

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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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 6th Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - "Be Not Afraid" - ELW 388 - sing 3x's

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community  
Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

### GATHERING SONG - "How Great Thou Art" - ELW 856 - Verses 1, 2 & 4

*As able, the assembly stands.*

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cia-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989  
 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine  
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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.  
I 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 God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98 - "Joy to the World" - ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
 Music: AN'THOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The Refrain is in 6/8 time and consists of two staves of music. The Verse is in 3/8 time and consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**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,

o - pened heav - en to all be - liev - ers. \_\_\_\_\_ *To Refrain*

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## **GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

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

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris**



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

## SONG OF THE DAY - "In Christ There Is No East or West" - ELW 650

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and simple melodic lines.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

**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.

Creator God, your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. God of life, **receive our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, protect endangered species, and help us to care for all your creatures. Bring relief to areas devastated by tornadoes, storms, or other natural disasters. God of life, **receive our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to all leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all, especially in Israel, Gaza, the entire Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan. God of life, **receive our prayer.**

A Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray for all those in need or suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list ...

### PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for **Barbara Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Kris Dawson, Sonja Demeter, Patrick Heckman** (relative of Marni Engh), **Gordon Henry, Betty Hough, John Hunter** (cousin of Scott Fajnor), **Trevor Jeffrey** (friend of the Phipps family), **Craig Kaihara** (friend of Scott & Nora Fajnor), **Susan Klein, David Ludwig** (friend of Jim & Susan Prosser), **Jack & Penny Luhrsen, 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), **Fleet Smith** (friend of Mark & Lisa Saner), **Waldon Swenson** (brother of Janet Rubin), **Deacon Cecelia Travick-Jackson, Russell Wall** (brother of Nora Fajnor), **Jerry Warren, Nancy Zeph** (niece of Barbara Sletten).

*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.*

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 Come with Joy" (Wren/LAND OF REST)

1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -  
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To  
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each  
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, Un -  
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound By

giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus  
 find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -  
 proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,  
 seen, but ev - er near, Is in such friend - ship  
 all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to

to re - call, In love laid down for me.  
 ty of love In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 makes us one, And strang - ers now are friends.  
 bet - ter known, A - live a - mong us here.  
 give the world The love that makes us one.

Text: Brian Wren, b.1936, © 1971, rev. 1995, Hope Publishing Company  
 Tune: LAND OF REST, CM; American; adapt. by Annabel M. Buchanan, 1888-1983, © 1938 (renewed), this arr. © 2011, The H.W. Gray Company

## 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.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

# COMMUNION SONGS - "Christ Still Rises" (Bjorlin/Brody)

David Bjorlin

HICKS  
Benjamin Brody



1. Christ still ris - es                    when fear grips our cit - y,  
2. Christ still ris - es                    when we give to neigh - bors,



when death takes no pit-y,                    when much is un - known.  
when we share our la-bors,                    when stran-gers be - long.



Christ still ris - es                    when friends are di - vid - ed,  
Christ still ris - es                    when we come to-geth - er,



when joy feels mis-guid-ed,                    when we are a - lone.  
when love is our teth - er,                    when hope is our song.



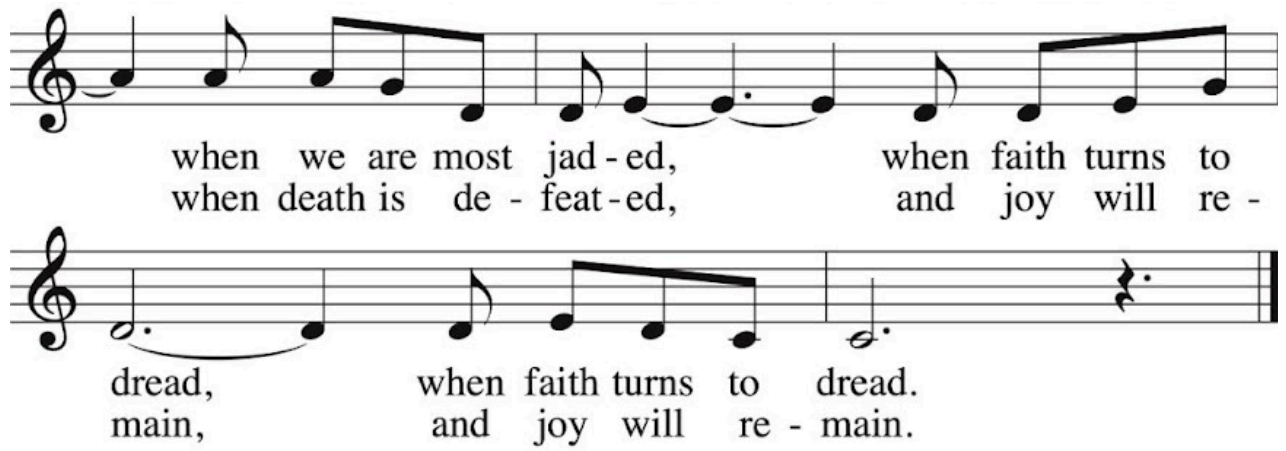
Christ still ris - es                    when church-es are shut-tered,  
Christ still ris - es                    when griev - ing is end-ed,



when prais-es are mut - tered,                    when prayers go un - said.  
when bod - ies are mend-ed,                    when beau - ty heals pain.



Christ still ris - es                    when peace has all fad - ed,  
Christ still ris - es                    when fear has re - treat-ed,



when we are most jad - ed, when faith turns to  
when death is de - feat-ed, and joy will re -  
dread, when faith turns to dread.  
main, and joy will re - main.

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**“Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me” (Robinson/Thompson/Farren) - CCLI Song # 7121852**



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no  
 (2. The night is) dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my  
 (3. No fate I) dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
 (4. With ev - 'ry) breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and  
 side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -  
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my  
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. — To this I  
 joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played. To this I  
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. — To this I  
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to  
 hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will  
 hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my  
 hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. — Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not  
 lead. — Oh the night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not  
 plea. — Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not  
 him. — When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not

1, 2, 3

2

I, but through Christ in me. 2. The night is  
 I, but through Christ in me. 3. No fate I  
 I, but through Christ in me. 4. With ev' - ry

4

I, but through Christ in me. When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re-peat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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## 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 - "Bind Us Together" - WOV 748

## Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with

cords that can - not be bro - ken.

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord;

bind us to - geth - er in love.

Verses

1. There is on - ly one God.  
2. You are the fam - 'ly of God.

There is on - ly one King.  
You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There is on - ly one Bod - y;  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire,

*To Refrain*

that is why we can sing.  
you - are the glo - rious new wine.

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## 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 Susan and Jim Prosser in celebration of our first date 46 years ago today.*

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

*Acolytes -  
Altar Guild - Vicky Edell, Evonne Kuchera  
Assisting Minister - Keith Selbrede  
Children, Family, Youth Ministry Director - Joe Zimmerly  
Clergy - Pastor Julie Morris  
Communion Assistants - Becky Gilbertson, Marni Engh, Susan Prosser,  
Allison Johnson, LaJean Wenzel  
Greeter - Mary Kienitz  
Music Ministers -  
Songleaders - Dan Nelson, Becky Riley  
Accompanist - Guy Ervin III  
Readers - Tom Neuhaus  
Technical Crew - Bill Dawson, Justin Thai, Mona Neuhaus  
Ushers - Gordon Henry, Vicky Edell*

*Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson is not serving  
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, May 5

Civics Study, 11:00 a.m.

See the announcement below about an ELCA Civics  
Study led by Pastor Julie at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Life  
Center.

### Monday, May 6

Youth Group, 5:00 p.m.

The High School Youth Group is meeting at The  
Habit at 5:00 p.m.



Family Faith Formation, 7:00 p.m.  
The Family Faith Formation Group is meeting at  
Yolanda's at 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

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](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

## **Tuesday, May 7**

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.

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.

4H, 7:00 p.m.  
4H meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

## **Thursday, May 9**

**Wednesday, May 8**  
Meditation, 10:00 a.m.  
The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 10:00 a.m.  
Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

Care Team, 2:00 p.m.  
The Care Team meets at 2:00 p.m.

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](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com).

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.  
The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Zoom,  
7:00 p.m.  
The Executive Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.  
on Zoom.

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](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

CDC Board Zoom, 7:30 p.m.  
The CDC Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

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](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

## **Saturday, May 11**

Work Day, 8:30 a.m.  
See the announcement below about help  
needed for work in the prayer garden.

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

# **Announcements**

## **Sunday Worship**

We always need worship assistants. We will train you.  
Contact Vicky Edell at [vickyedell5@gmail.com](mailto:vickyedell5@gmail.com),  
818-395-7674, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Civic Life and Faith Study Group - TODAY**

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 are meeting Sundays, 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](mailto:pastorjulie@mountcross.com) for more information.

## **Mother's Day Fundraiser for Youth Trip - Pick Up Orders Next Saturday or Sunday**

Mother's Day is just around the corner! Thanks to all who supported our Youth Trip fundraiser by ordering our handcrafted charcuterie boards lovingly prepared by our church's teens. 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. Thank you for your support!

## **Work Day - Encore - Saturday, May 11!**

Our Saturday morning volunteers made great progress on the playground and prayer garden paths a couple of weeks ago. If you are young and strong (or think you are young and strong) and you can spare an hour or two beginning at 8:30 on Saturday the 11th, please join me at the church and we will finish the job. -Cy Johnson

## **Legacy Giving/Endowment Requests**

The Legacy Giving Team is currently soliciting requests for distributions from the Endowment Fund. Requests may be made in the areas of Missions, Education, Children & Young Adult Ministry, Worship & Music, as well as Capital Projects. All applications must include the simple one-page form, available in the office or at this link: <https://bit.ly/2024EndowmentApplication>. College scholarship applicants should work with Joe on an appropriate essay and materials to submit.

The Legacy Giving Team will consider all requests and submit recommendations to the Church Council for funding approval. Provide funding requests to the Church Office ([office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com)) by **May 10, 2024**. Please contact Brian Fisher with any questions.

## **May 13 Pick Up Stix Fundraiser**

Help raise funds for our Youth Trip this summer. Get a flyer from the narthex or the office and purchase food at the Camarillo **Pick Up Stix** (660 Ventura Blvd., 93010), on **Monday, May 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, and Pick Up Stix will donate 25% of the day's sales - dine in or take out. Thanks for supporting our youth!

## **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](mailto:grennan4@verizon.net).

\*Sign up to bring food on May 13: <https://signup.com/go/umAnhDM/signup.com/go/umAnhDM>\*

## **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>

## **Handbell Concert at Camarillo United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m.**

Camarillo United Methodist Church (291 Anacapa Dr.) will present their Annual Handbell Concert on Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m., featuring 6 Bell Choirs, the CUMC Chancel Choir, and guest artists. Freewill Offering.

## **Sponges, Dish Towels, and Dish Soap Needed for New Housing Community**

Many Mansions is opening their newest low-income housing community in June. Central Terrace on Meta Street in Oxnard will be the new home for 87 households—35 of whom are coming directly from homelessness. They have asked Mount Cross to donate new sponges, dish towels, and dish soap for each household. We will be collecting these items throughout the month of May. Please bring them to worship on Sunday. Thank you for your generosity! For any questions, please contact Gordon or Melissa Henry or Pastor Julie.

## **Vacation Bible School - August 5-9**



Mount Cross is hosting **Vacation Bible School** on **August 5-9, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** each day. Our theme this year is "On Earth as in Heaven" written by ELCA World Hunger. Each day, our kids will be learning parts of the Lord's Prayer through stories, crafts, games, and music. Make sure to click the link below in order to register your child. Children of VBS volunteers attend for FREE this year! If you would like help, please contact Joe ([joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)).

We hope to see your children there! [Click Here - VBS Registration Form](#)

## **LRCC Fundraiser for Electric Vehicle**

Give to **Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conference's** 4th Annual Earth Day Fundraiser. This year, we're setting our sights on a greener tomorrow and launching our **Electric Vehicle Fleet project!** This year, as a staff, we are celebrating from both our camps. Part of the challenge of running two sites with one staff, is the driving. El Camino Pines and Luther Glen Farm sit 160 miles apart. This 3 to 5 hour drive through LA traffic is a mainstay for our staff.

The other big drive we frequently make is to and from churches and schools for animal visits. At these visits, we bring Luther Glen Farm to you and set up a farm stand and petting zoo. These trips take us in a gas-guzzling SUV towing a horse trailer as far as San Diego or San Fernando. Due to the price of gas and the inefficiency of our tow car, we have recently added a gas fee to help with the costs of transportation. You can donate online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8C1/campaign/C-14TQR>

## **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.*