

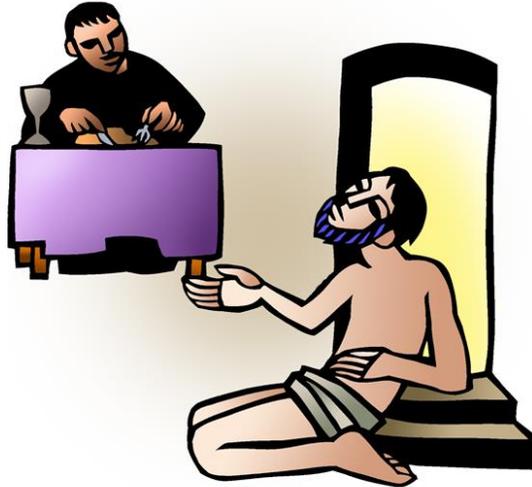
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To the Parents of Our Young Children –

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.

Please introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!

**The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "Pastorale" (J.S. Bach)

Miriam Hoffmann and Carol Browning, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Gather Us In" - ELW 532 - Verses 1-3

As able, the assembly stands.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.

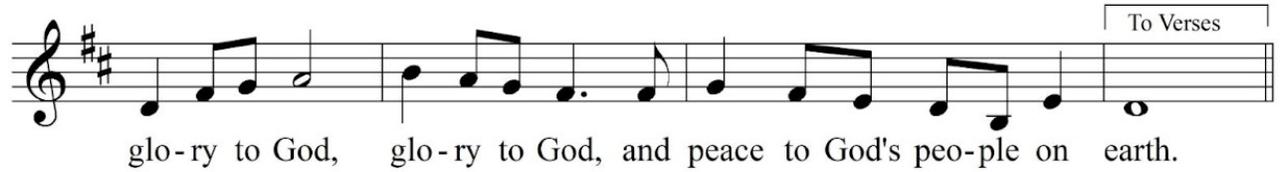
C **And also with you.**

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

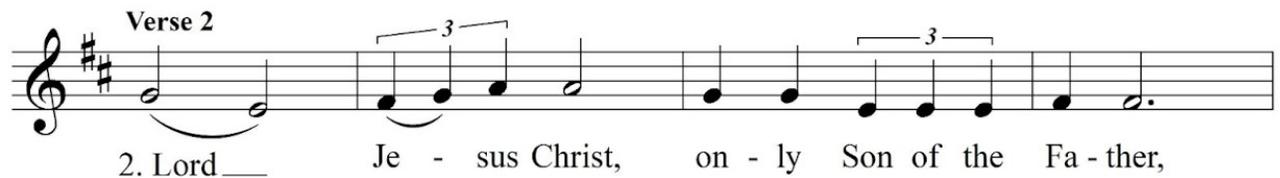


1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



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

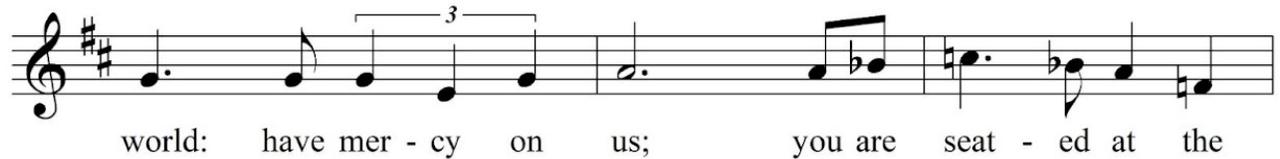
Verse 2



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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

CHILDREN'S SONG - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" - (Alexander/ROYAL OAK)

Refrain

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

Verse

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.

To Refrain

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

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

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 146 - "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah! (Psalter/Jordan)



1. Praise the Lord! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our
 2. Hap - py are the ones pro - fess - ing Ja - cob's
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the
 4. Praise the Lord! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our



great Re - deem - er praise. I will sing the glo - rious
 God to be their aid. They are blest whose hope of
 mourn - ing pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with
 great Re - deem - er praise. I will sing the glo - rious



prais - es of my God through all my days.
 bless - ing on the Lord their God is stayed.
 an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to see.
 prais - es of my God through all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor on hu - man
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that
 God our Sav - ior loves the right - eous, and the strang - er
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er; through all a - ges



help de - pend. They shall die, to dust re - turn - ing;
 they con - tain. He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion;
 he be - friends, helps the or - phan and the wid - ow,
 he is King. Un - to him, your God, O Zi - on,



all their thoughts and plans shall end.
 right - eous - ness he will main - tain.
 judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Words: *Psalter*, 1887, alt., P.D.

Music: (8.7.8.7.D), Darwin Jordan, © Darwin Jordan Music; arr. Marcus Hong.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

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

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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 - “Build a Longer Table” - ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. Spur us to send aid to those affected by severe flooding, drought, wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters and bless the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and similar agencies. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide world leaders to find a peaceful solution to the war in Ukraine. Bring tolerance and civility to our public discourse and help us all to seek to understand one another. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

- A Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. Tend to those who are ill or in 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), **Jackie Hatcher, 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 McMenammin** (cousin of Karen Gramacki), **Carina McVeigh, Karen Nelson, Chrissy O'Farrell, Scott Otjen** (friend of Mary and Ric Kienitz), **Ellie Ranson** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Ken and Becky Riley, Heather Rogers** (granddaughter of Nancy and Jim Jaeger), **Samantha Roberts** (friend of Judy and Bob Winters), **Jack Soyster, Val Starkgraf, Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler, on active military deployment).

*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 of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care, especially those who have no one to remember them. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. 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 - "When the Poor Ones" - ELW 725 (sing in English)



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

2 *Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo,* 3 *Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,*
cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, *cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,*
cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: *cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:*
 Estribillo Estribillo

4 *Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,*
cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
 Estribillo

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 (B-flat). 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 placed below the notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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:

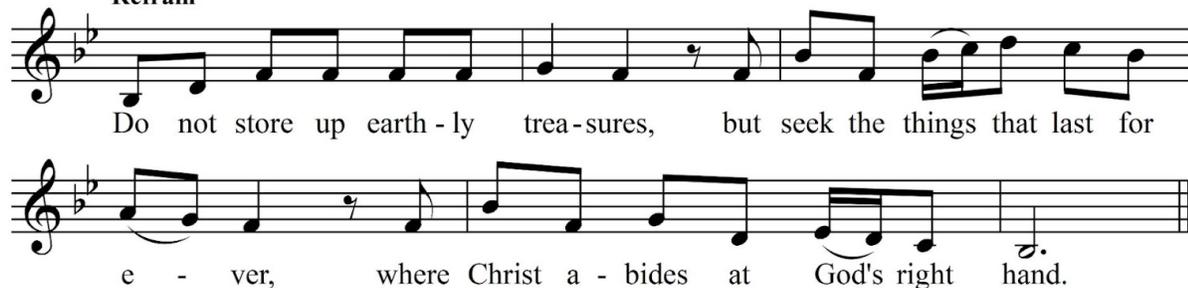
I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

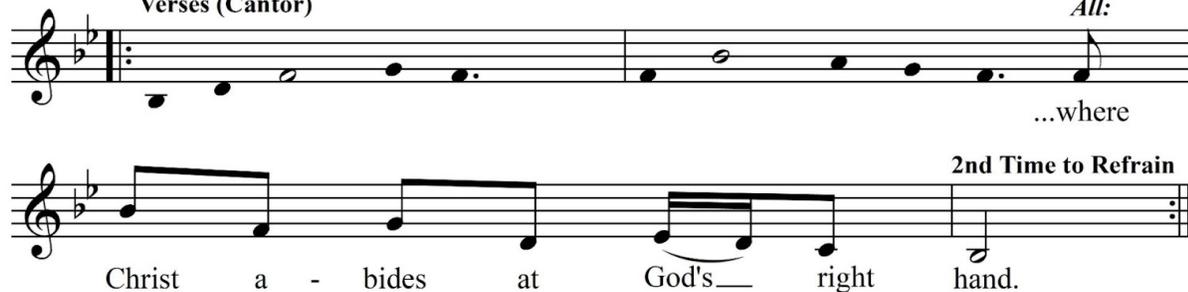
COMMUNION SONGS - "Do Not Store Up Earthly Treasures" (Psallite)

Refrain



Do not store up earth - ly trea - sures, but seek the things that last for
e - ver, where Christ a - bides at God's right hand.

Verses (Cantor) *All:*



...where
Christ a - bides at God's right hand.

2nd Time to Refrain

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

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” - ELW 708

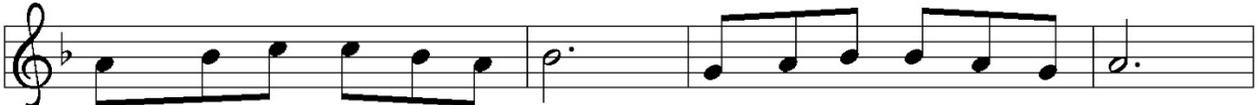
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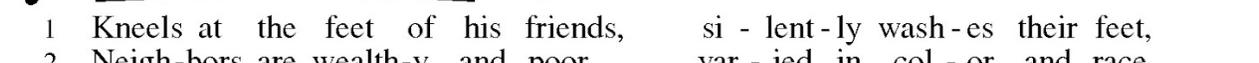
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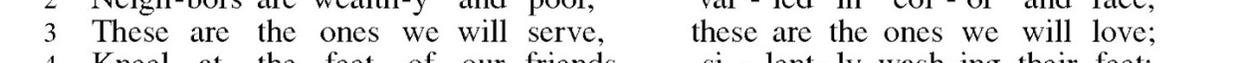
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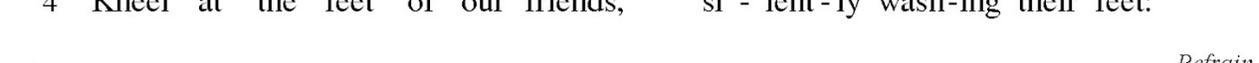
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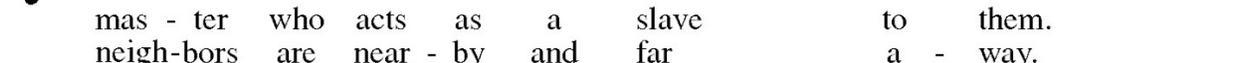
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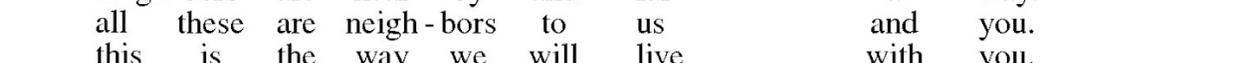
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



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mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neigh - bors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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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 - "How Great Thou Art" - ELW 856 - Verses 1 & 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Miriam Hoffmann

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 in thanksgiving for the gifts of the earth.*

**Thank you to Miriam Hoffmann, Elliott Ripley, and Jeffrey Saner
 for sharing their instrumental musical gifts today!**

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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 25

Baptism and New Members Information Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Julie will host a meeting for those interested in Baptism or Membership at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center. See the announcement below for more info.

Youth Group Bowling, 12:00 Noon

The Youth Group will be bowling at Harley's Camarillo Bowl. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

Monday, September 26

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 27

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

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

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

The Adult Bible Study meets 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.

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).

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)

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).

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 29

LRCC Christian Camp Classic Golf Tournament

See the announcement below for more info or ask Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com).

Next Sunday, October 2

Mental Health Forum, 1:00 p.m.

See the announcement below for more info.

New Masking Guidelines at Mount Cross

Now that the COVID level in Ventura County is LOW (www.cdc.gov) and the new COVID vaccine booster, covering the original virus and the omicron subvariants, is available, masks are **optional** in all indoor and outdoor settings at Mount Cross. We encourage all members to take precautions to protect themselves and others from illness. We will continue to offer seating outside for Sunday worship. Our masking guidelines will change again if the COVID case rate rises and Ventura County reinstates a mask mandate. Thank you for your cooperation and care.

For more information, contact the Mount Cross Executive Committee.

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) 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.

This week, we invite you to visit this ELCA website:

<https://www.elca.org/totalinclusion>.

Do some surfing on the website and see what speaks to your heart for ways to offer your own welcome and inclusion to those historically marginalized.

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.

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** at the moment.

Please do not donate food that is expired.

Thanks for your support.

Holy Baptism and New Member Information Session

TODAY, 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).

Childcare is available.

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

New Program! ROOTED for Parents and All Adults

Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 p.m. 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.

All Creatures Great and Small: Blessing of the Animals

Next Sunday, October 2, after Worship

It is a tradition in some Christian churches to bless animals on the Sunday closest to Saint Francis Day. Bring your animals to be blessed on the patio after worship **next Sunday, October 2**, from **10:45-11:15 a.m.** Animals who play well with others are even welcome to attend worship in the pavilion at 9:30 a.m. If your pet can't travel to Mount Cross, bring a picture or stuffed animal.

Mental Health Forum at Mount Cross

Mount Cross Care Team and Learning Committee, Sponsors

Next Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Alene Campbell-Langdell, Episcopal priest and Social Worker, Speaker

Join with others on the first day of National Mental Health Week to hear a wide-ranging presentation on the growing problem of Mental Health among all age groups. The health survey taken at Mount Cross confirmed that our congregation is interested in learning more about mental health issues. Join in this session for an opportunity to learn, question, and discuss. Refreshments and resource materials will be provided. There is no target age or gender for this informative session. Any questions? Contact Susan Prosser at prosser1@sbcglobal.net.

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 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!**

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! If you have questions or want to donate to support LRCC, contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com).

[Register Online](#)

Harbor House Concert 4 the Conejo

This Saturday, October 1

This Saturday, October 1, is the second annual "Concert 4 the CONEJO" fundraiser for Harbor House. This fundraiser supports those living in poverty, the homeless, and foster youth in the Conejo Valley. Harbor House helps the homeless, those in poverty, and foster youth who have aged out of the system. Their goal is to prevent more homelessness in our community. Come out for a fun night to support those in our community who need help! The night will include a concert featuring local bands, a taco dinner, mocktails, a silent auction, and a craft boutique.

Visit the website for more info or to buy tickets. Events - Harbor House Thousand Oaks (harborhouseto.org).

Also, Melissa Henry is looking for donations for the silent auction - and volunteers to help with set-up and organization of the silent auction in the weeks leading up to the event, and the day of. Contact her if you would like to be a part of the team.

Understanding Medicare Seminar

Wednesday, October 5, 4:00 p.m. or Sunday, October 9, 11:00 a.m.

Join Scott Fajnor on Wednesday, October 5, 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center or Sunday, October 9, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary to understand Medicare. Whether you're currently enrolled in Medicare or approaching the age when you can enroll, Scott will provide answers to your questions. Plan to attend this free information session.



Over last weekend, several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones:

- In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Hurricane Fiona brought torrential rainfall and devastating flooding to the islands.
- In Alaska, the remnants of Typhoon Merbok have caused widespread flooding along the state's western coast.
- In Japan, Typhoon Nanmadol hit Kyushu, the country's southernmost main

island.

- In Papua New Guinea, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit on September 11, with ensuing aftershocks.
- In Pakistan, the summer monsoon flooding is causing a widespread humanitarian crisis.

These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don't make the news. With your gifts to the [Lutheran Disaster Response general fund](#), we can respond to as many as possible – whenever and wherever they strike.

Again and again, you show up for our neighbors impacted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Thank you. Please join me in prayer and partnership to support all those impacted.

Help Wanted - Skilled Volunteers

Mount Cross' Property Committee welcomes the help of skilled volunteers from the congregation. Right now, we can especially use expertise in electrical, light plumbing, finish carpentry, and irrigation. If you have some knowledge and a little time to apply it, please call the church office or contact Cy Johnson at clpsj@gmail.com or 805-479-4489.

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