

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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 - "Come, All You People" - ELW 819

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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- 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

Assisting minister



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

All



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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Vicar Amanda Berg

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 3:1-15 (Video reading by Landon Stouch)

Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I am who I am), or the Lord. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.

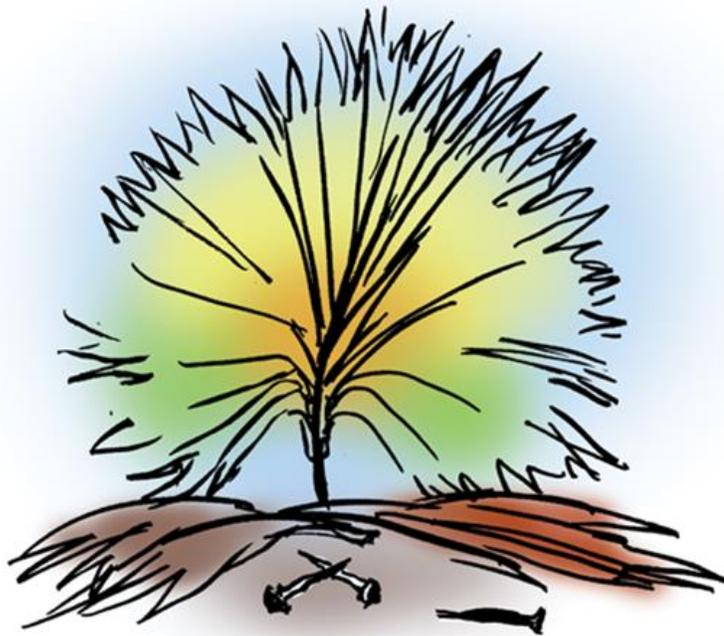
¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

¹³But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



SONG OF RESPONSE - "Holy Ground" (Davis, adapt.) - sing 2x's

The image shows a musical score for the song "Holy Ground" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, and I know that there are an - gels all a - round. Let us praise our Cre - a - tor here and now. We are stand - ing in God's pre - sence on ho - ly ground." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. There are several rests and ties used throughout the piece.

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round. Let us praise our Cre -
a - tor here and now. We are
stand - ing in God's pre - sence on ho - ly ground.

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SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21 (Video reading by Men's Bible Study)

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the

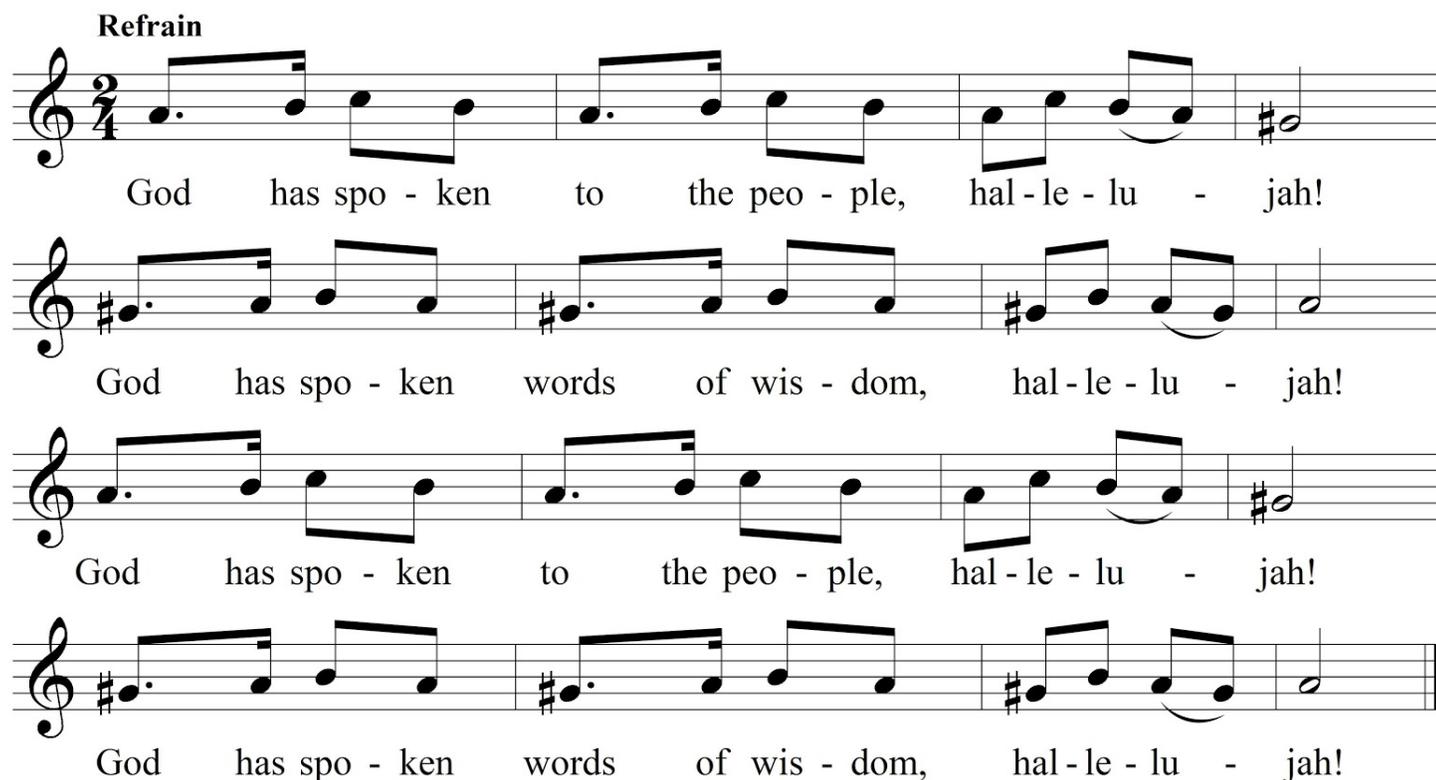
sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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!

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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 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

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

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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



SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

SONG OF THE DAY - "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" - ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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APOSTLES' CREED (Video recording Jeffrey Saner)

**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

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 - "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" - ELW 338 - Jayne Pompey and Keith Selbrede



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

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:

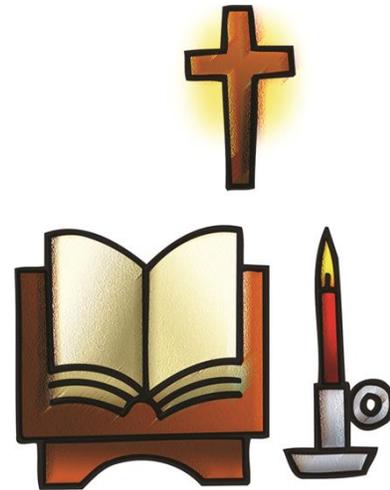
**C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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 - "Here I Am Lord" - ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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!**

POSTLUDE - Carol Browning

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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

Elizabeth A, Roger Allmandinger (brother-in-law of Jim & Susan Prosser), **the family of Jan Beat, Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **the family of Janet Colby, Rob Conant, Tom & Teri Crawford and family, Barbara D'Addario, Bob Edell, Dana Palmer Freeman and family** (friend of Melissa & Gordon Henry), **Loren Gallentine and family, Ron Higginbotham, Luke Hahn** (son of Erica Hahn, Mount Cross preschool teacher), **Glen Mueller** (cousin of Lois Watts), **Nury Martinez-Silva** (friend of Bernie Lau), **Karen Nelson, Suzanne Palmer, 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

Monday, August 31, 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 (#).

Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group (Once-a-month Combined) meets with Joe Zimmerly via Zoom. Contact him, joe@mountcross.com, for the Zoom info.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

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

Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. This week we meet via Zoom. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to this link <https://zoom.us/j/718448990> or to call on your phone dial **1 (408) 638-0968**. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is **718 448 990** 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 (#).

Peace & Justice Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

The Mount Cross Peace & Justice Team has begun the work of helping Mount Cross live into the Council's recent anti-race commitment.

We will have our next Zoom meeting on **Tuesday, September 1, at 7:00 pm**. Camarillo Mayor Tony Trembly will join us to answer questions concerning City Council's recent anti-race resolution. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in this journey to justice.

Call or email Bill Stoll (805-701-6688; William.stoll@verizon.net) with any questions. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105693251>

OR to call on your phone, dial **1 (669)-900-6833**. The meeting ID is **871 0569 3251**.

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with Joe Zimmerly via Zoom. Contact him, joe@mountcross.com, for the Zoom info.

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, September 3, 2020

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 (#).

Middle School Youth, 3:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group meets with Joe Zimmerly via Zoom. Contact him, joe@mountcross.com, for the Zoom info.

Announcements

Worship and Communion Assistants

We are looking for communion assistants for the Sundays in September! 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/SeptemberCommunionSignUp> 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** or **shelf-stable milk**. 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

This week, High School Youth Group, meets tomorrow via Zoom, 7:30 p.m., in a once-a-month combined group; Fun with Faith (Preschool-5th Grade) meets Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom, and Middle School Youth Group meets Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please email Joe for the links to our online programs. See you soon! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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

On **Sunday, September 13** - "God's Work. Our Hands Sunday" - we'll do a socially distanced project together. There will be sign-ups for time slots to come to church with members of your household to assemble Lutheran World Relief school kits. Look for details and sign-up in the Grapevine email or contact Melissa Henry, mgreason@hotmail.com, 805-279-9256. Boxes of materials to be assembled can be delivered to your home if you want to participate at a time that's more convenient.

Blessing of the New School Year

Calling all teachers and students! Join us as we bless the new school year **next Sunday, 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!

Monthly Fair Trade Sale

Next **Sunday, September 6**, support the labors of small scale coffee farmers around the world by purchasing their products at fair prices, during Drive-through Communion.

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 for more information at cygaylej@verizon.net or (805) 388-3293.