

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**  
Join us for a day of service

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**  
**God's Work. Our Hands.**

## PRELUDE - Carol Browning

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie

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

### TEMPLE TALK ON ANTI-RACISM - Bill Stoll

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

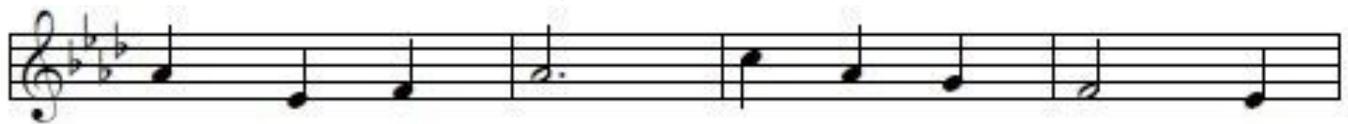
P Faithful God,  
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

C **Amen.**



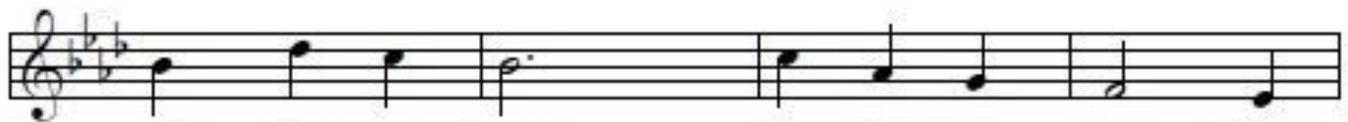
## GATHERING SONG - "God's Work, Our Hands"



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson

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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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie

## CHILDREN'S SONG - "Jesus, We Are Gathered" - ELW 529 (sing twice in English)



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath - ered,



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je-sus, for you.

Text: Patrick Matsikenyiri

Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyiri

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## FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

*Having decided to let the Israelites go from Egypt, Pharaoh had second thoughts and sent his army after them (14:5-8). Though the passage through the Red Sea became a sign of salvation for the people of Israel, Pharaoh's forces drowned in the waters. As a result the Israelites believed in the Lord and in the Lord's servant Moses.*

<sup>19</sup>The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot

wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

<sup>26</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."  
<sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE - "Come, Thou Fount (I Will Sing)"**

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood.

How Your kindness yet pursues me  
How Your mercy never fails me  
Till the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing, oh I will sing.

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

How Your kindness yet pursues me  
How Your mercy never fails me  
Till the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing, oh I will sing  
How Your kindness yet pursues me  
How Your mercy never fails me  
Till the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing, oh I will sing  
Till the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing, oh I will sing.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above  
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12 (Video by Mary Circle members)**

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

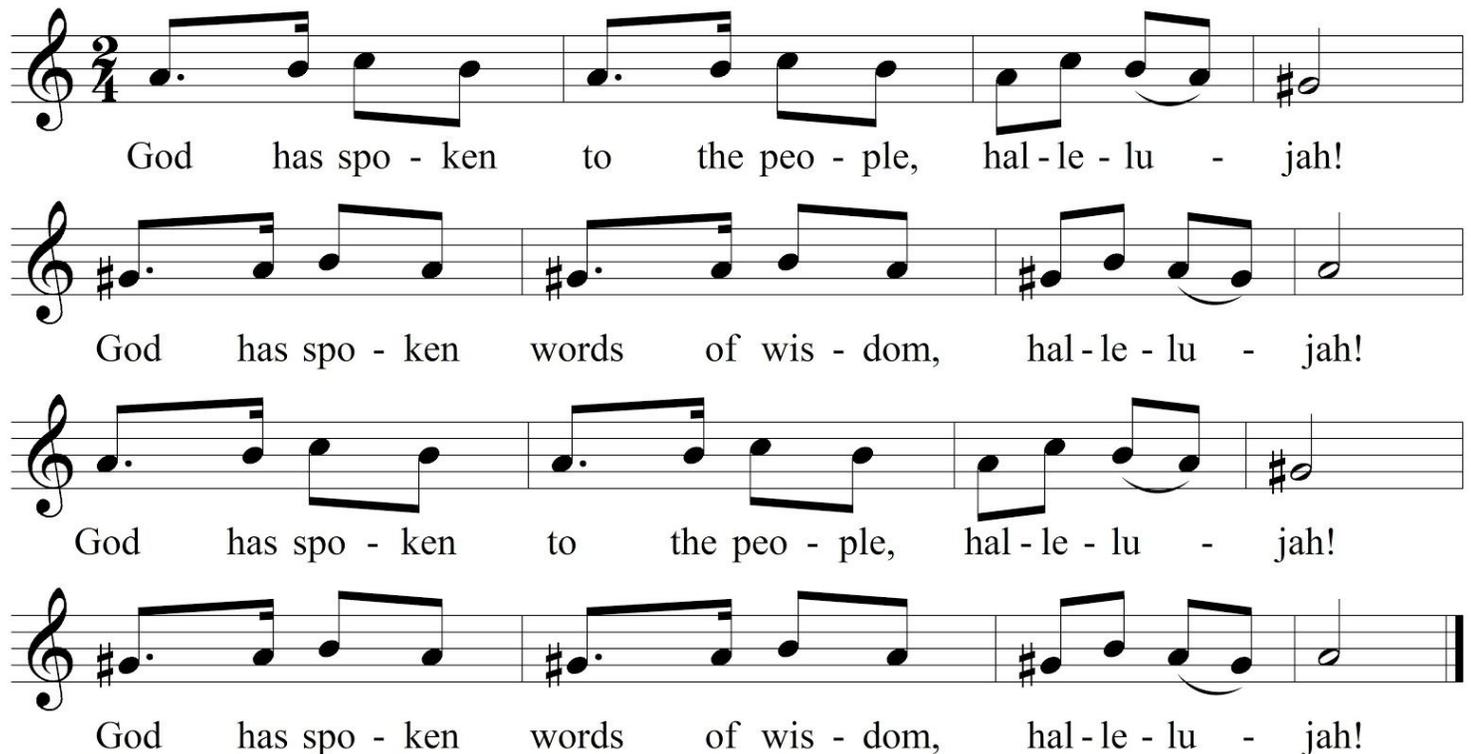
<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18:21-35**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

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

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

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup><sup>24</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## SONG OF THE DAY - "To Be Your Presence" - ELW 546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With open hands and open hearts, let us pray for the needs of all the world.

*Each intercession ends, “**God of abundant grace,**” All respond, “**Open your healing hands.**”*

A We commend these and all things to your gracious care, trusting in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING SONG - “**Build Your Kingdom Here**”

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your Church  
And we need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.  
We are Your church  
And we pray revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray.

Unleash Your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church  
Oh, and we are the hope on earth.

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray.



## 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:

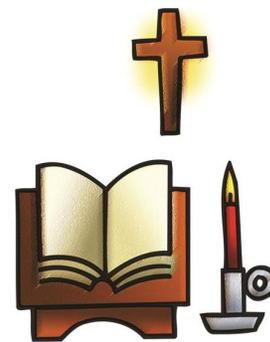
**C Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**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.**



## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on the Agnus Dei  
Music: LAND OF REST, North American

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## **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>***



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

COMMUNION SONG - "We Are Marching in the Light of God" - ELW 866



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the  
 sing - ing sing - ing  
 pray - ing pray - ing  
 serv - ing serv - ing



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God. We are  
 sing - ing  
 pray - ing  
 serv - ing



march-ing in the light of God . We are march-ing,  
 sing - ing sing - ing,  
 pray - ing pray - ing,  
 serv - ing serv - ing,



oo, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing,  
 sing - ing sing - ing,  
 pray - ing pray - ing,  
 serv - ing serv - ing,



oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.  
 sing - ing  
 pray - ing  
 serv - ing

Text: South African.

Music: SIYAHAMBA (Irr.), South Afridan.

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## BLESSING

P The God of compassion, hope and joy,  
our Creator, † Redeemer and Sustainer,  
bless your feet to carry you into places of need.  
Bless your lips to proclaim love and mercy.  
Bless your heart to love and listen to those you encounter.  
Bless your hands to care for the needs of your neighbors.  
Bless you to be a blessing to others,  
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](mailto: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, Richard Casey** (friend of Mary Kienitz), **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, Lisa Saner, Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **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, September 14, 2020

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group has changed their meeting time from 10:00 a.m. to 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 (#).

## Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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

Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 900 a.m. This week, we meet in Nancy Bush Park. 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 (#).

## Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with Jessica via Zoom. Contact Joe, [joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com), for the Zoom info.

Intro to Bible, 5:00 p.m.

Children in 2nd grade or above who have not taken our Intro to Bible class, you are invited to join us September 16 and 23 at 5:00 p.m. for the two-week course, led by Pastor Julie and Joe.

Sign up with this link:  
<https://signup.com/go/pYGzaXj>

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 17, 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 (#).

Bike Ride at the Park, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a family bike ride outside on September 17. Bring your bike, a mask, water and even a friend, if you want. We will be riding around the "Village at the Park" area and staying away from busy streets for the most part. Meet at 3777 Village at the Park Dr, Camarillo, 93012 at 4:00 p.m.

## 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 <https://bit.ly/SeptemberCommunionSignUp> 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.  
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.

### **Intro to Bible and Intro to Holy Communion Classes**

If you are in 2nd grade or above and have not taken our Intro to Bible class, you are invited to join us September 16 and 23 at 5:00 p.m. for the two-week course. Led by Pastor Julie and Joe, we will teach your children the ins and outs of how to read the Bible. Those who do not attend are invited to join Jessica for Fun With Faith. Sign up with this link: <https://signup.com/go/pYGzaXj>

The Intro to Holy Communion class will be September 30 and 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 be letting you know whether these will be in person or over Zoom by next week. If you have any questions, please contact Joe. We hope you can join us!

### **Use Your Voice**

This year, we are kick-starting our new campaign for children, youth, and families called "Use Your Voice," a series of events and discussions around speaking up when injustice is present. Our first part of the series begins this month with Stacy Germundson, a school counselor for middle and high school students who has also created a camp for young women called BOLD.

The focus will be on every child believing they are precious and important with infinite potential.

When young people know they are loved unconditionally and are empowered with a purpose, they can do amazing things.

Stacy is giving 3 separate sessions for our children and parents here at Mount Cross via Zoom with the dates and times listed below.

September 20, 6:00 p.m. -

High School Youth Group

September 23, 6:30 p.m. -

Middle School Youth/Confirmation

September 23, 7:30 p.m. -

Parents who would like to attend

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

The news of the explosion in Beirut was especially difficult for LWR to hear - they had three storage containers in the harbor waiting to be unloaded and taken to Syrian refugees. The loss of 22,000 quilts, 100 cartons of School Kits, 300 cartons of Personal Care Kits and 125 cartons of Baby Care Kits was shocking, but they were blessed to be able to say none of their partners in Beirut were killed.

So now 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.

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 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 in advance for your generosity!

### **September is Suicide Prevention Month**

If you or someone you care about is in crisis, there is help. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We're committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255.

## 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](https://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** 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!

## 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](mailto:cygaylej@verizon.net) or (805) 388-3293.

## Interfaith Solidarity Virtual March

**TODAY from 2:00-4:00 pm**

Take part via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-solidarity-march-los-angeles-2020-a-virtual-event-tickets-117076610293?fbclid=IwARIJvnX11ajmbInrUzQ8XbpU1CIKXRob2kDlmx-THebwGuPdx8N-8-pE-6E>

**Join us for these opportunities to serve on "God's Work. Our Hands" - TODAY, Sunday, September 13th!**

### Assembling LWR School Kits

Today at the Mount Cross Church Pavilion, sign up for a designated time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAAC2EA13-lwrbackpack> to assemble kits. Social distance practices will be observed. If you prefer to do this project at home, please contact Melissa Henry at [mgreason@hotmail.com](mailto:mgreason@hotmail.com) and the team can deliver a box to your door.

### Writing and sending cards (provided) to congregational members

Cards can be picked up on today, at drive-thru Communion or at the Pavilion between the hours of 12:30-3:30 pm. If you would like to participate, but are unable to collect the cards, please contact Gayle Johnson at [cygaylej@verizon.net](mailto:cygaylej@verizon.net). Instructions will be included with the cards.

### 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)

