

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

102 Camino Esplendido, Camarillo, CA 93010

805.482.3847 www.mountcross.com



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Blessing of the New School Year

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

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.**

CONFESSON 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 Is Here!” - ELW 526 - verses 1, 2 & 4



1 God is here! As we your people meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here, the ser - vant's
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

Text © 1979 and Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

- 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, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Children's Video Message from Family Faith Night

BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

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

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are:
Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,
Je - sus, we are gath-ered,
Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,
Je - sus, we are gath-ered,

The second staff continues with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are:
Je - su, 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 PAN, Patrick Matsikenyiri

Text and music © 1990, 1996 General Board of Global Ministries, GBG Musik, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115.

All rights reserved.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14 (read by Vicar Amanda Berg)

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in

which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil” - ELW 721 (sing 2x’s)



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t’ry is



ours, vic - t’ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t’ry is



ours, vic - t’ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

Text © 1995 Desmond Tutu, admin. Random House, Inc. and Lynn C. Franklin Associates, Ltd.

Music © 1996 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com
800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14 (read by Stan Patscheck)

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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.

Text © 1966, 1982, Willard F. Jabusch, OCP Publications.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON – Pastor Julie Morris

SONG OF THE DAY - “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” - ELW 656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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 Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

- A All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.



PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING SONG - "Hold On to Love"

Verses

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major, common time. It features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

1a. There is a place for the sad - ness.
1b. When pain and con - fu - sion seem end - less,
2a. When ter - ror and fear o - verwhelm us,
2b. When vi - o - lence seeks to de - stroy us,
3a. When ha - tred is used to di - vide us,
3b. When pre - ju - dice pos - es as free - dom,

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major, common time. It features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

1a. Hold on to Love. There is a sea - son of glad-
1b. hold on to Love. We cul - ti - vate heal - ing through kind-
2a. hold on to Love. Cour-age and faith will sus - tain
2b. hold on to Love. Acts of com-pas - sion re - store
3a. hold on to Love. Wis-dom and truth re - u - nite
3b. hold on to Love. Dig - ni - ty means "all are wel-

1 2

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major, common time. It features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

1a. - ness. Hold on to Love.
1b. - ness. Hold on to Love
2a. us. Hold on to Love.
2b. us. Hold on to Love.
3a. us. Hold on to Love.
3b. - come!" Hold on to Love.

Refrain

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major, common time. It features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love,

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major, common time. It features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

where joy a - bounds. Hold on to Love,

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major, common time. It features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

where grace and mer - cy's o - ver - flow - ing.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major, common time. It features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Hold on to Love.



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.

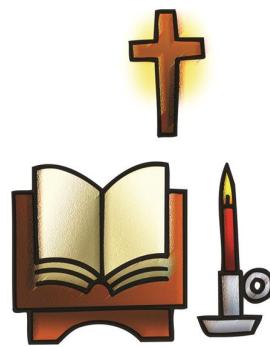
Give us today our daily bread.

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 - ELW Setting 10



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

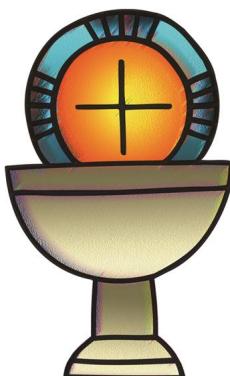
Text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

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 - “Canticle of the Turning” - ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

BLESSING

P Mothering God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
C Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-722573 and CCLI License #2022482. Images from sundaysandseasons.com used with permission from Augsburg Fortress.

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, 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, 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 or call 805.482.3847.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, September 7, 2020

Labor Day Holiday

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, for the Labor Day holiday.

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group is changing 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 8, 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 (#).

Wednesday, September 9, 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 10, 2020

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

Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 730-900 a.m. via Zoom. To join on your laptop, smartphone, or tablet, go to <https://zoom.us/j/122561229> or from your phone, dial 1 669 900 6833. You will be asked for a meeting ID number. Enter 122 561 229 and then push pound (#).

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

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

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747459576>

OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial **1 (408) 638 0968**. You will be asked for a Meeting ID. It is **847 4745 9576**, then push pound (#).

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.

Anti-Racism Check-in, 7:00 p.m.
The anti-racist book group is meeting via
Zoom for a monthly check-in.
The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365610328?pwd=c041R2RESXYrSDI5Ly9jdDA2cjDQ>
T09 OR you can call on a phone. Dial 1
(408) 638 0968. You will be asked for a
Meeting ID. It is **833 6561 0328**, then
push pound (#).

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

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.

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

Jaimie Marroquin Selected to Be Our Volunteer Coordinator

In January, the Church Council approved a Volunteer Coordinator for the congregation that would be a "hybrid volunteer position" due to the range of functions that would be undertaken by the person and the fact there is an associated stipend. 2019 Make Bake Celebrate proceeds were awarded to make possible one year of a \$150 monthly stipend for the Volunteer Coordinator. It was stipulated that the Coordinator be a Mount Cross member. Recruitment through congregation newsletters took place the following month.

Due to COVID 19 closures, a decision was postponed until recently.

Jaimie Marroquin has been a member of Mount Cross since last year, along with her husband, John, and son, Cooper. She is a graduate of California Lutheran University with a degree in Organizational Leadership and works for the Department of Defense at Point Mugu. Her organizational skills are key to her professional success and she is anxious to apply them to be of service to the church. Jaimie has a warm and pleasing personality, is quick to share a laugh, and her sincerity is obvious. In addition to strong computer knowledge, she offers good ideas for technology support. The nature of the Volunteer Coordinator position allowing her to set her own schedule and work from her own home is a good fit for Jaimie's life.

We are anxious for you to have a chance to know Jaimie and expect that many of you will be seeing requests or notices for volunteer opportunities soon. If you have a particular interest in volunteering, you can contact Jaimie Marroquin, Volunteer Coordinator at serving@mountcross.com.

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 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!

Blessing of the New School Year

Teachers and students! Today, we bless the new school year during worship.. 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 Today

Support the labors of small scale farmers around the world by purchasing their products at fair trade prices. We'll be on the patio during the drive-through communion, or you can call or email Melissa Henry (805-279-9256 or mgreason@hotmail.com) to place a delivery order.

Celtic Contemplative Prayer at St. Columba's

On Friday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m., join St. Columba's Episcopal Church online for a contemplative worship service, using elements from the Iona and Taizé communities, with songs, scripture, meditative chants, prayers, and a brief time of silence. This service will be available on www.stcolumbaca.com (or at a later time).

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.



Join us for these opportunities to serve on
“God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday, September 13th!

- Service and Missions Ministry: Assembling LWR School Kits

Where? The Mount Cross Church Pavilion at your designated time (see sign-up link below) Social distance practices will be observed. If you prefer to do this project at home, please contact Melissa Henry at mgreason@hotmail.com and the team can deliver a box to your door.

When? Sunday Afternoon, September 13th (sign up for a time slot below)

How? Sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAC2EA13-lwrbackpack>

- Caring Card Ministry: Writing and sending cards (provided) to congregational members

Where/When? Cards can be picked up on Sunday, September 13th, 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

How? Instructions will be included with the cards.

- Peace & Justice Ministry: Take Action! – Vote!

Voting is one way to advocate for policies that advance the call for peace and justice in our communities and nation.

How? • 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

Additional Opportunity: Interfaith Solidarity Virtual March/ Sept. 13 from 2-4 pm
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-solidarity-march-los-angeles-2020-a-virtual-event-tickets-117076610293?fbclid=IwAR1JvnX11ajmbInrUzQ8XbpU1CIKXR0b2kDlmx-THebwGuPdx8N-8-pE-6E>