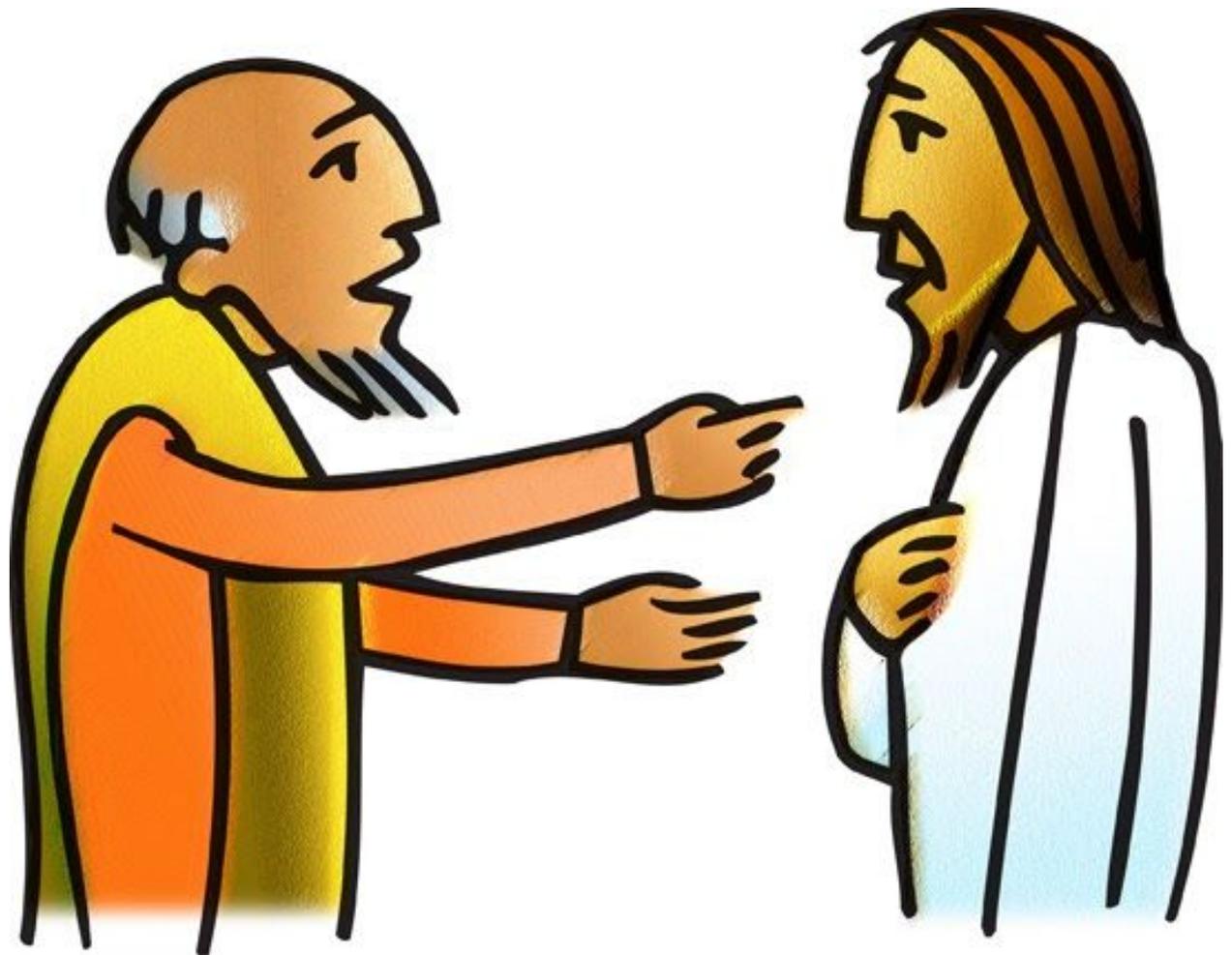


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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We misuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

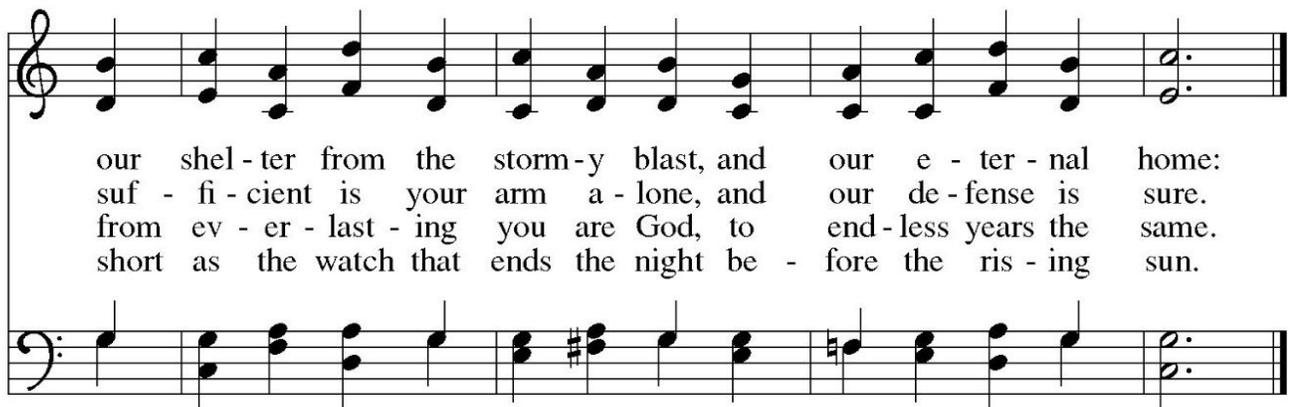
C **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" - ELW 632, verses 1-4



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

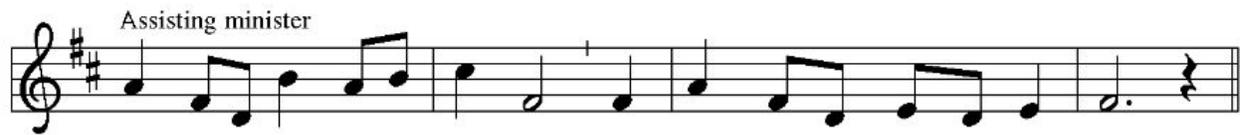
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



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.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

CHILDREN'S SONG - "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" v. 3 - ELW 674

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

FIRST READING: Exodus 1:8-2:10

The brave Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh to save many infants from death. When the mother of Moses placed him in a basket in the Nile, the daughter of Pharaoh found him, adopted him, and raised him. Moses' sister and mother also played crucial roles in this drama.

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

^{2:1}Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” - ELW 752 (sing 2x’s)

The image shows a musical score for a two-part song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

System 1:
 Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

System 2:
 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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SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW 519 (Refrain)

Refrain

God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, 1930-2019, English version.

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Music: Hasidic tune (YISRAEL V'ORATA, 9 8 9 5 and refrain).

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

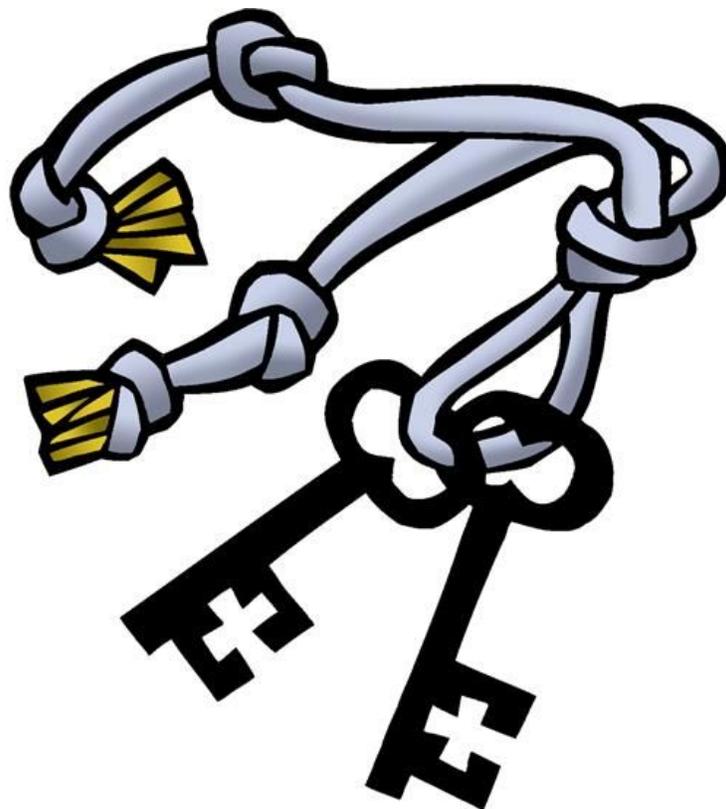
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON - Vicar Amanda Berg

SONG OF THE DAY - "Build Us Up, Lord" - ELW 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Video by Andrew and Nathan Berg)

A Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

Each intercession ends, "Lord, in your mercy," All respond, "Hear our prayer."

A In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer
these prayers 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 - "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Johnson) - Video by Akirah Rénee

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C We bless you, O God.

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C We thank you, O God.

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

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

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

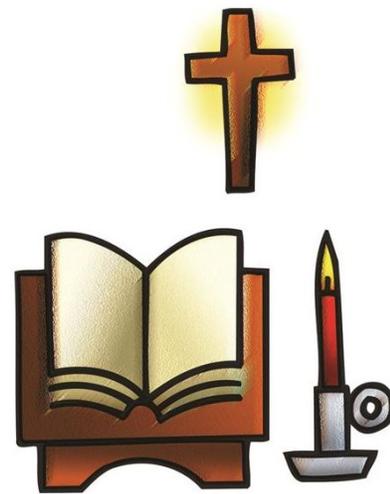
**C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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.**



P Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

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



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

COMMUNION SONG - "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" - ELW 538



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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BLESSING

P May the Wisdom of God,
the Love of God,
and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this hungry world,
and the blessing of God our Creator,
✠ Christ our Redeemer,
and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer,
be with you now and always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Rooted in God's grace,
C We joyfully witness and serve!

BENEDICTION - "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" - ELW 536 - Dan Nelson

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

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Join us for **Coffee Hour on Zoom** following this service! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us. The Zoom link is <https://bit.ly/coffeehour102> OR you can call in from your phone. Dial **1 (669) 900-6833**. You will be asked for the meeting ID number. It is **574 003 985** and then push pound (#).

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Drive-Through Communion** today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While we are very excited to offer this as part of our next steps toward reopening, we ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion. Pick up a 2020 directory, if you haven't already. If you need to make corrections to the directory, please email office@mountcross.com or call 805-482-3847, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

Remembering the life of **Jan Beat**,
we pray for **comfort for her family**.

Remembering the life of **Janet Colby**,
we pray for **comfort for her family**.

Remembering the life of **Phyllis Gallentine**, we pray for
comfort for her husband, Loren, and their family.

Elizabeth A, Roger Allmandinger (brother-in-law of Jim and Susan Prosser), **Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Mike Carpenter**, **Terry Cline** (relative of Jim and Karen Gramacki), **Janet Colby**, **Rob Conant**, **Tom & Teri Crawford and family**, **Barbara D'Addario**, **Bob Edell**, **Steve Engh**, **Dana Palmer Freeman and family** (friend of Melissa & Gordon Henry), **Karen Geutschoff**, **Norma Harvey**, **Ron Higginbotham**, **Carolyn Hobbs**, **the family of Robert Jackson**, **Glen Mueller** (cousin of Lois Watts), **Nury Martinez-Silva** (friend of Bernie Lau), **Karen Nelson**, **Suzanne Palmer**, **Zitlali Perez**, **Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Simone Sylve** (cousin of Bernie Lau).

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

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Joe Zimmerly is back from vacation and will meet with Youth Group via Zoom tonight. Contact him, joe@mountcross.com, for the Zoom info.

Monday, August 24, 2020

Monday Meditation, 10:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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

Women's Bible Study meets this Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. under the Pavilion. We will remain physically distanced from each other and all participants must wear facial coverings during the meeting.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Join us as often as you'd like.

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747459576>
OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial **1 (408) 638 0968**. You will be asked for a Meeting ID. It is **847 4745 9576**, then push pound (#).

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This week, they'll meet in the pavilion.

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we gather to study the Gospel for the upcoming week. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet, go to this link <https://zoom.us/j/861819171> or to call on your phone dial **1 (669) 900-6833**. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is **861 819 171** and then push pound (#). All are welcome.

Thursday, August 27, 2020

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

Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7:30-9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

To join on your laptop, smartphone, or tablet, go to <https://zoom.us/j/122561229> or from your phone, dial **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for a meeting ID number. Enter **122 561 229** and then push pound (#).

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Join us as often as you'd like.

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747459576>
OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial **1 (408) 638 0968**. You will be asked for a Meeting ID. It is **847 4745 9576**, then push pound (#).

Announcements

Mount Cross Office Hours

As a reminder, the Mount Cross office is still officially closed to the general public. Our new hours are Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please email office@mountcross.com if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Worship and Communion Assistants

We are still looking for communion assistants for the last Sunday in August! Please consider taking this rewarding opportunity to celebrate Communion with your fellow Mount Cross

members and friends as we navigate these trying times together. If you would like to sign up for a one hour shift (10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.) as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/AugustCommunionSignUp> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

We are also looking for worship assistants! If you'd like to serve as a lector, intercessor, or musician on a Sunday, either by joining us on-site for the live stream or by recording in advance, please contact the office.

St. Columba's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at St. Columba's continues to serve our community and your gifts of food items have been greatly appreciated. Currently the food pantry is especially seeking **canned vegetables**. Your gifts of food can be dropped off at the church during Sunday drive-through communion.

Please do not make a specific grocery trip for your items but think of the food pantry while shopping at the store or during a grocery delivery. Please check the 'best by date' as the pantry cannot use expired items. Thank you for your generosity to the people of Camarillo!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Children, youth, and family ministry programs resume today, August 23, starting with High School Youth Group at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Zimmerly, joe@mountcross.com.

It's Census Time!

Every 10 years, people across the country and in California fill out the Census in order to have an accurate count of all people in the United States. It is a 9-question survey that helps determine California's federal funding for important community services that help support families and a fair share of representation in California and Washington D.C.

How to fill out your 2020 Census:

Online: For the first time, the Census form will be available to complete online in 13 languages. Visit my2020census.gov to complete your Census today!

By Phone: The Census can be completed by phone in 13 languages including Telecommunication Device for the Deaf. Call 844-330-2020 today to complete your Census in English.

By Mail: The paper Census form will be available in English and Spanish languages and can be mailed back to the U.S. Census Bureau. Census workers have started to physically drop off the Census questionnaire to some communities that don't use a city-style addresses such as those with P.O. boxes. Complete and return your Census!

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! We want to make it as simple as possible for you.

If you'd like to give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or the April Year-To-Date statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com. Also, if you

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

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Even with Covid-19 wreaking havoc on our school system (distance learning, anyone?), there are still students in the world who cannot attend school, not because of the pandemic but because they can't afford the materials they need. Lutheran World Relief is there to help - with backpacks full of the simple supplies a student needs to learn! Last year, we created more than 100 school kits - let's do it again! 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 backpacks if you want her to do the shopping for you.

Blessing of the New School Year

Calling all teachers and students! Join us as we bless the new school year on September 6, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. We will be doing a virtual blessing during our church service so make sure to gather around the screen as a family. After the service, you are invited to come through Drive-Through Communion and grab some goodies for the school year. We love all our teachers and students!

Card Ministry Seeking Volunteers

The card ministry at Mount Cross sends out notes and cards to members of the congregation who may need a little extra cheer. There are a variety of reasons why we want to express our caring for others of our faith community. If you are interested in joining this caring ministry to send greetings to another at least once a month or more, we would love to have you join in this expression of compassion. Please contact Gayle Johnson with your interest at cygaylej@verizon.net or (805) 388-3293.

Fundraiser to Multiply Meals:

Abundant Table's Virtual Feast in the Field

In 2020 B.C. (Before COVID-19), the Abundant Table had big plans for an August 22, 4th Annual Feast in the Field celebration on the farm. Then COVID-19 dramatically changed our lives. Feast in the Field 2020 is now a virtual occasion focused on the needs of our neighbors who work the land and pack the produce. The theme continues through Solidarity Shares for farmworkers by transforming the meal price for one guest at the table last year, \$90, into a Share that delivers our CSA boxes for six weeks at a special discount for farmworker families - a multiplication of meals. Contribute one or more shares as a sign of solidarity with farmworkers in our locale. You may visit www.theabundanttable.org and click Donate, or pay by check via mail to

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