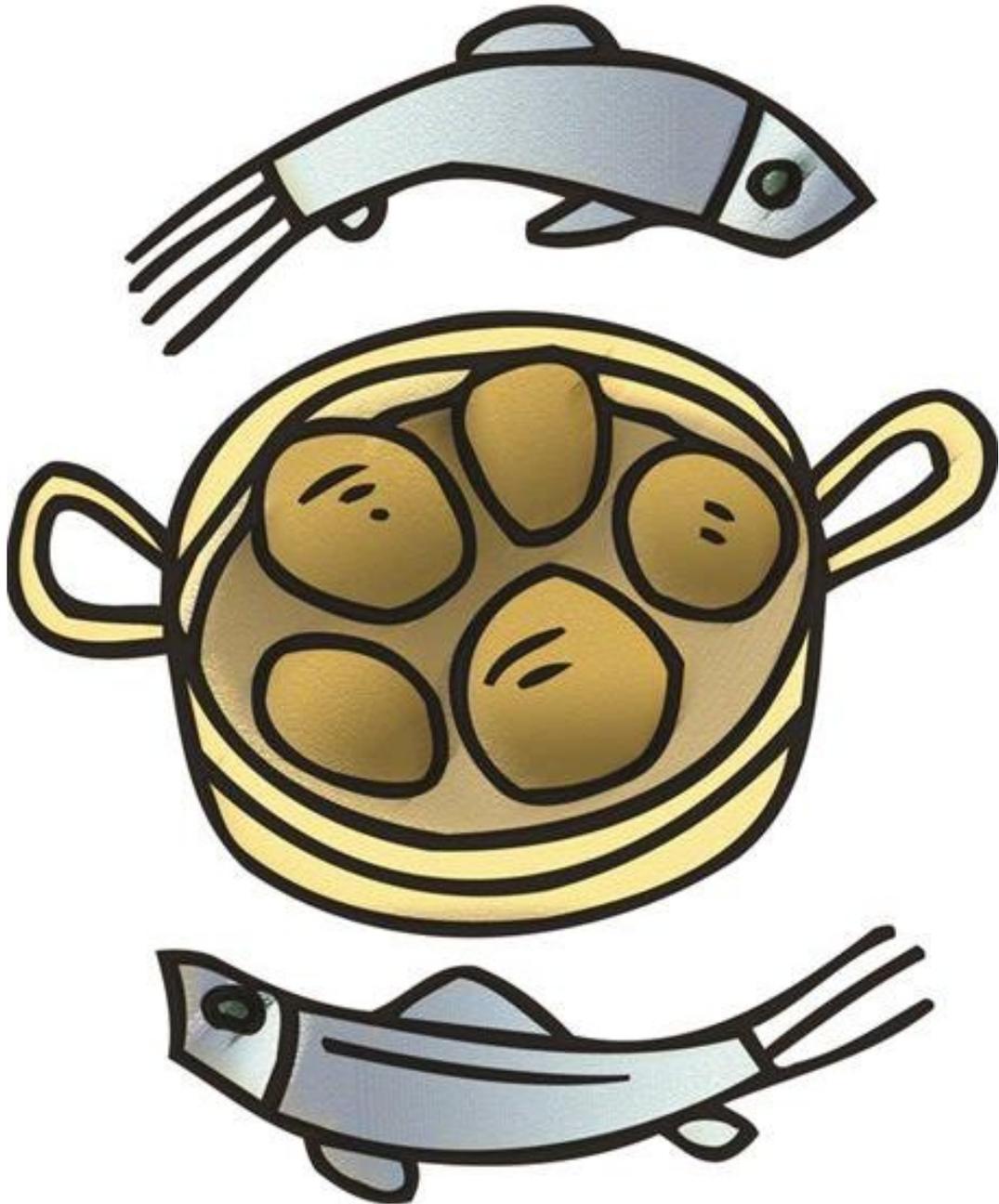


# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 2, 2020 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - Carol Browning

### 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 - "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" - ELW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

**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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** - Joe Zimmerly and Pastor Julie

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

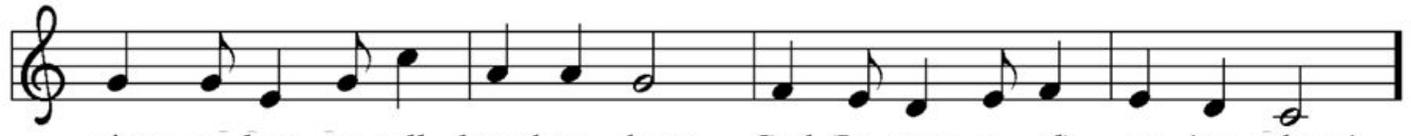
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Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



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: Genesis 32:22-31**

*Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face-to-face.*

<sup>22</sup>[At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.<sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.<sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.<sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.<sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."<sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."<sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF PRAISE - "Our God" by Chris Tomlin

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like you  
None like you

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's No one like you  
None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
Our God, Our God

Into the darkness you shining  
Out of the ashes we Rise  
No one like you  
None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
Our God, Our God

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?  
And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?  
Then what can stand against?

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
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crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON - Faith Stories from Confirmation Youth

### SONG OF THE DAY - "Will You Come and Follow Me?" - ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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

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 - "In the Garden"

### OFFERING PRAYER

P God of goodness and growth,  
all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
Water and word, wine and bread:  
these are signs of your abundant grace.  
Nourish us through these gifts,  
that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
in our communities and in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C **Amen.**



## 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, Lord God\_ of heav-en - ly hosts.

5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God\_ of heav-en - ly hosts.

9



Heav-en and earth are full\_\_\_ of your glo - ry.

13



Ho - san - na!\_ Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -

16



- est. Ho - san - na!\_ Ho - san - na!\_

19



Bless-ed is he\_\_\_ who comes! Bless-ed is he\_\_\_ who comes!\_\_\_\_\_

23



Bless-ed is he\_\_\_ who comes\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord!\_\_\_

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.<sup>1</sup>**

## COMMUNION HYMN - "Praise and Thanksgiving" - ELW 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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

## **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. Amen.

**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**

**POSTLUDE - Carol Browning**

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***Welcome to our Ministry Intern, Amanda Berg! Amanda is a seminarian at Wartburg seminary and will be serving at Mount Cross for twelve months. You can meet Amanda today at Coffee Hour Zoom and Drive-Through Communion and at our online programs throughout the week.***

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 will be offering **Drive-Through Communion** today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While we are very excited to offer this as our next step toward reopening, we ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion.

## PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

**Roger Allmandinger** (brother-in-law of Jim and Susan Prosser), **Jan Beat, Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Curt Bensen, Bergit** (cousin-in-law of Barbara Sletten), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim and Karen Gramacki), **Janet Colby, Rob Conant, Barbara D'Addario, the family of Brigitte Deering, Steve Engh, Karen Geutschoff, Ron Higginbotham, Carolyn Hobbs, the family of Robert Jackson, Christina Lau** (daughter of Bernie Lau), **Glen Mueller** (cousin of Lois Watts), **Karen Nelson, Jeff Seifert** (uncle of Melissa Henry), **Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Simone Sylve** (cousin of Bernie Lau), **Frank Walker** (husband of Carolyn Vang-Walker).

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