & Missions Committee, 6:00 p.m.

The Service & Missions Committee meets at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

### Learning Committee, 7:00 p.m.

Learning Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are invited to join! Contact Tracy Blois at tracy.allyson@gmail.com for details. Learning Committee plans our children, youth, and family programming working closely with Joe and the amazing CYFM team.

### Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  
The Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

### Peace & Justice and Anti-Racism Check-In, 7:00 p.m.

Peace & Justice and Anti-Racism Check-in meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

### Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.  
Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. We study the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Wednesday Dinner, 6:00 p.m.  
Our Wednesday dinner is at 6:00 p.m., in the Pavilion or Parish Life Center. Suggested donation, \$5.

### Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

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

### Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary (masked and with the doors open) from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

### Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the loft (doors open, masked), from 7:15-8:15 p.m.

## **Thursday, November 4, 2021**

### Men's Bible Study at Marie Callender's, 7:30 a.m.

The Men's Bible Study meets for breakfast at Marie Callender's (185 E. Daily Drive). A \$15 donation covers breakfast and a tip, but don't let cost prevent you from attending. No RSVP necessary; questions, contact Randy Churchill ([hrchurchill@verizon.net](mailto:hrchurchill@verizon.net))

### Young Adult Group, 6:30 p.m.

All Young Adults are invited to gather at 6:30 p.m..  
Contact Joe Zimmerly ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) for details.

### Re-Opening Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Re-Opening Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

### Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

## **Next Sunday, November 7, 2021**

### All Saints Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship

We'll celebrate a baptism during Sunday worship, as well as have a time to remember those who have died.

### Deacon Information Meeting

See the announcement below for details about the 11:00 a.m. in person meeting and the 7:00 p.m. Zoom.

### "For All the Saints" Handbell Concert, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a program of handbell music for our wonderful Mount Cross Handbell Choir.  
No charge/freewill offering.

## **Announcements**

### **Sunday Worship**

The Re-Opening Committee meets monthly to review our COVID precautions. We continue to require masks for indoor worship. Masks are optional for outdoor worship in the pavilion, but please maintain social distancing. We also need worship assistants:  
<https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

### **Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception**

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

### **Children, Youth, and Family Ministry**

Programs are going strong so check the newsletter or email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) for details or questions.

### **Anti-Racism Work of the Week:**

*These links are offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill to those who are seeking to learn from diverse voices and take action towards reconciliation and healing. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations as we learn together.*

We're taking a week off from an assignment but we can still do work individually to be anti-racist people.

### **Vaccine Sign-up Site**

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at [MyTurn.CA.gov](https://MyTurn.CA.gov) or for walk-ins.  
Locations available throughout the county!

### **Altar Flowers**

To request flowers for our worship:  
<http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost is \$35.00; 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.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our Prayer Shawl ministry could use additional helpers to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to those in need of comfort. To give a shawl or for instructions to knit or crochet one, contact Diana Hagen (805-482-6411).

### **More Ways to Give**

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial!

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross.

Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com).

### **September Year-to-Date Contributions Statements**

Joan Brundage, our Financial Secretary, has emailed or "snail mailed" your September YTD Contribution Statements. Please reply to her at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com) if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your generosity!

### **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. **Please do not donate food that is expired.**  
Thanks for your support!

## **Worship Guidelines**

The Re-opening Committee met and has decided to stay the course for our worship.

**Masks are still required for indoor worship.** Although some places have chosen to make masks optional for those who are vaccinated, we, as Lutherans, love to sing and there are concerns about singing indoors and keeping people safe, which is our first priority. Because we love to sing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 12), masks are required indoors for worship. Masks are optional **outside** and we offer seating in the pavilion outdoors, but we ask you to keep socially distanced from those not in your household. Thanks for your continued cooperation in following these guidelines to help keep Mount Cross safe.

## **Deacon Information Meeting**

**Next Sunday, November 7**

**11:00 a.m. under the Pavilion**

**or 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

The Church Council unanimously voted at its October meeting to schedule a Special Congregational Meeting on November 21 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom to consider calling Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson to be a Deacon serving at Mount Cross.

All are invited to learn more about what it means to be a Deacon in the ELCA, how Dr. Travick-Jackson understands her emerging ministry, and the process and timeline for calling and ordaining a Deacon at Mount Cross, next Sunday, November 7, in person at 11:00 a.m. under the Pavilion.

For those unable to attend in person at 11:00 a.m., we will repeat the Deacon Information Meeting on Zoom in the evening of November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Here is the Zoom information:

<https://bit.ly/DeaconInformation>

Meeting ID: 824 9898 4733

Passcode: 093551

## **Lutheran Disaster Response Matching Opportunity**

We know you all have been paying attention to the world news—fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and flooding are happening in too many places to name. Lutheran Disaster Response has been there, helping our neighbors, providing a little bit of hope along with food, water, and basic care. And you may have already taken the time to send a donation to them—but if you haven't, now is the time to do so. Your Service and Missions Team would like to offer you a **MATCH for any donations given to Lutheran Disaster Response** through the church, for up to \$1,000, during the month of November. You can use the special offering envelope in your box, or just write it on the memo line of your check and on the outside of your regular giving envelope.

## Pews in the Sanctuary

As a temporary fix and somewhat of an experiment, the Council approved a motion from the Worship & Music committee to remove the last two rows of pews and replace them with the chairs stacked at the back of the sanctuary. The reasoning from that committee is that we seek to make our sanctuary more accessible to our growing number of seniors who are unable to crawl over others to be seated in our worship space. Seniors would also like to have their walkers or canes near them and accessible. The secondary reason is to make our sanctuary space be a place that can also be more flexible so it can be used for Bible Studies and/or meetings at the back. As it stands now, while the preschool is in session, the only place to have a meeting is in Pastor Julie's office or the pavilion.

The pews will be kept in storage for the time being. The Property Committee has raised additional questions with regard to our ADA compliance. This will be an ongoing exploration into the design of the sanctuary and input will be sought from others in the congregation and discussion at the annual meeting.

Becky Riley, Council President

## 2022 Generosity Campaign



*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

What does generosity mean to you? To me, it means doing something for someone else without the expectation of return. Jesus taught this in one of his parables in Luke (Luke 14: 7-14). I am currently tutoring a college student in chemistry but have declined payment. I want to help this student succeed in chemistry without putting a financial burden on them.

At Mount Cross, the Care Team has implemented several ways for us to generously lighten the burdens of fellow members. There is the Card Ministry where cards are sent to members every few weeks who are in need of spiritual support. This lets them know they are being thought of and being prayed for. There is also a Meal Ministry where members going through a crisis can have meals delivered to their doors by Mount Cross volunteers. These acts of generosity are very much appreciated by those on the receiving end and that appreciation is rewarding.

Be sure to look over the green survey in your Generosity packet and consider how you can grow generosity with your time and talent. What you choose can definitely make a difference in others' lives.

*Luanne Crockett, Generosity Team member*

Please pick up your 2022 Pledge Packet after worship or drive-through Communion at the table outside, through Commitment Sunday, November 21, or if you're not here Sunday mornings, you can get it afternoons in the church office.



### **Advent Wreath Making with St. Columba's**

**Sunday, November 28**, come to the pavilion for our annual **Advent Wreath Making** event, from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** Bring clippers and gloves. Other supplies will be provided and you'll end up with an Advent wreath to take home. Suggested donation: \$10. Please **sign up so we know you're coming:**

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



### **Hospitality Sign-ups Now Online!**

Who doesn't enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a light snack after church on Sunday mornings? Sign-ups for hosting a Sunday morning Hospitality on the patio has gone online. The new link is: [https://bit.ly/MtCross\\_Hospitality](https://bit.ly/MtCross_Hospitality).

Thank you for your service to the Mount Cross community!

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

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



# *For All the Saints*

**Sunday, November 7, 2:00 p.m.**

The **Mount Cross Handbell Choir**  
and handbell soloist Linda Young will  
present an **afternoon program of handbell music**  
for All Saints Sunday and to commemorate  
the third anniversary of the Borderline shooting.

**All are welcome.**

**No charge; freewill offering.**

*Fellowship / simple reception following the program.*

Masking policy will follow Ventura County guidelines.

## **Mount Cross Lutheran Church**

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**Next Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 p.m.** come and enjoy our Handbell Choir program. **If you'd like to help with this event - set-up, reception & fellowship, clean-up - please contact Carol Browning ([office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com)).**  
Thanks to Joan Brundage, Barbara Cranfill, and the Classical Concert Series committee for their support!

**Save the Date!**

**Thanksgiving Eve, Thursday, November 24**

Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m., followed by our Mount Cross Pie Social.



# PIE SOCIAL

## Mount Cross Patio after Thanksgiving Eve Service

Bring a pie pre sliced or just stop and enjoy an assortment of wonderful pies and some wonderful fellowship with your Mount Cross friends, family, and with some of those you have yet to meet. Coffee, hot apple cider, and water will also be provided.

If you would like to bring a pie, contact: Henry Moraga  
by call or text: 805-890-8394 or email: [teach1art2learn3@yahoo.com](mailto:teach1art2learn3@yahoo.com)