REFORMATION DAY

October 25, 2026 (observed)

We are Lutheran



A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal. LSB *656:1*

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: Have you ever wondered what Lutherans are all about? Today is a great day to remind ourselves that the heart of our faith is simply the heart of Christianity itself—that our salvation from sin, death, and Satan is the work of Christ alone. He frees us from evil to love the Lord who loved us first and loves us still. The hallmarks of our faith came back into focus in the era of the reformers, when faithful leaders like Martin Luther put the truth of Holy Scripture back into the hands, minds, and mouths of God's church. Christ comes to free the sinner from slavery to darkness. Join Him in the freedom of His light—free to sing, free to confess, and free to share the eternal Gospel of Christ crucified and risen again!

(Please Stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠



HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *LSB* 656

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'er-taken
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight
On earth is not his equal

With might of ours can naught be done
Soon were our loss effected
But for us fights the valiant One
Whom God Himself elected
Ask ye Who is this
Jesus Christ it is
Of Sabaoth Lord
And there's none other God
He holds the field forever

Though devils all the world should fill
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we free no ill
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will
He can harm us none
He's judged the deed is done
One little word can fell him

The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit
And take they our life
Goods fame child and wife
Though these all be gone
Our vic'try has been won
The Kingdom ours remaineth

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 119:89–90a; John 8:36; Hebrews 13:8

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

Pastor: If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

People: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 119:90b; John 8:34; Psalm 119:94a; John 8:31

Pastor: Lord, You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

People: All creation is sustained by Your Word and made to serve Your holy purposes.

Pastor: And yet, we can ignore or defy Your Word and fail to pursue Your purposes.

People: Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin, and we seek Your freedom.

Pastor: For our sins of thought, word, and deed, for our action and inaction, for our inborn sinfulness and failures of faith, we beg for mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: I am Yours; save me.

Pause for silent reflection

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus speaks, **"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples."** The blood of Christ is put forward as our propitiation, that repentant sinners might receive the righteousness of God. 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 ✠



INTROIT *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

Pastor: I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame,

KYRIE (sing) LSB pg. 186

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 vs 1

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; 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)

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7*

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Grace Alone"

Sung by Choir

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

VERSE *Luke 12:32*

Pastor: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

People: Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36*

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Salvation unto Us Has Come" *LSB* 555 vs 1, 2, 8, 9

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor
Good works cannot avert our doom
They help and save us never
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone
Who did for all the world atone
He is our one Redeemer

What God Did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on every hand
For man, the vile offender
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition

The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing
And by its fruits true faith is known
With love and hope increasing
For faith alone can justify
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living

++ SERMON ++

We Are Lutheran

Text: John 8:31–36

Theme: To be a Lutheran is to be a Christian.

Goal: That everyone listening grow into understanding their identity as Christians who call themselves Lutheran—a never- ending process, but also as simple as the truth of the Gospel proclaimed by Christ, nothing more or less.

Sermon Outline

To Be a Lutheran Is to Be a Christian.

I. We Lutherans are the church as old as the creeds, the apostles, the prophets, Abraham, Noah, and Adam—the church of Jesus.
II. We Lutherans sing, read, and confess in accordance with the Holy Scriptures.
III. We Lutherans are set free from Satan, free from fear of death, free to love the Lord who loves us.
IV. We Lutherans embrace the truth—the simple truth that our salvation is the work of Christ alone.
V. We Lutherans confess the full body of doctrine, with all its parts working together.



(Please Stand)

CREED Apostles Creed

All: 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.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 119:89–90*

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

Pastor: And so we pray: Almighty and everlasting God, our refuge and strength, teach Your church not to fear but to trust Your unshakable promises, that faithful to Your Word, she might remain a present help for troubled hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.



Pastor: Ever-living Lord, You have sent an eternal Gospel to be proclaimed to every nation and tribe and language and people. Raise up from among us faithful pastors, teachers, and missionaries who will proclaim the crucified and risen Christ as the only hope of sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, our Comforter, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, protect all citizens of the world from danger and disaster and make Your holy people agents of peace who pursue the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, truth incarnate, You ask Your people to abide in Your Word. Make us crave the nourishment of Scripture and build in us healthy habits and disciplines that put Your Holy Word central in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Abiding Savior, You proclaim freedom from sin. Deliver Your servants also from illness, injury, and infirmity. We lift up the sick and suffering among us, [*including* . . .]. Grant them comfort in Your presence and confidence in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Faithful Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word, patient in suffering, bold in confession, and joyful in hope, until that day when the everlasting Gospel is heard in its fullness and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781 vs 1&2

We give Thee but Thine own
What-e'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first-fruits give

(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: We give all thanks and praise to You, as is good, right, and salutary, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for by Your eternal Gospel You have proclaimed freedom to sinful souls and righteousness through Christ, Your Son. Shower Your people with grace and faith to believe Your Holy Word and to confess Your timeless truth before the world, that more might find refuge in the salvation of Jesus Christ and so rejoice with angels and archangels, with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, and praise Your glorious name in one unending hymn:

SANCTUS *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: We boast, O Lord our God, in nothing other than the redeeming work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, for the gift of justification that comes purely through His blood. As You gather us around His Table, prepare our hearts to receive that gift, that in partaking of His true body and true blood we might taste freedom from sin, guilt, and shame. In Gospel confidence, make us bold to stand as those who shall not be moved from the foundation of faith we have received through the redemption of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.

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

"God Loves Me Dearly" *LSB* 392 vs 1,4,5,

God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed.

Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will Praise You
All my life long.

Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

(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) LSB 199- 200

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. A

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most glorious Father, we thank You for feeding our faith through this Holy Supper, strengthening us to live as those who know and believe Your truth. Keep us in the true faith, that bound to Your truth we might joyfully declare the One who sets us free—namely, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.



CLOSING SENTENCES

John 8:36; Galatians 5:1; Romans 6:23; Galatians 5:13

Pastor: If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free.

Pastor: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free.

Pastor: Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free.

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! Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated for Announcements)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader
Jim Bumgarner, Frank Pignanelli & Sophia Panich, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday – November 1st

Fall Back 1 hour



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 October 17th	5:00pm	4
Sunday October 18th	9:30 am	33

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

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Mack Mayfield, Orchard Lake Rehab
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

The family of Walt, especially Shirley, a close friend of Walt, who was called to glory

The family of Francesco Maceroni, who was called to glory

Brenda Miller, who is ill

Teresa Maceroni, Pignanelli's Niece, who is in the hospital with pneumonia;

Diane Brown, Glenn Cairn's sister-in-law, who is suffering with back pain
Gabe, home with physical therapy
Mac Mayfield, moved to Orchard lake Rehab
The Family of Joseph Leonard, family of Diane Walker, called to glory

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday October 25	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Monday October 26	Office Open 9am – 1pm
Tuesday October 27	Office Closed
Wednesday October 28	Office Open 10am – 2pm Bible Study 10:30am
Thursday October 29	Office Open 10am – 3pm Quilting 10am - 2pm
Friday October 30	Office Closed
Saturday October 31	Saturday Night Church - 5pm
Sunday November 1	Daylight Savings Fall back 1 hour 9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service