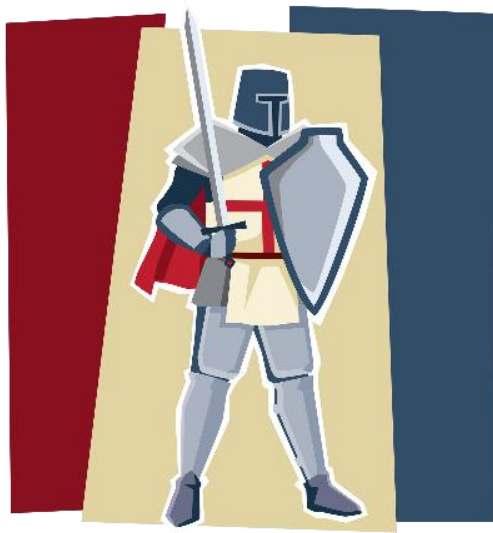


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Defiled Heart Made Clean

September 1, 2024



Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. *Ephesians 6:11*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: There is a lot of good news in the Readings of the day, but you won't find it in today's Holy Gospel, which points out that our fallen hearts produce much of the evil around us. Likewise, the Old Testament Reading warns against not telling the next generation about God's goodness. But the Epistle, which uses the imagery of a suit of armor, tells us to rely on God and His gracious goodness. And the Introit has the Gospel in full measure! While asking for God's forgiveness; we also rejoice that He re-creates us, cleaning us inside out. What a great reason to gather to sing His praises today!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" *LSB* 704

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
 And let my heart and soul be bright,
 Illumined with the light of grace
 That issues from your holy face.**

**Remove the pow'r of sin from me
 And cleanse all my impurity
 That I may have the strength and will
 Temptations of the flesh to still**

Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and
absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:2, 7, 10–12*

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

**People: We confess, O Lord, that we are by nature
sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
done and by what we have left undone.**

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**People: Our own attempts at change will leave
the stain of our previous sins.**

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew aright spirit within me.

People: Lord our God, You are our only hope. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow Your guidance alone.

Pastor: Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

People: We come to You, confident of Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2*

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin! Purge me with
hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall
be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me
not away from your presence, and take not your
Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your
salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us, and help us
know Your gracious forgiveness.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our
salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us, and open the
hearts of those oppressed by sin.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for
the well-being of the church of God, and for
the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us and on all who
call out to You in faith.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer
here their worship and praise, let us pray to
the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us, and grant that
Your peace permeate the lives of all who
hear the Gospel in this place.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

**People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill
toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we
worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to
Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly
King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only
begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of**

God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God who has made us, saved us, and created us as Your own children,

People: renew us, feed us, and strengthen us that we may in all confidence proclaim Your eternal goodness and grace;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that

you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints,

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 6:10–20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up

the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Matthew 5:8*

Pastor: Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:14–23*

And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” LSB 560

**Drawn to the cross which Thou has blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed
To find in Thee my life my rest
Christ crucified
I come**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears
Thy grace abused my misspent years
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears
Christ crucified
I come**

**Wash me and take away each stain
Let nothing of my sin remain
For cleansing though it be through pain
Christ crucified
I come**

**And then for work to do for Thee
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me
Christ crucified
I come**

++ SERMON ++

A Defiled Heart Made Clean

Text: Mark 7:14-23

Theme: God takes our defiled hearts and
creates clean, fruitful hearts by his Gospel.

Goal: That everyone listening confess that their hearts produce nothing but evil but that by the Gospel God creates in them new, clean hearts that desire to keep his commandments.

Outline:

1. Every Heart is by nature defiled and yields only evil
2. However, God creates new, clean hearts in us through Christ by his Spirit-filled Gospel.
3. Then, with our newly created hearts, we bear fruit by the strength God alone gives.

(Please stand)

CREED

“We all Believe in One True God” LSB 953

We all believe in one true God

Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Ever present help in need

Praised by all the heav'nly host

All He made His love enfolds

All creation He upholds

We all believe in Jesus Christ

Son of God and Mary's son

Who descended from His throne

And for us salvation won

By whose cross and death are we

Rescued from all misery

**We all confess the Holy Ghost
 Who from both in truth proceeds
 Who sustains and comforts us
 In all trials, fears, and needs
 Blest and holy Trinity
 Praise forever be to Thee**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Deuteronomy 4:8–9; Ephesians 6:11, 17–18; Mark 7:20

Pastor: Let us go to our gracious God in prayer for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. For the leaders of the nations, who are tempted to use their own faulty wisdom and understanding, that God would move them to call upon Him, who alone “has statutes and just decrees so righteous” as the Law He gave, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the families of the earth, wherever parents have forgotten to make God’s commandments known to their children and their children’s children, that God would open their hearts to His direction and guidance, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the leaders of the church around the world as it struggles to “stand against the schemes of the devil,” that God would strengthen them with “the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the

Spirit, which is the word of God," let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those people near and dear to us dealing with illness; mourning the loss of loved ones; needing adequate food, clothing, and shelter; and having other concerns, that God would answer our prayers for them as we make "supplication for all the saints," let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For ourselves and all who recognize that by ourselves in our fallen condition, "what comes out of a person is what defiles him," that God would strengthen our faith to rely on His grace and mercy alone that He may use us and the gifts He has given us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Create in Me" LSB 956

**Create in me a clean heart O God
And renew a right spirt with in me
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirt from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free spirt. Amen**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

(Please stand)

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose death our sins have been paid and by whose resurrection we have been created again as Your dearly loved children. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(we sing) LSB 195*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He, Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not only given us all Your statutes and just decrees by which we may live but have given us Your only-begotten Son. By His death He paid for all our sins, and by His rising He has assured us of a place with You for eternity. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood according to His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, in giving us Your body and blood to
eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and
confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed
death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection
from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and
Your coming for the final judgment. So remember
us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628 vs 1-3

Your table I approach

Dear Savior hear my prayer

Let not an unrepentant heart

Prove hurtful to me there

Lord I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands

A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at your hands

Your body and Your blood

Once slain and shed for me

Are taken at Your table Lord

In blest reality

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
 depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast prepared before the face
 of all people, a light to lighten the
 Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks, gracious Lord, that You have not
 only instilled in us a sense of what pleases You but
 also have given us Your very self to nourish us as
 we leave this place. Keep us faithful in all we do so
 that all praise may be brought to You, who with
 the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now
 and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The
 Lord make His face shine on you and be
 gracious to you. The Lord look upon you
 with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB* 655

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done**

**Lord Jesus Christ Your pow'r make known
For You are Lord of lords alone
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally**

**O Comforter of priceless worth
Send peace and unity on earth
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study Returns

Sunday September 15th

Wednesday Bible Study Returns

September 11th at 10:30am

Annual Church Picnic/ Potluck

Sunday September 8th

following Church Service.

Meat, Buns and Drinks will be provided

Sign Up sheet in the Narthex

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Below are some of the 2023-2025 mission grants.

- **Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job**
Ministry in Mission, Haiti \$ 85,000
- **Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth**
Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, LA
\$ 35,000
- **Water and the Word** Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Kenya \$ 80,000
- **Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach**
Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, U.S. \$
47,000
- Feeding Haitian Children through Gospel and
Meals Trinity HOPE \$ 58,082

Please note LWML mite boxes are available in the narthex. Mite boxes may be turned in on LWML **Sunday, October 6th.**

BINGO!

Will resume in September

Quilting

NO QUILTING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday August 25th

9:30 am 31

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Dave Hamilton – September 6th

For the Shut-Ins

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at Aerius Health Center

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

The family of Drewsilla Huddleston, who was called to glory

Melvin Kimbrough, ill at home

Morgan Stamp, on her graduation

Pat Ricken, Linda Panich's Friend, recovering from cancer surgery & prayers for they got all the caner removed.

Mack Mayfield, prayers for healing & recovery

Tonya, Kevin, Mick, Carson, for faith, trust, understanding and their continued safety

Bill Fults, Jackie Fults' Husband, several health Issues and upcoming surgeries.

Claudia Wilson, injured/ healing

Debbie Pomposelli, Frank & Laurie Pignanelli,
Recovery from surgery


Brenda Miller, Friend of Glenn Cairns, Illness

Avery Wilson, we pray for peace of mind, faith,
and wellness

Kent Jones, nephew of Linda Panich , for
healing of foot infections

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday September 1	9:30am – Worship w/HC
Monday September 2	Office Closed Labor Day
Thursday September 5	NO Quilting
Friday September 6	Office Open 8:30am – 1:30pm
Saturday September 7	5pm Worship w/HC
Sunday September 8	9:30am – Worship w/HC After service - Church Picnic



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