TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE SWALLOWING OF DEATH

October 11, 2026



He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. *Isaiah 25:8*

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: What is more difficult to believe a fable about a man defeating a deadly dragon by eating it or a prophet's prediction that the Creator God would defeat death itself by swallowing it? What does Isaiah, the prophet, mean by saying God **"will swallow up death forever"** (Isaiah 25:8)? Does God eat? The mighty, eternal, creator God is life Himself and has no need for sustenance. In order to "swallow death," God took on our human form. We die because of the corruption of sin. To "swallow death," the incarnate Savior "ate," or consumed, death by taking the sin of the world onto Himself on the cross of Calvary. Jesus did not die for Himself. Jesus died your death for your sin. So it is that when a sinner is baptized into Christ Jesus, he or she is **"baptized into His death"** (Romans 6:3). Thereby, **"you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God"** (Colossians 3:3). Even with saving faith in Christ, we still have Christian funerals. But by faith we wait, hope, and fully expect to be raised in the resurrection to eternal life, to be present at the great feast of salvation. In Christ, the enemy, death itself, has been transformed for us by God now to be but His divine remedy, freeing us from sin and eternal death. Therefore, by faith in Christ we no longer need to fear death but rather can see it as a

peaceful sleep from which we are promised to be awakened to eternal life and the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

(Please Stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"The Lamb, The Lamb" *LSB* 547

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'till ev'ry heart to Him belong.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 124:8; Isaiah 25:9*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
People: who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
People: This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The Lord God, the King of the universe, has invited all, both bad and good, to the wedding feast of salvation. Let us not reject that invitation but fill His house as guests of repentance and faith.

HYMN

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570 vs 1,2,3,5

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am though tossed about
With many a conflict many a doubt
Fightings and fears within without
O Lamb of God I come I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God I come I come

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Baptized into the name of the most Holy Trinity, you are buried with Christ and your sin is taken away. By His Spirit now living within you, He calls you His child. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins. By faith, God restores your hope to enter the gate of His presence both now in the Divine Service and at the final gate of the great heavenly feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

People: Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*

Pastor: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

KYRIE *(p. 152 & 153)*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy

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

People: Lord, have mercy

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

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

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

People: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537 *vs 1,2,4*

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

> Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have published Your gracious invitation of salvation to the whole world. Give us the confidence of faith to overcome any hesitation and to come into Your presence with thanksgiving; 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 *Isaiah 25:6–9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

PSALM *Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 5a*

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4–13*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 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.

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

(Please Stand)

VERSE *Revelation 22:17*

People: Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come." Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1–14*

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him,

‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

In the cross of Christ I glory
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime

When the woes of life o’er-take me
Hopes deceive and fears annoy
Never shall the cross forsake me
Lo it glows with peace and joy

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day

Bane and blessing pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified
Peace is there that knows no measure
Joys that through all time abide

++ SERMON ++

THE SWALLOWING OF DEATH

Text: Isaiah 25:6–9 (The Old Testament Reading)
Theme: Because Jesus has swallowed up Death, terror of the grave is replaced by eager anticipation of his eternal feast.
Goal: That everyone listening living in the shadow of death be comforted and joyfully expect the feast at Christ's return.

Outline

1. A story illustrates a hero swallowing up the dragon of death.
2. For truly Christ has swallowed up Death forever.

Because Jesus Has Swallowed Up Death, Terror of the Grave Is Replaced by Eager Anticipation of His Eternal Feast.

(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 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: Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us, especially for the gift of true repentance of our sins and faith in Your gracious gift of forgiveness and the hope of everlasting life. For Your saving Word and Holy Sacraments, we give You praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bestow Your grace upon all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants, and all who are in authority, in order that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Defend us, Lord, from all calamity of fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Be the God and Father of the lonely and the forsaken, the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the distressed and of those who sorrow. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Accept, we beseech You, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, and all that we are to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Create in Me" LSB 956

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

(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 meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His innocent, bitter suffering and death has taken away our sin and opened the gates of the kingdom of heaven for all who believe. 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 *LSB 161*

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

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.

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."**

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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461 vs 1,5,7

I Know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving head!

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

(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, for Your gift of forgiveness and deliverance from the fear of death won for us by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and for strengthening our faith and hope by this Sacrament. Help us to live faithfully in that hope of eternal life in the ways of Your mercy and love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" *LSB* 490 vs 1,4,5

Jesus lives
The vict'ry's won
Death no longer can appall me
Jesus lives Death's reign is done
From the grave will Christ recall me
Brighter scenes will then commence
This shall be my confidence

Jesus lives
I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever
God will be my sure defense
This shall be my confidence

Jesus lives
And now is death
But the gate of life immortal
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal
Faith shall cry as fails each sense
Jesus in my confidence

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
Evan & Elliot Storer, String Duet
Ken Kosmalski, Elder
Carolyn Kimbrough, Reader
Kathy King & Dave Brown, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML Sunday

October 18th – Next Sunday
Mite box offering , Boxes are in the Narthex
Quilt dedication

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 3rd	5:00pm
Sunday October 4th	9:30 am 29

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

Paul Pollatz – October 15th

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

April Stover, bone marrow biopsy
Gabe, moved to Heritage Rehab after being hit by a car.
Mac Mayfield, moved to Orchard lake Rehab
Walt, Shirley's friend, hospitalized
The Family of Dottie Plunett, Karen Bumgarner's sister, called to glory
The Family of Joseph Leonard, family of Diane Walker, called to glory
Morgan Palshan, daughter of Lucy and Shaun Stamp, gall bladder problems while pregnant
Sherri Condon, Nancy Dajos' daughter, Severe pain in arm and shoulder, might need surgery.
Logan Knapik, friend of the Pignanelli's, Logan has had the 4th surgery on her ankle;
Joe Pelzman, In Assisted Living and blind. Not a lot of family support. Pray for his comfort
Amanda Mardigian, friend of Frank and Laurie Pignanelli, upcoming back surgery
Kirk, ill, and doing poorly

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday October 11	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Monday October 12	Office Closed
Tuesday October 13	Office Closed 6:30pm Council mtg
Wednesday October 14	Office Open 10am – 2pm Bible Study 10:30am
Thursday October 15	Office Open 10am – 3pm Quilting 10am - 2pm
Friday October 16	Office Closed
Saturday October 17	Saturday Night Church 5pm
Sunday October 18	LWML Sunday 9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service

Mt. Hope Church 15th Annual



AND



Saturday, October 24, 2025

4:00-6:00 pm

We need donations of hot dogs, chips, buns, pop and monetary. We are also looking for people to decorate your car with a biblical or fall harvest theme and provide candy to pass out.

Please arrive before 3:00 pm to secure a spot.

If you have any questions, please call Frances Ladach @ 313.333.6168