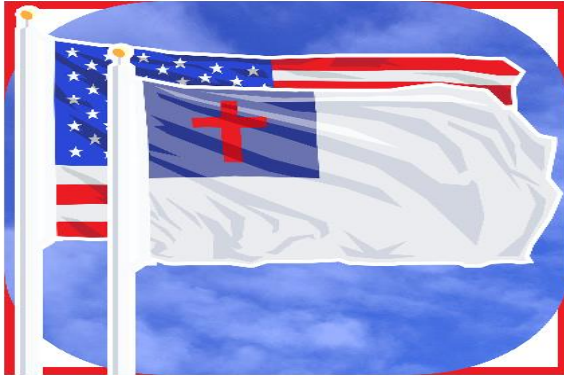


INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4, 2026 (OBSERVED JULY 5, 2026)

Thankful for Divine Providence

July 5, 2026



Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure. *LSB 733:2*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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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
WORDS OF WELCOME
PREPARATION

Pastor: God has put us in this country that is flowing with milk and honey. We ought to thank and praise Him for His grace to us and our country. Sometimes, however, our Christian allegiance is not obvious to us or the people around us. Daily living and our frustrations get in the way. The Readings today move us to contrast our human society and God's Word. Each set is followed by a confession and absolution. As citizens of His kingdom, we give all thanks to God for His divine providence and Christ's sacrifice.

(Please Stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" TFBF 297
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the
Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift
sword:
his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call
 retreat;

he is sifting out all human hearts before his judgment
 seat.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my
 feet!

Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the
 sea,
 with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
 As he died to make us holy, let us live to make men
 free,
 while God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 His truth is marching on.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *based on Psalm 51:15; 70:1*

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Confess of Sins and Absolution.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our failures, fears, and weaknesses to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: God, who cares for all,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and alienated from You. We do not always love You with our whole heart. We do not care for ourselves, our neighbors, our nation, or the earth as we ought. Forgive our failure to hear Your Word, our failure to worship You regularly, and our failure to appreciate the great gifts of forgiveness and freedom that You have given us in the church and in our country. Forgive our failure to care for the earth and its resources. Forgive our neglect of praying regularly for our world, our nation, and our elected leaders. Make us strong witnesses in word and action to Your redeeming love in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN

“Praise the Lord Almighty” *LSB* 797 vs. 1 & 5

Praise the Almighty my soul adore Him

Yes I will laud Him until death

With songs and anthems I come before Him

As long as He allows me breath

From Him my life and all things came

Bless O my soul His holy name

Alleluia alleluia

Praise all you people the name so holy

Of Him who does such wondrous things

All that has being to praise Him solely

With happy heart its amen sings

Children of God with angel host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Alleluia alleluia

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of heaven and earth, You have bestowed on us more than we ask or desire. We thank You for the land in which we live and ask Your continued blessings on it and on us.

People: And we ask You to guide and direct those whom we have elected so that Your will shall be done in our midst and around the world;

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 *2 Chronicles 36:22–23*

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

“Let All the People Praise Your Name” (*incorporating Psalm 67*)

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way
may be known on earth, Your saving power
among all nations.

People: Let all the people praise Your name;

O God, may they shout Your acclaim.

Together and with heartfelt voice

Shall they with us sing and rejoice.

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You
judge the peoples with equity and guide the
nations upon earth.

People: Let all the people praise Your name;

O God, may they shout Your acclaim.

Together and with heartfelt voice

Shall they with us sing and rejoice.

Pastor: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God,
shall bless us.

**People: Let all the people praise Your name; O God,
may they shout Your acclaim. Together and with
heartfelt voice Shall they with us sing and
rejoice.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:10–13*

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you
have revived your concern for me. You were indeed
concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that
I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in
whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be
brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and
every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing

plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:1–3*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS AND ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day. Guests are to fill out one side of the yellow cards and members the other side.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB* 733

**O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone
And our defense is sure**

**Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun**

**Time like an ever-rolling stream
Soon bears us all away
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day**

**O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home**

++ SERMON ++

A SLAVE TO SIN

Text: Romans 7:14–25a

Theme: We will continue to wrestle with our sinful natures in this life, but thanks be to God, we are forgiven and free in Christ.

Goal: That listeners would recognize in themselves both saint and sinner and know that Christ has redeemed them from the law of sin.

Outline

Introduction:

1. We don't get it right. No matter who we are, no matter who we're looking at, we all fall short, we sin.
2. When we pretend, we behave as though being a Christian were primarily about being good, not about being forgiven
3. But, thankfully, both halves of that are true! We are sinners, and we still sin, but we are saints redeemed by the blood of Christ and set free from sin and death.

We Will Continue to Wrestle with Our Sinful Natures in This Life, but Thanks Be to God, We Are Forgiven and Free in Christ.

4. So what do we do now?
5. And it's not that we don't grow over time. But sometimes that growth just looks like becoming more aware of our own sin and, as a result, more thankful for our great Savior.

Conclusion:

(Please Stand)

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In our secular society our constitution begins with this paragraph: We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. Let us use it as a guide as we ask our heavenly Father's continued care. We, the people of the United States.

People: We recognize Your grace, O God, in creating us, calling us to faith, and leading us totally by grace. We thank You for placing us within this great land.

Pastor: To form a more perfect union, establish justice.

People: We pray, Lord God, that You would raise up people dedicated to working together for all people, serving them equally in the wisdom You provide.

Pastor: Insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense.

People: Lord Jesus, protect and guide those who serve in the armed forces and those who keep the peace in our neighborhoods.

Pastor: Promote the general welfare.

People: Bless, O Lord, all who run toward danger for the sake of others, those who use their gifts for health and healing, and those who raise crops, tend flocks, and distribute the gifts of this bountiful land for the good of all.

Pastor: And secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

People: Help us, O Holy Spirit, to maintain all that You have given us so that our children and children's children may also give thanks to You with all You so graciously provide.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, gracious God, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

(Please Stand)

✠ 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.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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 had mercy on those whom You created
and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to
bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy
we receive the salvation accomplished for us by
the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood
on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of
Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and
strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us
faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He
bids us do in His own testament. Gather us
together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to
celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of
the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and
preserve us. 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

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” TFBF 298 vs 1 & 2

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:**

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
whose stern, impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat
across the wilderness:

America! America!

God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

(Please Stand)

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 to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” TFBF 298 vs 3 & 4

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

O beautiful for patriot dream
 that sees beyond the years
 thine alabaster cities gleam,
 undimmed by human tears:
 America! America!
 God shed his grace on thee,
 and crown thy good with brotherhood
 from sea to shining sea.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated for Announcements)

SERMON TEXT Romans 7:14–25a

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this

body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Glenn Cairns, Ken Kosmalski & Jim Smith, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member's Information

Please let the office know if we missed your birthday or anniversary and if your address has changed.

Community Service Opportunity

Donations of Cereal boxes for Blessed Hope Food Pantry.
Please place them in grey box by mailboxes.

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Saturday June 27 th	5:00pm 0
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Sunday June 28 th	9:30 am 34
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Prayer List If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Donna McCall at (313) 389-9626. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Marie & Dave Brown – July 7th

Birthdays

Val Mason - July 9th

Robert Schellman – July 10th

For the Shut-Ins

Mack Mayfield, at home

Louis Bigliardi, Assistant Living

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons

Carmell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at Aerius Health Center

Lynn Mayfield, at home

Joy Mead, Ashford Court

Bill Switter, at home

For Those Who Are Sick / Healing / Special

Circumstances

Denise Wilson, recovering from hip replacement

Raven Brown, great niece of Glenn & Sandy Cairns, born May 11, still hospitalized

Matthew Dean Morrison, great nephew of Glenn & Sandy Cairns, born June 19

Pomposelli's, Safe travels

Richard Teets, Safe travels for

Jim Bumgarner, that he may have relief from pain

Alex Wilson, prayers for good health

Ron and Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns sister and brother-in-law, who had surgery last week

Miracle Diane Mott, 6 moths old, suffering from a liver disease

Nephew of Nancy Dajos, suffering from breathing issues, and blood issues

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday July 5	9:30am – Worship w/HC
Monday July 6	Office Open 9am – 1pm
Tuesday July 7	Office Closed
Wednesday July 8	Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday July 9	Office Open 10am – 3pm Quilting 10am -2pm
Friday July 10	Office Closed
Saturday July 11	Saturday Night Church 5pm
Sunday July 12	9:30am – Worship w/HC