

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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

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

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

## **To All Worshippers –**

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

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

**The 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
God's Work. Our Hands Sunday  
September 11, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (HYMN TO JOY; arr. Larson)**  
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris**

**GATHERING SONG - "God's Work, Our Hands" - ACS 1000**

*As able, the assembly stands.*



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✠ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us  
and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

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

P To you, O God,  
C **all hearts are open, to you all desires known.**  
**We come to you, confessing our sins.**  
**Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.**  
**Show us your ways; teach us your paths;**  
**and lead us in justice and truth,**  
**for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,  
and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ,  
God forgives you all your sins.  
The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**



## GREETING

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

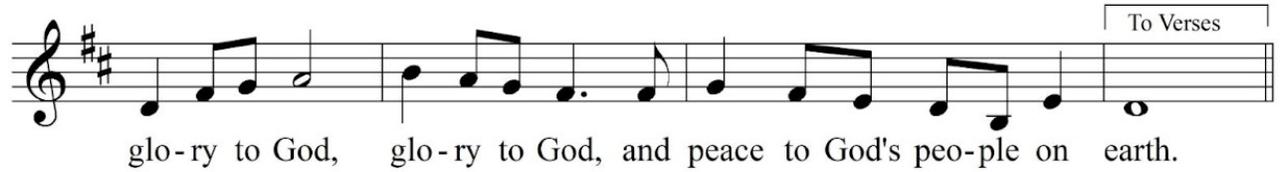
C **And also with you.**

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

**Refrain**



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



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

**Final**



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

**Verse 1**

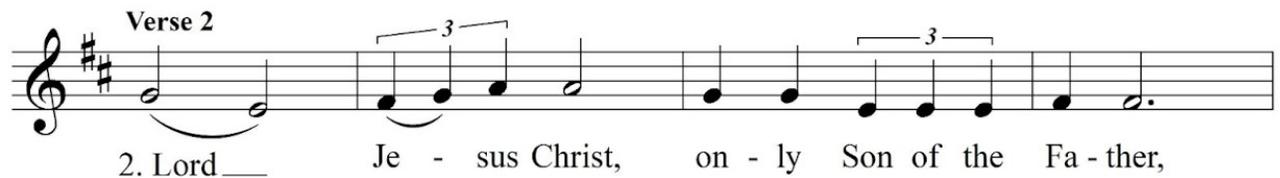


1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



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

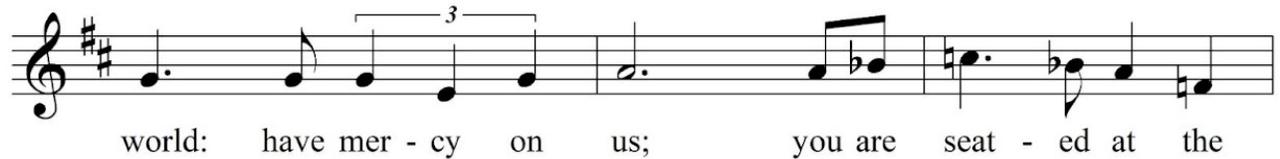
**Verse 2**



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



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



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



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

**Verse 3**

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

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

## CHILDREN'S SONG - "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" - ELW 752 (sing 2x's)

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;  
 Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943  
 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema  
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## **FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14**

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup>And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



# PSALM 51 - "Bring Forth a New Heart" (Browning) - Verses 1-3

**Refrain**

Bring forth a new heart in me, O God.  
 Change me, re - shape me, re - new me.  
 Bring forth a new heart, a new heart, O God. Trans -  
 form me, bring me back to You. \_\_\_\_\_

**To Verses**

**Final**

You. \_\_\_\_\_ Trans - form me, bring me back to You. \_\_\_\_\_

**Verses**

1. Have mer - cy, O God, have mer - cy on me. In your  
 2. A - gainst you I've sinned and strayed from your path; grac - ious  
 3. Cre - ate in me, God, a heart made of love and a  
 4. O give back to me the joy of your grace. Help me

**To Refrain**

grace, blot out my trans - gress - ions. \_\_\_\_\_  
 God, for - give all my fail - ings. \_\_\_\_\_  
 spir - it born of your Spir - it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 know that you will sus - tain me. \_\_\_\_\_

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 51.

Words and music: Carol Browning, © 2022, Out Of The Way Music.



## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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" (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: Luke 15:1-10**

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]  
<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

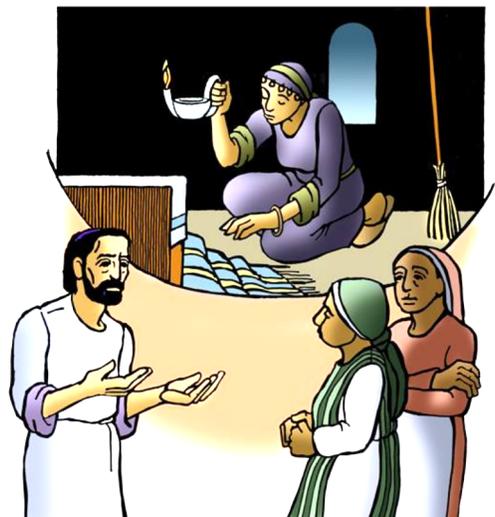
<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**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 - "God Welcomes All" - ACS 978 - sing 3 times

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. 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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*The assembly may be seated.*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. On this anniversary of the terrible tragedy that happened on September 11, 2001, we pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families. We pray for the safety of service men and women, for emergency response workers, for police and firefighters, for all who protect us and keep us safe, and for all who live with war and violence, and we give thanks for their sacrifices. We pray for the wisdom to work together to bring an end to hatred, violence, division, and intolerance. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the many ministries of this community, especially our Service & Missions and Peace & Justice teams, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

- A Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need, especially those on our prayer list ...

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**We pray for Levi** (friend of Dan & Karen Nelson), **Barbara Burke, Marion Cole, Joseph and Rosanna DeVere** (son and daughter-in-law of Jody DeVere), **Guy Ervin III, Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **Doug Harris** (cousin of Kristine Dawson), **Tom Heathorn** (cousin of Marni Engh), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Jerry Kochans, Kathy McBroom** (friend of Nancy & Bill Rowley), **Dave McDonnell** (friend of Karin and John Grennan), **the family of Bob McMenamin** (cousin of Karen Gramacki), **Karen Nelson, Chrissy O'Farrell, Scott Otjen** (friend of Mary and Ric Kienitz), **Ellie Ranson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Heather Rogers** (granddaughter of Nancy and Jim Jaeger), **the family of Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner), **Val Starkgraf, Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment), **Diana Washington** (friend of Karen Cherry).

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

- A God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

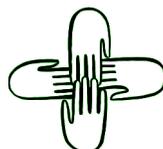
God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud (*pause*) ... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

- C **Amen.**

### PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**



**OFFERTORY - "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Dix; arr. Larson)**

*Mount Cross Handbell Choir*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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 Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,  
and make us one in this community of faith  
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**



Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD - "This Is the Body of Christ" (Bell)**

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be

The first system of musical notation is in 3/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be".

whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,".

cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.".

**All are welcome at the Lord's Table.** Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church. Please come forward to receive the bread, and then walk to the side to receive wine or grape juice (in the center ring). Place your empty cup in the trays provided. Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges (or those worshipping outside who don't wish to come inside).

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

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

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

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

*(We pause for silent prayer).*

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



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

COMMUNION SONGS - "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table" (Troeger/Joyous Light)



1. Look who gath - ers at Christ's tab - le!  
 2. Clouds of light sur - round the tab - le;  
 3. Their sad stor - ies are re - peat - ed  
 4. Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness,



Hear the stor - ies that they bring. Some are weep - ing;  
 an - cient fol - low - ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing  
 in a thou - sand dif - f'rent ways, but they share one  
 and pre - pare to be sur - prised by the host whose



some are laugh - ing; some have songs they want to sing.  
 how they wres - tled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.  
 thing in com - mon: they all end in thanks and praise  
 hands are wound - ed, who will o - pen wide your eyes



Oth - ers ask why they're in - vit - ed, bur - dened by the  
 Pet - er tells of his de - ny - ing Christ was ev - er  
 for the host who has in - vit - ed north and south and  
 when he bless - es bread and breaks it— truth and man - na



wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they all are wel - come,  
 in his sight; Paul re - lates his fruit - less ef - ferts  
 east and west to con - verge a - round this tab - le,  
 from a - bove!— and then pass - es wine that wak - ens



there is room for ev - 'ry - one. \_\_\_\_\_  
 to ob - lit - er - ate the light. \_\_\_\_\_  
 where all life is fed and blest. \_\_\_\_\_  
 in your heart the taste of love. \_\_\_\_\_

## “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (Faber/BEECHER)

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
 3. For the love of God is broad - er than the meas - ures of our mind;  
 4. 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:

there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.

There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,

There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: BEECHER (8.7.8.7.D), John Zundel, 1815-1882.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

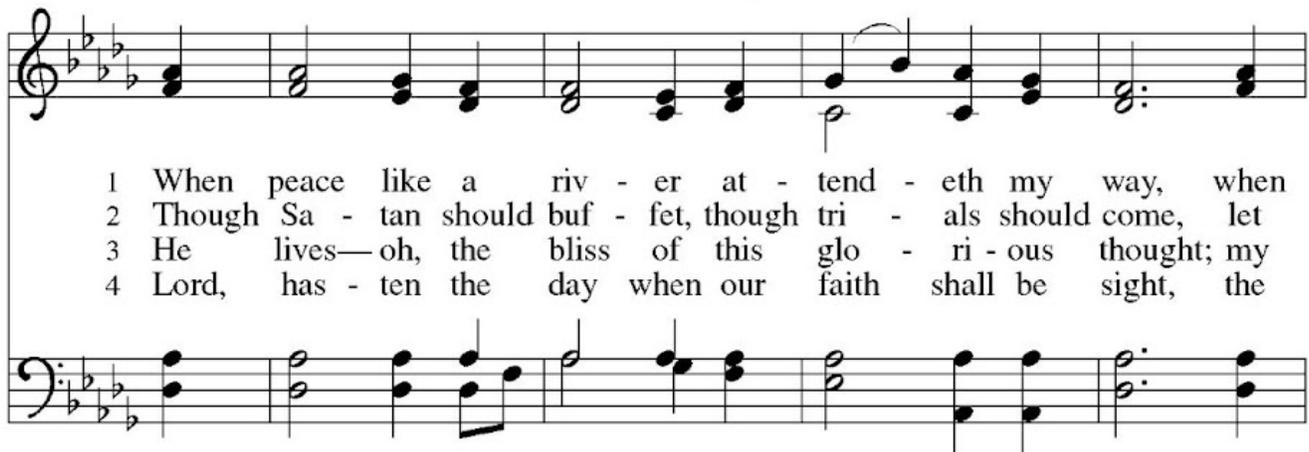
*As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.*

## BLESSING

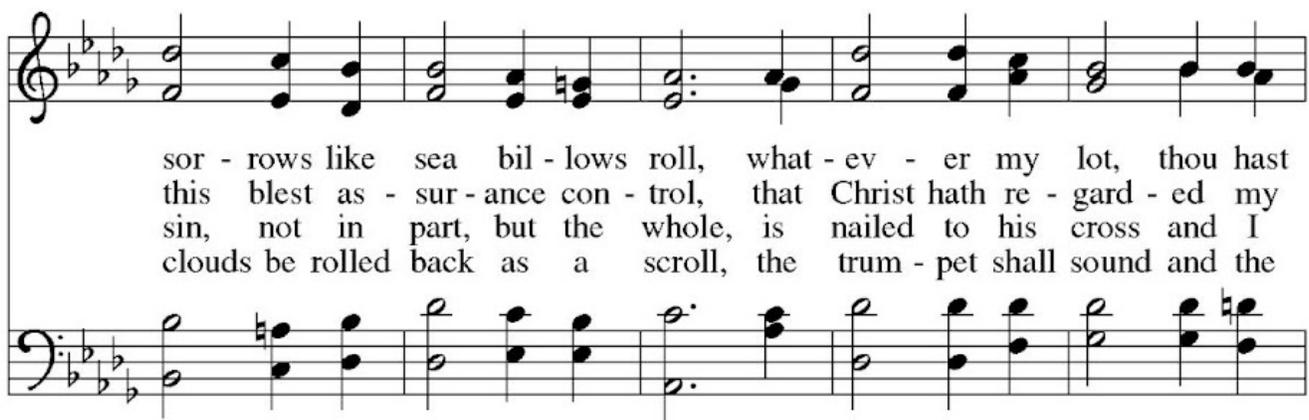
P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG - "When Peace Like a River" - ELW 785 - Verses 1 & 4



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 by Scott and Nora Fajnor in honor of Scott's birthday.**

**Thank you to our Mount Cross Handbell Choir for their musical offerings today -  
 Betty Ertel, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Barbara Recker, Elliott Ripley,  
 Jean Scott, Melissa Sobolik, and Aimee Stoll.**

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

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

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

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

## **The Week at a Glance**

### **TODAY, September 11**

#### **God's Work. Our Hands Sunday**

Harbor House Lunch Assembly,  
after worship

Join the Service & Missions Team after worship, making and assembling 80 bag lunches for the Harbor House meal program.

Advance Directives Presentation,  
1:00 p.m.

The Health Ministry presents a workshop on Advanced Directives and Decisions in the sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. No charge.

Channel Islands Conference Fall  
Assembly, 2:00 p.m.

The Channel Islands Conference Assembly will take place today at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity in Thousand Oaks. Bishop Brenda along with other Synod staff will discuss "Extreme Makeover: Church Edition" to facilitate conversation about the challenges currently facing congregations, and creative ways forward. Key leaders are encouraged to attend. Zoom option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85775364595> Meeting ID: 857 7536 4595

### **Monday, September 12**

Generosity/Stewardship Committee,  
10:00 a.m.

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

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Learning Committee, 6:00 p.m.

The Learning Committee meets at 6:00 p.m. (note time change) on Zoom. Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) or Tracy Blois.

### **Tuesday, September 13**

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

Women's Bible Study resumes, meeting in the sanctuary, following the *Gather* study, "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith."

CDC Board, 7:30 p.m.

The CDC Board meets at 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, September 14**

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

The Adult Bible Study resumes meeting in the Parish Life Center at 5:00 p.m., facilitated by Allison Johnson.

ROOTED, 5:00 p.m.

This is a new program for Faith Formation parents and others, Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 p.m. See the announcement below! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Julie, [pastorjulie@mountcross.com](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com).

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

All children Preschool through 5th grade are invited to join Joe Zimmerly at 5:00 p.m. for "Fun with Faith"! Questions, contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

Community Dinner, 5:45 p.m.

All are invited to join us for dinner each Wednesday in the pavilion and Parish Life Center. Suggested donation: \$5/person. Questions, contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com))

Confirmation, 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation for our Middle School youth meets at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. Questions, contact joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m.

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

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

The choir meets in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. to rehearse music for Sundays and learn anthems and special music.

### **Thursday, September 15**

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

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

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

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

**Next Sunday, September 18**  
Worship and Picnic in the Park,  
9:30 a.m.

See the announcement below for more info.  
No Drive-through Communion next week.

## **Worship Guidelines**

Following County guidelines, masks are strongly recommended for all people indoors in public places in California. Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation, and love for your neighbor that you continue to show.

## **Announcements**

### **Sunday Worship**

We always need worship assistants, especially for technology. We will train you. Contact Vicky Edell at vickyedell5@gmail.com or sign-up online at <https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

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

Our weekly programs return mid-September. Email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) with any 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.*

In honor of the Labor Day holiday, here is an article from Chris Winters at YES! Magazine reflecting on the history of work - and thinking about what the future of work might look like. How much of your self-identity is made up of your work? How does that affect your life? Did the Covid-19 pandemic change your attitude about work and workers? If so, how? Read the article, then maybe take some time to reflect and share:

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/issue/work/2022/08/16/work-history-future>

### **Altar Flowers**

To request flowers for our worship: <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2022>. **The cost is \$40.00;** you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, please let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy.

### **More Ways to Give**

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

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

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

### **Amazon Smile**

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

### **St. Columba's Food Pantry**

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. They could also use boxes of breakfast cereal. **Please do not donate food that is expired.**

Thanks for your support.

## **Afternoon Chapel**

Join us for **Afternoon Chapel on Thursday, September 15**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mount Cross Sanctuary. This shortened Worship Service is complete with communion, singing, prayers and fellowship. Contact the Mount Cross office at 805-482-3847 if you need a ride to the Chapel Service or for more information.

## God's Work. Our Hands

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**TODAY, September 11**, is **God's Work, Our Hands Day**. Plan to join us after worship as we make and assemble 80 bag lunches for the Harbor House meal program. Your Service & Missions committee and Thrivent are purchasing all the supplies, we just need your hands to help! We have to make sandwiches, fill the bags, and maybe even write a note on the bag for the recipient. Then those meals will travel to the hands of our neighbors to help fill their bellies and their hearts.

Last of the HEALTH MINISTRY EDUCATION Series - END-OF-LIFE ISSUES  
**TODAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 1:00 p.m. – DECISIONS & DOCUMENTS**

People of all ages may unexpectedly be in a position where they cannot speak for themselves, such as an accident or severe illness.

Have you given thought to important matters that may affect decisions that need to be made upon your death or incapacitation? Learn how to make decisions and share your values and preferences in advance. Presenters include Teri Helton, frequent speaker on this subject; Jennifer Christeson, Mount Cross Health Ministry Social Worker; a local estate planning attorney; and Pastor Julie Morris. There will be time for questions. All members are encouraged to attend & bring a friend. There is no target age or gender!

Refreshments and resource materials are provided.

### **New Program!**

#### **ROOTED for Parents and All Adults**

*Wednesdays, 5:00–5:45 p.m., beginning **September 14**. Attend weekly or occasionally.*

Instead of preparing dinner, set aside 45 minutes in the center of the week to be re-centered and rooted in God's grace. Pastor Julie will facilitate a space for you to breathe, pray, savor scripture, move a little bit, and connect with God and each other about things that matter. Fun with Faith is offered at the same time for preschool through elementary-aged children.

Community dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. for all to enjoy.

Meet Pastor Julie in the Prayer Garden.

## **Holy Baptism and New Member Information**

**Sunday, September 25, 11:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Life Center**

Pastor Julie will host an informational meeting for all who are interested in exploring Baptism into the Body of Christ and Membership at Mount Cross. Contact Pastor Julie for more information or if you would like to attend ([pastorjulie@mountcross.com](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com)).  
Childcare is available upon request.

Save the date: We will offer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and receive new members on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 2022.

## **Service and Missions Collection for September: Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits**

Lutheran World Relief goes in on our behalf to help our neighbors when they need it the most.

They provide support to communities in West Africa facing cycles of drought and food shortages, for wildfire and flood victims in the US and multiple disasters around the world. They are committed to helping the people affected by the war in Ukraine, supporting refugee centers, providing medical equipment to hospitals, and distributing quilts and care kits.

Visit [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) to learn more.

After food and water, one of the most requested items is the personal care kit. Allowing a person who has suffered a trauma to clean themselves and brush their teeth goes a long way toward restoring their HOPE!

For the entire month of September, we will be collecting items to build Personal Care Kits for LWR. We have a goal of 75 kits this year. Please put all items you donate into the plastic box at the back of the sanctuary. We will be assembling the kits together later this fall.

Here's what we need:

- light-weight bath-sized towels (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52" dark color recommended)
- Bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- sturdy combs
- metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- toothbrushes (adult size only, may be in bulk packaging)

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. **If you prefer to let someone else do the shopping, give your donation to Melissa Henry (or drop it in the offering plate labeled LWR kits) and she will happily take care of it for you!**

Worship in the Park & Church Picnic  
Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Join Us for Park Worship!  
In the covered picnic area at Bob Kildee Park  
(1030 Temple Ave. in Camarillo)

Bring your most comfortable lawn chairs (some folding chairs will be provided).  
We will have sandwich sack lunches available. We encourage those who enjoy a more  
elaborate picnic or who have special dietary requirements to bring your own.

We will all eat together after worshipping together  
and then enjoy games and fellowship. Invite your  
families, neighbors, and friends!

Sign-up online at <https://bit.ly/MCPicnic> or  
at church on Sundays or call or email the  
church office at (805) 482-3847 or  
[office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com).



## LUTHERAN RETREATS, CAMPS & CONFERENCES

El Camino Pines & Luther Glen Farm

### **The 31st Christian Camp Classic - Support Camp!**

The 31st Christian Camp Classic is **September 29, 2022**, at Sterling Hills Golf Club! Tournament is a 4-player start scramble. \$170 tournament fee includes green fees, cart, banquet and a small donation to camp. Bring your friends for a day of golf and fun. Raffle and dinner to follow the tournament. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the banquet and raffle. Dinner tickets are \$35.

**Sign up your foursome today!**

[Register Online](#)

## **Lutheran Disaster Relief - Flooding in Kentucky**

You may have seen the distressing news about flash flooding in eastern Kentucky. A line of severe storms dumped record amounts of rain on the area, overflowing rivers and creeks onto streets and neighborhoods. The floodwaters rose in the middle of the night from July 27 to 28, leaving people little time to evacuate. Rising waters have damaged infrastructure, including roads, bridges and power lines, which hinders rescue efforts. The flooding has damaged hundreds of homes and other buildings and disrupted the lives of families.

Donate online:

<https://community.elca.org/usflooding2022?erid=ad3f75de-3b39-4b40-830b-3e356948a476&trid=ad3f75de-3b39-4b40-830b-3e356948a476>

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

Write "U.S. Flooding" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm CT) or [online](#).

## **Generosity Is Year-Round**

***Be Biblical. Let God do the Talking***

***"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."***

***Matthew 25:35***

Generosity is year-round but our time for Estimated Giving/Pledges and the Time & Talent forms is near. You will see more information in October but hopefully you will start praying about what you can do to further the mission of Mount Cross to "be Rooted in God's Grace as we Joyfully Witness and Serve."

Matthew speaks of hunger and receiving something to eat. Mount Cross deals with this spiritually through Worship & Music, Missions/Outreach, Youth programs, Bible studies, Anti-Racism work, VBS, our Prayer ministry and Meditation group. We also receive physically through the Caring team, Quilters, Food Pantry, Helping Hands, Disaster Relief & Disaster Response, and many other services provided by our generous staff and volunteers at Mount Cross.

We appreciate all that you do and hope to continue these missions into the new year.

- Your Generosity Team

