

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**Saint Francis Day**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 4, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - Carol Browning

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie

## CENTERING SONG - "Come and Fill Our Hearts" - ELW 528 (sing 3x's in English)

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system of music has the following lyrics: "Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly." The second system of music has the following lyrics: "Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community

Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

### KYRIE ELEISON - "Kyrie" - ELW Setting 8

**Refrain**

Ky-ri-e \_\_\_\_\_ e-lei - son, on our world and on  
our way. Ky-ri-e \_\_\_\_\_ e-lei - son, ev-'ry day.

**Verses**

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2. That we may live out your im - pas - sioned re - sponse to the  
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for  
4. For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty \_\_\_\_\_ of all; \_\_\_\_\_ for this ho - ly house, for all who  
hun - gry and \_\_\_\_\_ the poor; \_\_\_\_\_ that we may live out \_\_\_\_\_ truth and  
friends and fam - i - ly; \_\_\_\_\_ for life and for love, \_\_\_\_\_ for our  
wa - ter and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word; \_\_\_\_\_ that you nour - ish our souls \_\_\_\_\_ with your

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
jus - tice and grace,  
work and our play,  
bod - y and blood,

*To Refrain*

Let us pray \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Vicar Amanda

## CHILDREN'S SONG - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" - WOV 767, v. 1 & 4

**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,  
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

**To Refrain**



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

*The God of the exodus graciously gave Israel the Ten Commandments. Primarily stated as negative imperatives, the Ten Commandments forbid gross sins such as murder, adultery, theft, and perjury. In most of life they grant Israel freedom to live righteously, with maximum love for God and neighbor.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE - "Psalm 19" (Butler)

### *Verse*

May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You  
May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You my God

### *Chorus*

You're my Rock and my Redeemer  
You're the reason that I sing  
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes  
Ev'ry hour ev'ry moment  
Lord I want to be Your servant  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes in Your eyes

### *Ending*

May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You my God

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alle, Alleluia" (Schaner/Keil)

Al - le, \_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia! Al - le, \_\_\_  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le, \_\_\_ al - le - lu -  
ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46**

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

**P** The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**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 - "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" - ELW 835, v. 1-4



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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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.  
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.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

A Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO JIM AND KAREN GRAMACKI**

#### **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING SONG - "No Longer Slaves (To Fear)" (Helser/Case/Johnson)**

You unravel me, with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance, from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again, into a family

Your blood flows through my veins  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

I am surrounded  
By the arms of the father  
I am surrounded  
By songs of deliverance  
We've been liberated  
From our bondage  
Were the sons and the daughters  
Let us sing our freedom

You split the sea  
So I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me  
And I will stand and sing  
I am the child of God  
You split the sea  
So I could walk right through it  
You drowned my fears in perfect love  
You rescued me  
And I will stand and sing  
I am the child of God (yes I am)

I am a Child of God  
I am a Child of God (yes I am)  
I am a Child of God (full of faith yes)  
I am a Child of God  
I am a Child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

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:



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



heav-en 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, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

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

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

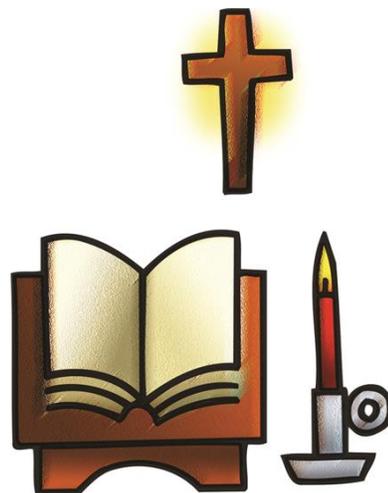
**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

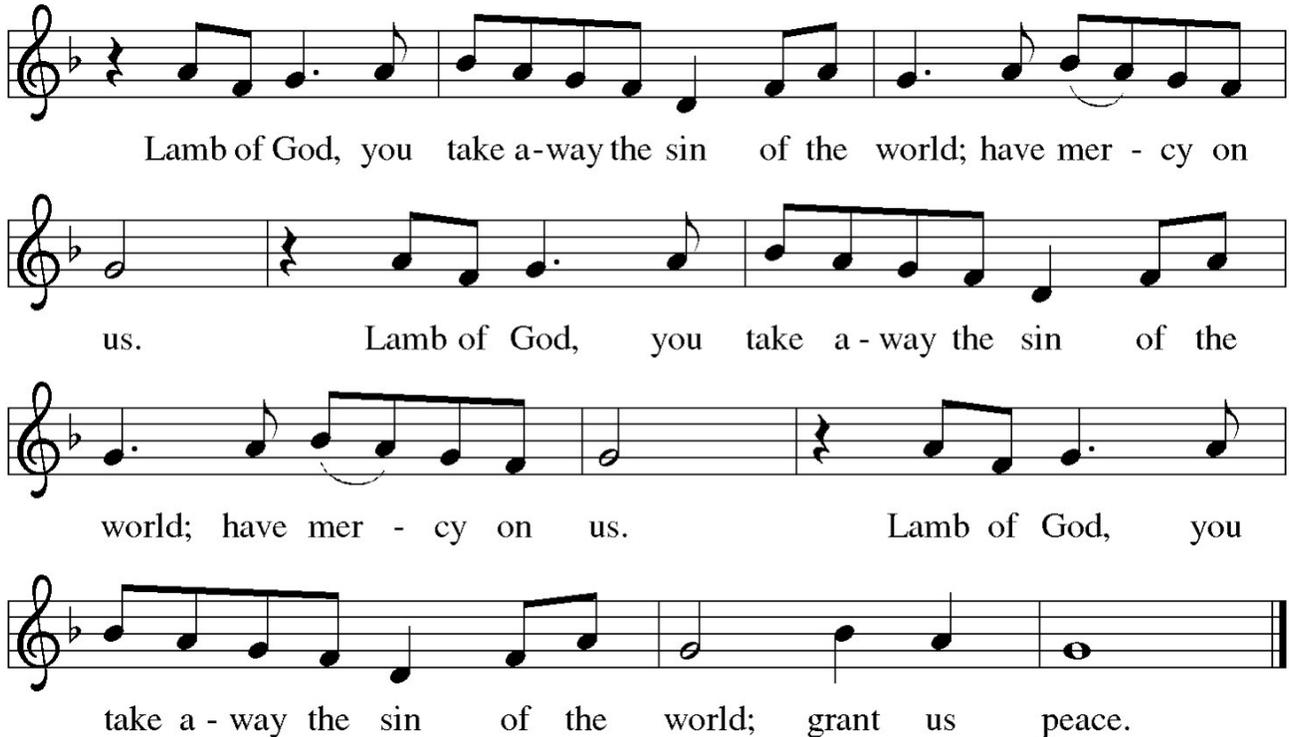
**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**



The assembly may be seated.

## LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



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

## 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>**



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

# COMMUNION SONG - "Prayer of Saint Francis" (Temple)

Sebastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.      Where there is ha-tred,  
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.      Where there's de-spair in  
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.      It is in par-don-

1. let me bring your love. \_\_\_\_\_      Where there is in - ju -  
 2. life, let me bring hope. \_\_\_\_\_      Where there is dark-ness \_  
 4. ing that we are par-doned, \_\_\_\_\_      In giv-ing of our -

1. ry, your par-don, Lord,      And where there's doubt, true  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly light,      And where there's sad - ness  
 4. selves that we re - ceive,      And in dy - ing that we're

1, Final      1st time: to Verse 2  
 (Fine)      2      to Verse 3

1. faith in you.      2. joy.  
 2. ev - er  
 4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek      So much to be con-

3. soled, as to con-sole,      To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-

3. stand,      To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.      to Verse 4

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you 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. 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](mailto:office@mountcross.com) or call 805-482-3847, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bring your pets (or photos of them, even stuffed animals) for a **Drive-Through Blessing of the Animals** by Pastor Julie, from **11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today**.

She'll be in the far corner of the parking lot to bless your animals.

Thanks to those who submitted photographs of their pets for our slideshow!

## PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

Today we pray in thanksgiving to God for  
**Jim and Karen Gramacki, for their service to our  
congregation over many years.**

**We ask God's blessing on the next chapter in their lives.**

**We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for healing for  
President Trump and First Lady Melania, and  
for the families grieving the loss of each victim.**

**We pray also for Kate (friend of Julie Merrick) and her children, Elizabeth A, Roger Allmandinger (brother-in-law of Jim & Susan Prosser), Sharon Benner (sister of Karen Gramacki), Mike Carpenter, Richard Casey (friend of Mary Kienitz), Terry Cline (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), Rob Conant, Barbara D'Addario, Bob Edell, Steve Engh (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), Ron Higginbotham, Luke Hahn (son of Erica Hahn, Mount Cross preschool teacher), Sandy Knierim (daughter of Barb Sletten) Nury Martinez-Silva (friend of Bernie Lau), Karen Nelson, Audrey Posthauer, Lisa Saner, Byron Selbrede (brother of Keith Selbrede), the Sobolik family, Patricia Springer (mother of Joan Brundage).**

*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.*

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, October 5, 2020

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.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 (#).

Learning Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Learning Committee meets via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) for the link and more information.

### Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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

Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 900 a.m. at Valle Lindo Park, 889 Aileen St, Camarillo, CA 93010. Please wear a mask and bring a chair.

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 Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

The Peace & Justice team meets via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105693251>.

### Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with Jessica and Inger. Gather at the church office at 5:00 to be escorted to the park by Jessica and Inger. Children will be picked up back at the church at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to Holy Communion,  
5:00 p.m.

The final Intro. to Holy Communion class is October 7 at 5:00 p.m. This is for children who have not had any instruction about Holy Communion or for those who want a refresher. Pastor Julie and Joe help children appreciate this great gift of Jesus' presence and grace so they can receive the Sacrament with gratitude and joy. Those who do not attend are invited to join Jessica and Inger for Fun With Faith.

Sign up with this link:

<https://signup.com/go/YiMMfkn>

### 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.

### Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students preparing for Confirmation meet with Joe Zimmerly on-site. Email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) if you have any questions.

## Thursday, October 8, 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 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 (#).

### Anti-Racism Check-In, 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Julie and Jacquanna Davis host a monthly "Anti-Racism Check-In" on Zoom to discuss ways to address the racism we encounter in our own hearts and community meets via Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365610328?pwd=c041R2RESXYrSDI5Ly9jdDA2cjlDQT09>.

## Saturday, October 10, 2020

### Agreeing & Disagreeing in Love" Zoom, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Pastor Julie hopes all Mount Cross members can attend this workshop, hosted by New Hope Lutheran. Please register by calling the office or visiting [bit.ly/AgreeingandDisagreeinginLove](http://bit.ly/AgreeingandDisagreeinginLove). See below for more information.

## Announcements

### Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved a testing phase for outdoor worship. Email [office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com) or call 805-482-3847 if you are interested in attending the service in person.

When arriving for Sunday morning worship, participants should park in designated areas or on the street; sign in and have their temperature taken; wear a mask; practice social distancing; bring a chair (some chairs available).

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a safe worship experience!

### Help with Sunday Worship and Communion

We are looking for help to make Sunday worship and drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to sign up to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/October2020WorshipAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

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.

### Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

High School Youth Group meets tonight at 6:00 p.m. Email Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)) for other details or questions.

### Introduction to Holy Communion Classes

For children of all ages, our final Introduction to Holy Communion class will be October 7 at 5:00 p.m. This is for children who have not had any instruction about Holy Communion or for those who want a refresher. Pastor Julie and Joe will help children appreciate this great gift of Jesus' presence and grace so they can receive the Sacrament with gratitude and joy. Those who do not attend are invited to join Jessica for Fun With Faith. Sign up with this link:

<https://signup.com/go/YiMMfkN>

We encourage parents to attend these classes with their children as well. We will meet outside in person, with masks and physical distancing.

## **Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love Saturday, October 10, 9:30–11:00 a.m.**

### **Zoom Workshop**

New Hope Lutheran Church in Agoura has graciously invited us to join their Zoom workshop on Saturday, October 10, called “Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love.”

The workshop will be facilitated by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. The cost is \$15. Funds have been donated for anyone who needs it. Pastor Julie hopes all Mount Cross members can attend this workshop. Please register by calling the office or visiting [bit.ly/AgreeingandDisagreeinginLove](http://bit.ly/AgreeingandDisagreeinginLove)

### **Monthly Fair Trade Sale - Today!**

Support this ministry by faithfully purchasing Fair Trade products here today after worship. You are helping to improve the lives of small scale farm families around the globe, just by choosing to buy Fair Trade products. Coffee, tea, olive oil and chocolate are available for purchase the first Sunday of the month - or for contactless delivery anytime by Melissa Henry.

### **Lutheran World Relief Health Care Kits**

The recent explosion in Beirut meant the loss of 22,000 quilts, 100 cartons of School Kits, 300 cartons of Personal Care Kits and 125 cartons of Baby Care Kits. We have work to do, to replace those kits.

Here's what we need:

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

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

Melissa Henry is willing to be your shopper. You can send a donation to the church office marked “LWR Personal Care Kits” if you want her to do the shopping for you.

A donation box to collect the items will be available ANYTIME, sitting by the glass door to the sanctuary near the parking lot. Thank you for your generosity!

## **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](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com). Also, if you haven't already, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

### **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!

### **Take Action! - Vote!**

Voting is one way to advocate for policies that advance the call for peace and justice in our communities and nation. Make sure you are registered to vote: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>. Encourage those you know to vote.

### **Additional Resources:**

*Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California 2020 Voter Guide:*  
<http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/2020-voter-guide>

*ELCA Civic Engagement Guide*  
[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCAvotes\\_civic\\_engagement\\_and\\_voter\\_education\\_guide.pdf?\\_ga=2.36652391.670041802.1599148443-1099257076.1595169200](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCAvotes_civic_engagement_and_voter_education_guide.pdf?_ga=2.36652391.670041802.1599148443-1099257076.1595169200)

*League of Women Voters (CA)  
What's on the Ballot?*  
<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-measures>