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To the Parents of Our Young Children –

We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies. All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.

To All Worshippers –

The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community.

Please introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!



**Reconciling in Christ:
Intentionally welcoming and affirming
LGBTQIA+ people and families.**

**The 4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - "Christ Is Alive!" (arr. Larson)

Mount Cross Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Joe Zimmerly

**GATHERING SONG - "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds - ELW 367 -
Verses 1, 3 & 4**

As able, the assembly stands.



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

During the Easter season, Confession and Forgiveness is replaced with Thanksgiving for Baptism.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
 let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister and the congregation continue.

P We thank you, risen Christ,
 for these waters where you make us new,
 leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

C **We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
 in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
 like rains to our thirsting earth,
 like streams that revive our souls.**

P Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

C **Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.**

P Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

C **Make us one, risen Christ.**

P Cleanse our hearts.

C **Shower us with life.**

P To you be given all praise,

C **with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God,
 now and forever.**

Amen.

GREETING

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 - "This Is the Feast" - ELW Setting 2

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**


The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

Children through 5th Grade are welcome (but not required) to come up for the Children's Message and then follow the staff to the Parish Life Center for an age-appropriate Bible lesson and activity. They will return to the sanctuary before Holy Communion. There are faith activity bags available near the front door for children who would rather stay in church.



CHILDREN'S SONG - "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" - ELW 172 (sing 2 times)



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM - "Psalm 23" (Townend) - CCLI Song # 1585970

Verses



1. The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in
 2. He guides my ways in right-eous-ness, and He a - noints my
 3. And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not fear the



pas - tures green. He leads me by the still, still wa - ters,
 head with oil; and my cup, it o - ver - flows with joy,
 e - vil one; For You are with me, and Your rod and staff



His good - ness re - stores my soul.
 I feast on His pure de - lights.
 are the com - fort I need to know.

Refrain



And I will trust in You a - lone, and I will trust in You a - lone; for Your

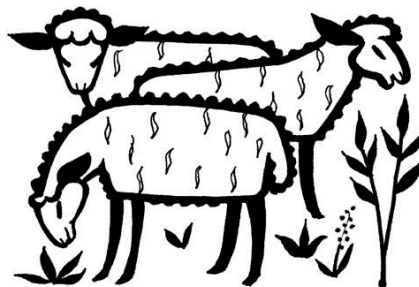


end-less mer-cy fol-lows me, Your good-ness will lead me home.



home. For Your end-less mer-cy fol-lows me, Your good-ness will lead me home.

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SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.


L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Celtic Alleluia" - ELW 174

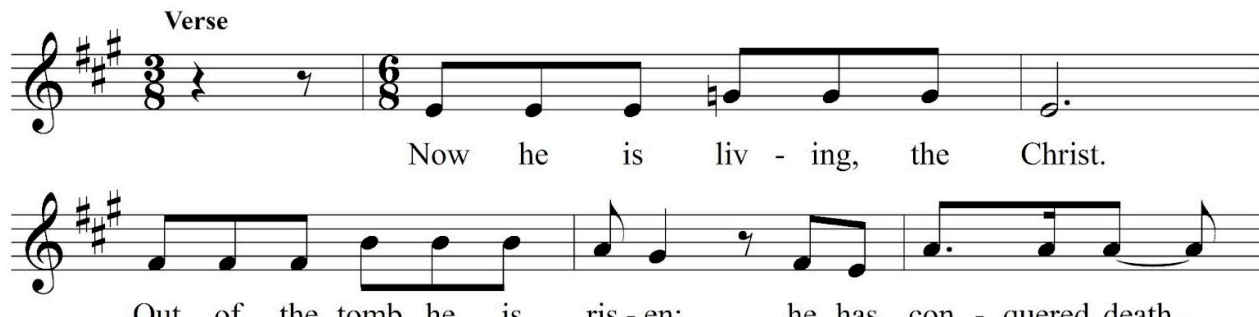
Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

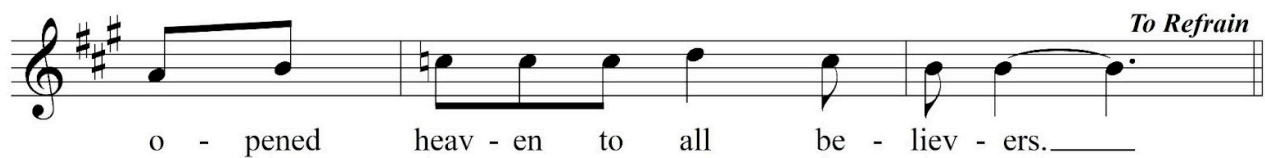
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse



Now he is liv - ing, the Christ.

Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con - quered death,



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GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - The Rev. Scott J. Maxwell-Doherty



As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - ELW 502

You are invited to sing the hymn in this manner: Verses 1 & 2, all; Verse 3, women;
Verse 4, men; Verse 5, all - a cappella; Verse 6, all

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
5. Thou spreadst a tab - le in my sight; thine un - ction
6. And so, through all the length of days, thy good - ness

1. fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
3. love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
4. Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my
5. grace be - stow - eth; and, oh, what trans - port
6. fail - eth nev - er. Good Shep - herd, may I

1. I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
3. gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.
5. of de - light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!
6. sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877.

Music: ST. COLUMBA (8 7 8 7), Irish tune.

NICENE CREED (During the Easter season, we use the Nicene Creed rather than the Apostle's Creed.)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Note: The term "catholic" (lower case "c") does not refer to any specific denomination or group of Christians. The term comes from two Greek words that together mean "throughout the whole." So when the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it refers to the whole or universal Christian church in all times and places.

The assembly may be seated.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of life, **receive our prayer.**

Nurturing God, as we observe Earth Day tomorrow, strengthen us to fulfill our task of caring for creation and make us better stewards of the world around us. God of life, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. Teach us to work for peace and reconciliation in our world, especially in our own country, the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan. God of life, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Bring comfort to all who are ill or suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for **Rachel A. and her family** (friend of Chrissy O'Farrell), **Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Jim & Joyce Boyd** (friends of Scott & Nora Fajnor), **Barbara Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Kris Dawson, Sonja Demeter, Vinse Gilliam** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **the family of Norma Harvey, Patrick Heckman** (relative of Marni Engh), **Gordon Henry, Trevor Jeffrey** (friend of the Phipps family), **Craig Kaihara** (friend of Scott & Nora Fajnor), **Susan Klein, Jerry Kochans, David Ludwig** (friend of Jim & Susan Prosser), **Jack & Penny Luhrsen, Michael McCandless** (relative of Melissa Henry), **Karen Nelson, Aaron Nuñez** (friend of Claire Johnson), **Angie Patscheck** (sister-in-law of Stan Patscheck), **Stan Patscheck, Michael Potts** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **Dianne Selbrede, Carol Smith** (friend of Marni Engh), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Waldon Swenson** (brother of Janet Rubin), **the family of Terri Tillotson** (Jean Tillotson's daughter), **Deacon Cecelia Travick-Jackson, Jerry Warren, Alex Willis-Hutton** (niece of Carol Broderick), **Nancy Zeph** (niece of Barbara Sletten), **Joan Yabitsu** (friend of Evonne Kuchera).

*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.*

A God of life, **receive our prayer.**

God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud
(*pause*) ... God of life, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living
Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (arr. Larson)
Mount Cross Handbell Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C **Amen.**



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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.
In dying he has destroyed death,
and in rising he has brought us to eternal life.

P And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ho - san - na in the high - est heav'n, al - - - le - lu - ia!
Blest he who comes, who comes in the Lord's name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text adapt.: CB.

Music (EASTER HYMN, 7 7 7 7 and alleluias), J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

C Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

P Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

C Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

P Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

C Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

P 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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C Amen.

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

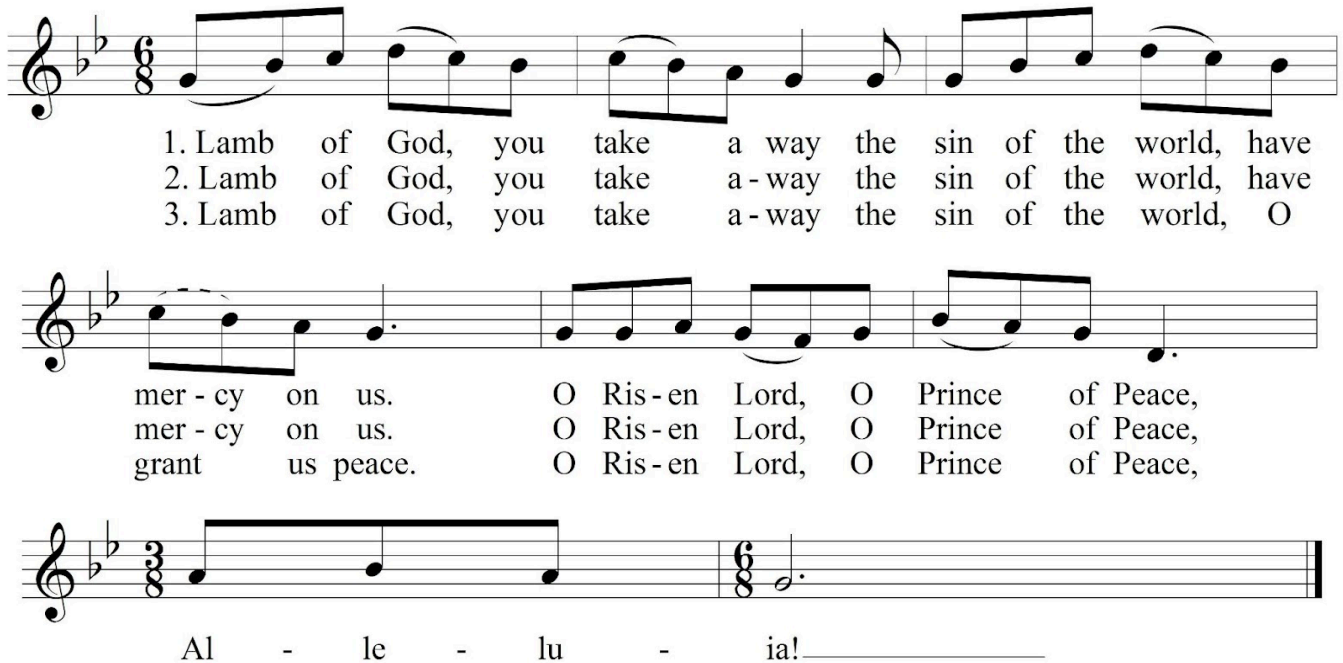
**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "Eastertime Lamb of God" (O FILII ET FILIAE, adapt.)



1. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world, have
2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, O

mer - cy on us. O Ris - en Lord, O Prince of Peace,
mer - cy on us. O Ris - en Lord, O Prince of Peace,
grant us peace. O Ris - en Lord, O Prince of Peace,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Text adaptation: CB. Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE (10 10 with alleluias),
adapt & harmonized by Marty Haugen, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church.

Please come forward to receive the bread (gluten-free hosts available), and then walk to the side to dip the bread in the chalice of wine or to receive a small cup of grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays provided.

Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges.



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

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."

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

COMMUNION SONGS - "Shepherd Me, O God" - ELW 780

Refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 | *to stanza 4*



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I



2 Gent-ly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul, you



3 Though I should wan-der the val-ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith-ful-ness and love, I



lead me by path-ways of righ-teous-ness and truth, my



fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain



walk by the qui-et wa-ters of peace.



spir-it shall sing the mu-sic of your name.



rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope.

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Refrain

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23
 Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen
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“Beautiful Savior” - ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Shepherd God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
- C **Amen.**



As able, the assembly stands for the Final Blessing.

BLESSING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" - ELW 536

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Alleluia! Rooted in God's grace,
C **we joyfully witness and serve. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Gail Baird in memory of Terri Tillotson and
by Bill Bender in loving memory of my mother's passing a year ago.*

Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants (current as of printing date)

*Acolytes - Allison Johnson
Altar Guild - Gayle Johnson, Gail Baird
Assisting Minister - Herb Holler
Children, Family, Youth Ministry Director - Joe Zimmerly
Clergy - The Rev. Scott J. Maxwell-Doherty
Communion Assistants - LaJean Wenzel, Sabrina Ebright, Claire Johnson, Gayle Johnson
Greeter - Vicky Edell
Music Ministers -
Songleaders - Melissa Henry, Barbara Recker, Dan Nelson
Accompanist - Guy Ervin III
Mount Cross Handbell Choir -
Betty Ertel, Bill Greason, Melissa Henry, Barbara Recker, Elliott Ripley, Jean Scott,
Melissa Sobolik, Aimee Stoll, Linda Young
Readers - Becky Riley, Vicky Edell
Technical Crew - Bill Dawson, Justin Thai, Mona Neuhaus
Ushers - Scott Fajnor, Gordon Henry, Cy Johnson*

*Pastor Julie Morris is away at a conference through April 23.
In the case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office.
The voicemail will indicate who you can call to reach an available pastor.*

*We welcome the Rev. Scott J. Maxwell-Doherty and
thank him for leading us in worship today!*

Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson is away for a few weeks due to medical reasons.

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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online -
fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00-11:15 a.m.**

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, April 21

CDC Spring Sing & Silent Auction,
3:00 p.m.

See the announcement below about our preschool's Spring Sing and Silent Auction fundraiser.

Monday, April 22

Earth Day

Men's Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m.

A Men's Al-Anon group meets in the Parish Life Center at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

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

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Questions, contact Pastor Julie.

Wednesday, April 24

Meditation, 10:00 a.m.

The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

ROOTED, 5:00 p.m.

This program for Faith Formation parents and others is on Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 p.m. Questions, please contact Pastor Julie, pastorjulie@mountcross.com.

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

All children Preschool through 5th grade are invited to join Joe Zimmerly at 5:00 p.m. for "Fun with Faith"! Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Community Dinner, 5:45 p.m.

All are invited to join us for dinner each Wednesday in the pavilion and Parish Life Center. Suggested donation: \$7/adult; \$5/children 10 & under. Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.
The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation for our Middle School youth meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

The choir meets in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. to rehearse music for Sundays and learn anthems and special music.

Thursday, April 25

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Senior Adult Ministry Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social, 2:00 p.m.

The Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social at 2:00 p.m. in the pavilion.

Saturday, April 27

Al-Anon, 10:00 a.m.

Al-Anon meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Miracle League Game, 11:00 a.m.

The Miracle League, a baseball league for kids and adults with special needs, has a game at Freedom Park, next to the Co-Op Preschool (275 E. Pleasant Valley Rd., Camarillo, 93010). Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly (joe@mountcross.com).

Announcements

Sunday Worship

We always need worship assistants. We will train you.

Contact Vicky Edell at vickyedell5@gmail.com

or sign-up online at

<https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

For information on our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2023>. **The cost is \$40.00;** you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy. If you ordered flowers, please remember to pay for them - online or in the offering, marked for "Flowers."

Financial Statements

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you show your church family!
Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. **Canned vegetables or proteins** (tuna or chicken) are always a good choice. They could also use **cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex**. Please **do not donate food that is expired**.
Thanks for your support.



CDC Spring Sing and Silent Auction

The Child Development Center (Mount Cross' preschool) is having their Spring Sing and Silent Auction **TODAY, April 21**, beginning at **3:00 p.m.**, including dinner. See details on the flyer to the left.
Thanks for supporting our preschool!

Senior Adult Ministry Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social

The Senior Adult Ministry is hosting a hymn sing and ice cream social in the pavilion **this Thursday, April 25**, at **2:00 p.m.**

April Midweek Movie

The April midweek movie is **The Long Game** at the Roxy on **Tuesday, April 23**, at **4:40 p.m.** We'll meet at 4:25 p.m. at the box office. Hope you can join us for the movie and/or dinner after! Please contact Joan Brundage at jbrundage@roadrunner.com or text her at 805-586-5553 with any questions or comments.

Civic Life and Faith Study Group

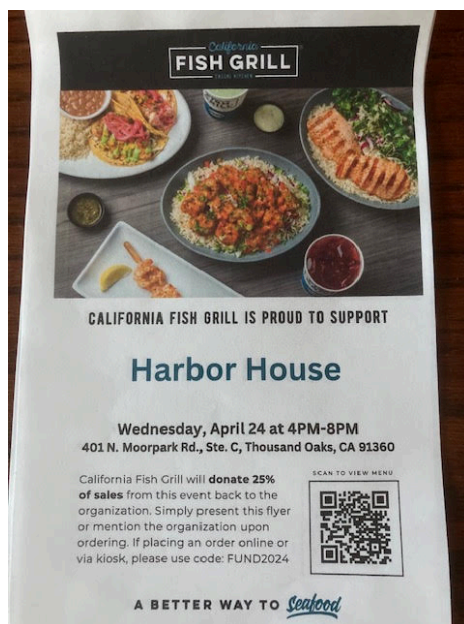
The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Social statements are the ELCA's primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience, and set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation.

Church members are encouraged to study and give feedback on a draft version of the social statement. You can read a draft of the statement at <https://bit.ly/CivicLifeFaithDraft>. The feedback period will be open until September 30, 2024. Pastor Julie invites you to join her in studying the draft document using a 6-session study guide prepared by the ELCA Task Force on Civic Life and Faith. **We will meet Sundays, April 28, May 5, May 26, June 2, June 9, and June 30 from 11:00 a.m. - Noon in the PLC.**

Contact her at pastorjulie@mountcross.com for more information.

Harbor House Fundraiser at California Fish Grill

Wednesday, April 24, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., California Fish Grill will donate 25% of sales to Harbor House. You don't even need the flier—just mention that you are there for Harbor House when you order! You can even order online or via kiosk, just use the code FUND2024. No prep, no cleanup, a delicious dinner, and you support a great organization ... who works to make sure our neighbors also get dinner.



Mother's Day Fundraiser for Youth Trip

Mother's Day is just around the corner! Show Mom some love with our handcrafted charcuterie boards lovingly prepared by our church's teens. Join us in supporting our church's New Orleans trip! Every bite brings us closer to our goal. All orders will be available for pick up at Mount Cross on Saturday, May 11, anytime after 3:00 p.m. or Sunday, May 12, anytime after 10:30 a.m. If you're interested in placing an order, make sure to fill out our Google form. Thank you for your support!

[Click Here - Mothers Day Order Form](#)

"Caring for the Home Caregiver" **Health Education Program in the Sanctuary** **Next Sunday, April 28, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Refreshments, resources, and conversations will follow in the Patio Pavilion.

Topics will include:

- Support for those providing home care – yourself or another.
- Accessing outside care services – knowing what's available and when and how to ask for help.
 - When and how to evaluate and select out-of-home care placement.

Speakers will be professionals associated with caregiving and a trained family member caregiver. An opportunity for your questions will be provided.

You are encouraged to attend and invite others!

If you have questions, contact Evonne Kuchera, Mount Cross Care Team Health Ministry Nurse, at 805-377-0808 or evonnemk@aol.com.

World Labyrinth Day - May 4

Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in **World Labyrinth Day** as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience (<https://www.worldlabyrinthday.org/>).

All are invited to the Larkin Labyrinth at **St. Columba's Episcopal Church** (1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo; behind the church) on **Saturday, May 4**, at **1:00 p.m.** as we celebrate World Labyrinth Day. We will be joining with people around the world to "**Walk as One at 1.**" This global event will create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to another. Light refreshments will be provided. Questions, contact St. Columba's (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com, 805-482-8831).

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Fundraiser - May 17

Give your night a Twist! The RIC team would like to invite you to join others and represent Mount Cross at "Paint with a Twist." This is a fundraiser for Camarillo Pride 2024. All participants must be 21+. Sip, Socialize and Create! Friday, May 17, 5:45-8:00 p.m. Details and/or to register, see the following link (Painting with a Purpose-May 17th):

<https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/Camarillo/calendar>

Help Feed People in Need

The second Monday of every month, Mount Cross joins with Camarillo United Methodist Church to cook for Many Meals, the dinner served at St. Mary Magdalen Church to people in need. The recipes are provided. All you need to do is sign up, cook, and drop off the food at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. If you can help, please let Karin Grennan know. Her email address is grennan4@verizon.net.

St. Columba's Food Ministry Needs Paper Bags

St. Columba's food ministry is in need of your used paper grocery bags. They serve groceries to 50 families three times a month and use 450 paper bags each month! Please bring in your empty paper grocery bags and put them in the St Columba's Food Pantry bin so they can be reused. Thanks for your help!

ELCA National Youth Gathering - July 15-20, 2024

Every three years, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America hosts the National Youth Gathering in various cities around the country for over 30,000 high-school-aged youth. The Gathering's goal is to create environments and opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. While some of the experiences can be replicated at home, some are unique and special to the Gathering because of the size and scope of this ministry. As we worship in the Superdome (home of the New Orleans Saints), walk through Jackson Square, listen to the community, pray for one another, I encourage you to follow our journey and I also invite you to find ways to support our youth from Mount Cross. Whether that be financially, or by prayer, we want the entire Mount Cross community to remember that we are all on this journey together. —Joe Zimmerly

Giving to Mount Cross!

If you would like to give to Mount Cross, in addition to adding your offering to the collection plate on Sundays, you can do so via [our online giving page](#), through mail (102 Camino Esplendido, Camarillo, CA 93010), or via our Venmo account (@MountCross-LutheranChurch, or scan the QR code) 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 be sure to indicate what your payment / donation is designated for. Thank you!



Mount Cross Lutheran Church Welcome Statement

Mount Cross Lutheran Church welcomes, embraces, and affirms all individuals, regardless of race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, faith background, physical or mental ability or anything else that may set us apart from each other. We are a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, one of over 1000 Lutheran communities that intentionally welcome and affirm LGBTQIA+ people and families. We are committed to racial equity and the work of anti-racism, celebrating the beautiful tapestry of humanity and fostering an inclusive community that recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to follow Jesus' way of love, compassion, and justice and invite you to walk this path alongside us. With open hearts and open arms, we welcome you.