FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Right Place for Tradition August 25, 2024



What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul! *LSB* 543:1

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

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: Tradition is a profound gift, but it can also be a problem. When the works of our hands are at odds with the faith of our hearts or when the faith of our hearts no longer shapes our lives, we are in trouble. Jesus calls out the empty tradition that begs for faith and the timid faith that fears bold confession. In so doing, our Lord rightly places the gift and blessing of tradition, not the dead faith of the living but the living faith of the dead, to encourage us in our own believing.

(Please stand)

▼ PREPARATION ▼

HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575 vs 1.2.& 4

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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 14:1

Pastor: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

People: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

Silence for self-examination

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against
You this day. Some of my sin I know—the
thoughts and words and deeds of which I am
ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the
name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver
and restore me that my heart may know peace.

Pastor: By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT *Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

People: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your

altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

People: 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. O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" LSB 966 vs 1

Before You Lord we bow
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below
Boundless in pow'r and love
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise
Our hearts we raise

To You our King

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You have given us a marvelous testament to Your mercy in the person of Your Son and in the Scriptures that testify to Him. Help us to keep in holy hearts and minds the rich heritage of tradition, and guard us against empty words and works that proceed from hearts empty of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah* 29:11–19

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 14; antiphon: v. 7a

Pastor: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord? There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:22–33

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the

church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE Jeremiah 15:16a

Pastor: Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,

People: and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:1–13

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God) then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563 vs 1,2,5,& 6

Jesus Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are my glorious dress
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head

Bold shall I stand in that great day Cleansed and redeemed no debt to pay Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear from guilt and shame

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies
This then shall be my only plea
Jesus hath lived and died for me

Jesus be endless praise to Thee Whose boundless mercy hath for me For me and all Thy hands have made An everlasting ransom paid

++ **SERMON** ++

The Right Place for Tradition

Text: Mark 7:1–13

Theme: There is a place for traditions in the church, just not in the place of the Law or the Gospel!

Goal: That the everyone listening be reminded that Christ alone makes us pleasing to God, and that they understand the proper place of tradition in the life of the Christian.

Outline

There Is a Place for Traditions in the Church, Just Not in the Place of the Law or the Gospel!

- There can be a place for good traditions within the life of the church.
- II. But traditions cannot stand in the place of God's Law.
- III. And traditions cannot take the place of the Gospel.

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped

and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 丞 of the world to come. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Guard Your people, O Lord, let not our hearts be empty of faith nor our minds filled with pride. Give us a healthy respect for the things of old, which we have received from those who have gone before and give us a living faith that trusts not in works but in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace to Your church, that she be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Christ the chief cornerstone, but also that she faithfully pass on the Gospel to those to come. Bless all pastors and church workers in their vocations to serve us with Your Word.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace to the leaders of this and every land, that every people may enjoy good government, peace among the nations, security in their homes, and reward for virtue. Bless us in our service to our neighbor and those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace to the catechumens and to the newly baptized, that they diligently seek the instruction of Your Word to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and so become steadfast and immovable in the face of challenge or temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace to those afflicted in body or mind that they may rest their cares upon You and be kept strong in the day of trouble,, and those we name in our hearts.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace that those who come to the Lord's

Table may approach with clean hearts, with
repentance for their sins, and with confidence that
they receive here the body and blood of our Lord in
this bread and cup. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace so that we may be grateful for Your blessings new every morning and we may be generous in sharing from Your abundant gifts to those in need. Be with the unemployed and those just entering the workforce, that our labors may be fruitful for our benefit and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace that we may not disdain the living faith of the dead whose witness daily encourages our own faithfulness nor abandon the sacred tradition we have received but keep it with holy

hearts and confess it with bold voices. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Seek Ye First" LSB 712

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord
Allelu, alleluia

▼ 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: With great thanksgiving we add our voices to the faithful who have gone before and to the angels, archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, and the whole company of heaven, praising Your goodness in giving to us a Savior and Redeemer whose blood cleanses us from all our sin and whose resurrection opens to us the door to everlasting life. Hear us as we join in their unending hymn:

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: Remembering all that our Lord has accomplished by His blessed passion, mighty resurrection, glorious ascension, and His coming again in glory at the end of the age, grant that we may through this Holy Communion obtain the forgiveness of sins and all other benefits He has won for us by faith until we see Him face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Commanded by our Savior and trusting in His grace, we are bold 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

"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644 vs 1 & 2

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord

She is His new creation

By water and the Word

From heav'n He came and sought her

To be His holy bride

With His own blood He bought her

And for her life He died

Elect from ev'ry nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued

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.

Almighty God, You have established us upon the firm foundation of Your Word and given to us the blessed testimony of the saints in a living

tradition. Help us to keep in holy hearts what we have received and to pass on faithfully this same witness of faith through our words and our works; through Jesus Christ, 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

"God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965
God Bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies,
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Dave Hamilton, Elder
Ken Kosmalski, Reader
Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Church Picnic/ Potluck

Sunday September 8th
following Church Service.
Meat, Buns and Drinks will be provided
Sign Up sheet in the Narthex

Downriver Circuit Youth Group

Car Wash & Bake Sale at ST. John in Taylor 13115 Telegraph Taylor, MI 48180

Saturday August 24th 11am to 3pm Free Will Donations

Proceeds go towards the
2025 LCMS Youth Gathering
July 19-23, 2025 In New Orleans, LA
Looking for small quantity items for the bake sale. Please
see Frances for details.

LUTHFRAN WOMFN IN MISSION

Below are some of the 2023-2025 mission grants.

- Mobile Kitchen Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. \$85,000
- Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach LCMS Life Ministry \$ 96,000
- Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO \$100,000
- Equipping Young Leaders LCMS Youth Ministry \$ 50,000
- Set Apart To Serve LCMS Office of Pastoral Education \$100,000

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

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday August 18th

9:30 am 22

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

Val & Gary Mason – August 26th Keri & Scott Driscoll – August 31st

Birthdays

Kelley Corona – August 26th Lee Wells – August 27th

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

Andy Pignanelli, Frank's Brother, seriously ill

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday	
August 25	9:30am – Worship w/HC
Thursday	
August 29	NO Quilting
Friday	
August 30	Office Closed
Saturday	
August 31	5pm Worship w/HC
Sunday	
September 1	9:30am – Worship w/HC

