

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!

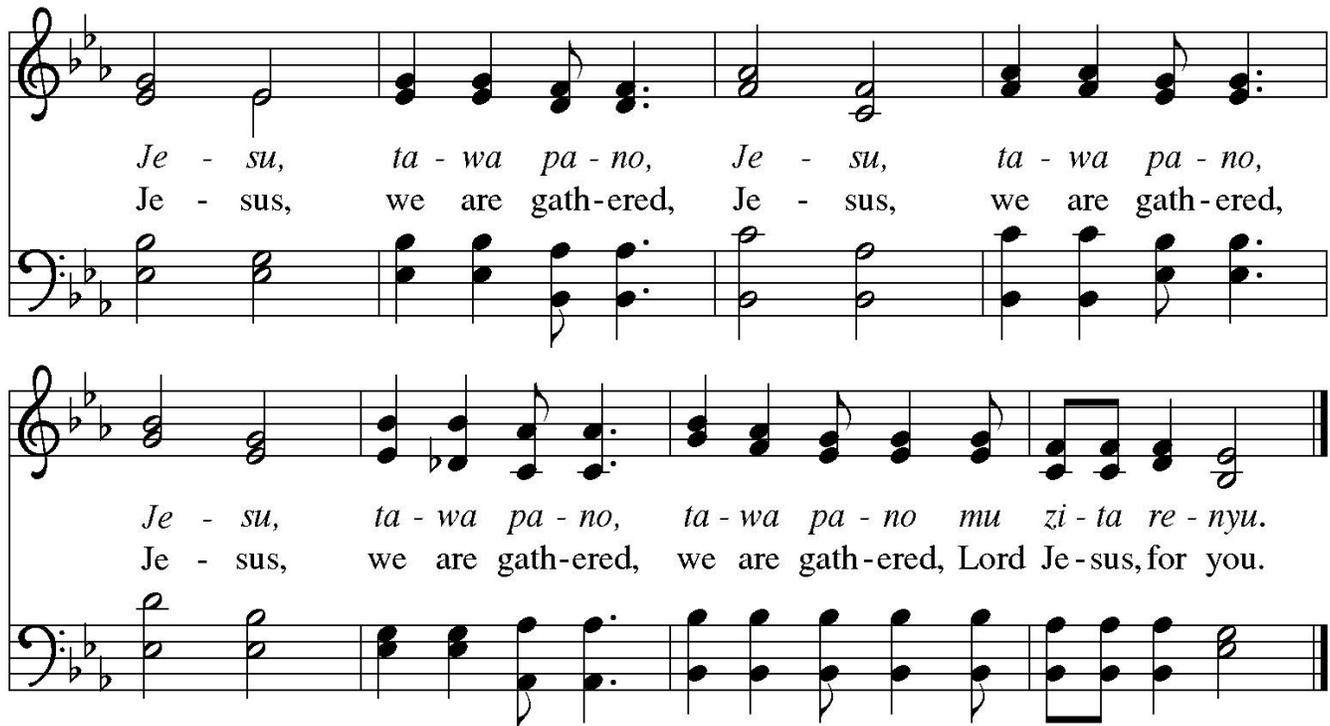
**Blessing of Amy Vega and
our Child Development Center
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Jesus, We Are Gathered" - ELW 529 (sing 3x's in English)

As able, the assembly stands.



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal staff and a piano staff. The second system also has two staves: a vocal staff and a piano staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je - sus, for you.

Text: Patrick Matsikenyiri

Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyiri

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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

Refrain



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,

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING OF OUR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND WELCOMING OF THE NEW DIRECTOR, AMY VEGA

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-31

This passage, which ends the book of Proverbs, describes the good wife. She is a supremely capable and hardworking person, who runs the household and also engages in commercial ventures. She cares both for her family and for the poor, and she fears the Lord.

¹⁰A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹²She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. ¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. ¹⁵She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. ²²She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. ²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: ²⁹“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” ³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



SONG OF RESPONSE - "God Welcomes All" - ACS 978 (sing 3x's)

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system of music has the lyrics: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The second system of music has the lyrics: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Alleluia, Raise the Gospel” (Alstott/Farrell)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are labeled 'Refrain' and the last two are labeled 'Verse'. The lyrics are: '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! Speak, Lord, for your ser - vant's lis - t'ning, Speak, Lord, for we're long - ing to hear Good News, that at last the prom - ised reign of God is near!' The word 'To Refrain' is written above the final staff.

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

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

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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 - "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" - ELW 659 - v. 1, 2 & 5



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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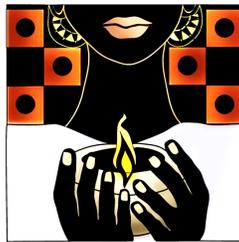
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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 Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our
love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work
together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to
care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and
individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our
prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict,
especially Afghanistan, and for the deep divisions in our own country. Inspire
leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to
disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find
safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Shower your blessings on Amy Vega and the teachers and staff at our Child Development Center. May their work and care touch the lives of all the families at our preschool. Enrich the lives of the children, siblings, and parents of our CDC families and all who are involved in our Children, Youth & Family Ministry. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak, especially to *(those on our prayer list below)*. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, Crista and Bonnie** (niece and sister of Karen Cherry), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **the family of Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Bob Edell, Natalie Faltin, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **John Grennan, Jo Holler, Jerry Kochans, Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Dick Kuchera** (Evonne Kuchera's husband's uncle), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Mary O'Donnell, Jennifer** (daughter of Mary O'Donnell), **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), **Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Jerry Warren, 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 or call 805.482.3847.*

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 - "Ten Thousand Reasons" (Myrin/Redman) - CCLI #6016351

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(Chorus)

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(Chorus)

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
(Chorus)

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

P 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.

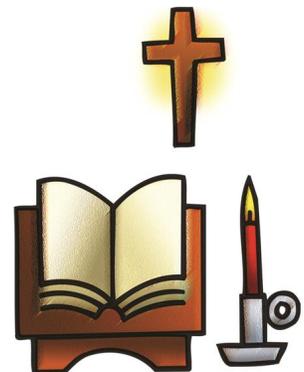
C **Amen.**

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.

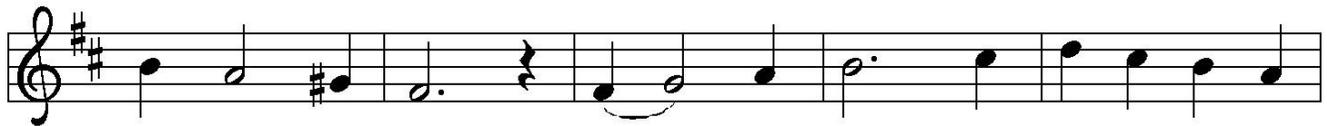
LAMB OF GOD - "Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 4



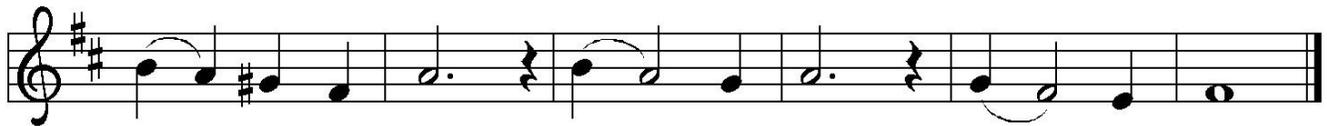
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.¹

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

COMMUNION SONGS - "God Extends an Invitation" - ELW 486 (sing in Spanish, English)



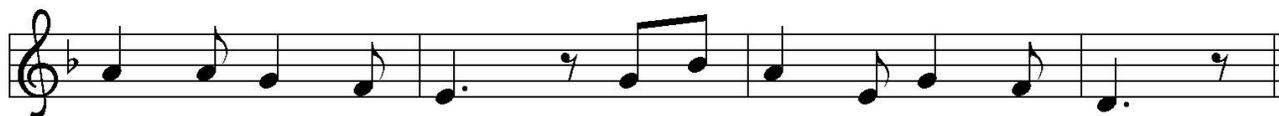
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God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

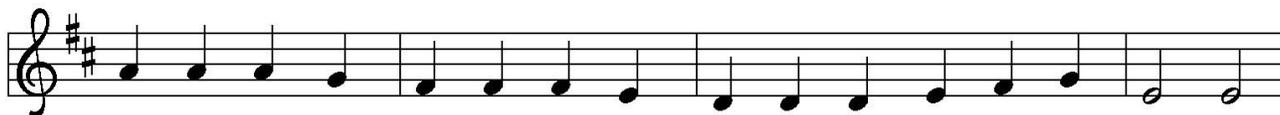


sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

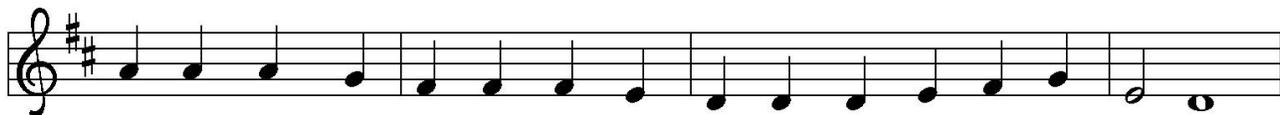
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“In the Singing” - ELW 466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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“Day by Day” - ELW 790

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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 - "Go, My Children, with My Blessing - ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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
in thanksgiving for Amy Vega and our Child Development Center.**

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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!
Today, take the opportunity to meet our new CDC Director, Amy Vega!

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, September 19, 2021

Meet and Greet CDC Director

Amy Vega after Worship

Spend some time in fellowship on the patio and get to
know our new CDC Director, Amy Vega.

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

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

Monday, September 20, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

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

The Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at
9:00 a.m. Bring the September *Gather* magazine.

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

First Day of Autumn

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith resumes 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 resumes at 5:00 p.m. in the
Parish Life Center. We study the Gospel reading
for the upcoming Sunday.

Wednesday Dinners Meeting,
6:00 p.m.

A meeting to discuss the possibility of resuming
Wednesday dinners will be in the Pavilion
at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

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

Celtic Book Study Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Join with our friends at St. Columba's for our Fall Book Study of John Philip Newell's newest book, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom **September 22 through October 21. Read the Introduction and Chapter 1: Pelagius.** To access the Zoom Book Study, visit <https://bit.ly/SCCelticBookGroup>

Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary (masked and with the doors open) from 7:45-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Celtic Book Study (at St. Columba's),
10:45 a.m.

Join with our friends at St. Columba's for our Fall Book Study of John Philip Newell's newest book, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, at 10:45 a.m. in person in St. Columba's parish hall, **September 23 through October 22. Read the Introduction and Chapter 1: Pelagius.**

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet in the Parish Life Center at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Labyrinth Walk, 10:00 a.m.

Our Labyrinth Walk will be at Studio Channel Islands Arts Center, 2222 Ventura Boulevard, Camarillo, at 10:00 a.m.

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 resume September 15 so check the newsletter or email Joe (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.

Some have been questioning the removal of statues and monuments. Here's an interesting history lesson article about Andrew Jackson, and why his statues should maybe be moved out of the public square.

www.distractify.com/p/why-tear-down-andrew-jackson-statue

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at 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 remains \$35.00; you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Sanctuary/Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound 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.

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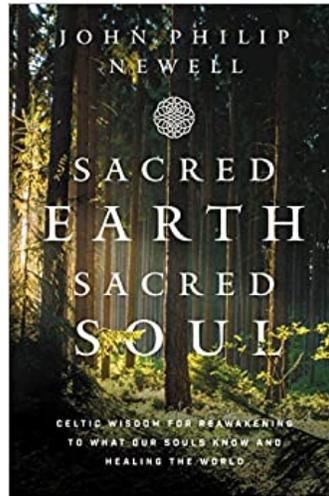
If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

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.

Thanks for your support!

Fall Book Study with St. Columba's Episcopal Church: Exploring Celtic Wisdom



Celtic spirituality comes from the Christian traditions that developed in Ireland, and was brought to Scotland and northern England by Saint Columba and his followers in the 6th and 7th centuries. John Philip Newell writes: *“What is unique about the Celtic tradition compared to most other Western traditions is that it cannot be reduced to a set of doctrines or beliefs; instead, at its core is the conviction that we essentially need to keep listening to what the soul already knows...”*

Plan now to join with our friends at St. Columba's for our Fall Book Study of John Philip Newell's newest book, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. There will be two options for our gatherings: **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom** and **Thursday mornings at 10:45 a.m. in person in St. Columba's parish hall**, for five weeks **beginning September 22 & 23**. To access the Zoom Book Study, visit <https://bit.ly/SCCelticBookGroup>

In the Introduction to this book, John Philip writes: *This book is about reawakening to what we know in the depths of our being, that the earth is sacred, and that this sacredness is at the heart of every human being and life-form. To awaken again to this deep knowing is to be transformed in the ways we choose to live and relate and act.* You will need to purchase your own copy of the book and read the Introduction and Chapter 1 before the first meeting.

Join us as we explore this Celtic Wisdom deep within us. For more information or if you need help acquiring the book, reach out to pastorjulie@mountcross.com.

- **September 22-23 – Introduction and Chapter 1: Pelagius**
- September 29-30 – Chapter 2: Bridget and Chapter 3: John Scotus Eriugena
- October 6-7 – Chapter 4: Carmina Gadelica and Chapter 5: Alexander Scott
- October 13-14 – Chapter 6: John Muir and Chapter 7: Teilhard de Chardin
- October 20-21 – Chapter 8: George MacLeod, Chapter 9: Kenneth White, and Conclusion

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.

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.

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.

Thank you for your service to the Mount Cross community!

Harbor House

Sheri Groenveld, Operations Director at Harbor House, is inviting us to help those who are struggling in the Conejo Valley. Please see their website for practical ways to help (<https://www.harborhouseto.org/>).

Zoom Emergency Preparedness Workshop Wednesday, Sept. 22

Our recent congregational health survey indicated that emergency preparedness is a top concern for members of Mount Cross. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office is offering an Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Camarillo on Wednesday, September 22 from 6- 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. You may register for the session at

<https://www.readyventuracounty.org/calendar-of-events/> by selecting the session and completing the form. You will receive an email invitation that includes the zoom meeting link.

Here is a link to an Emergency Preparedness Guide

<https://s29710.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/VC-EPG.pdf>

Mission for September - Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits Collection



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Soap, towels, toothbrushes, and combs. These simple gifts improve the standard of living for people around the world. In the Andes, these kits are helping dairy farmers in the Peruvian Andes practice proper hygiene and, in turn, improve their dairy products through sanitary milking practices.

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight. But there are things we can do now to help people around the world reach their full potential.

Here's what we need:

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

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

With care in mind for those of you who don't want to make shopping trips out, Melissa Henry is willing to be your shopper. You can send a donation to the church office marked "LWR Personal Care Kits" if you want her to do the shopping for you.