SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Able Savior September 15, 2024



Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD! Psalm 31:24

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

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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: In today's Gospel, the father of a possessed boy says, "If you can do anything . . ." As God in the flesh, Jesus can do anything—and He wants to! His concern is never an "if," but an "always." When our troubles increase, their resolution awaits not God's intention but our waffling faith in His concern.

The Twelve were in trouble in today's Gospel; they couldn't exorcize the evil spirit in a man's son. The boy's father was helpless too. Jesus had no problem with the task, and He exhorted the disciples to turn to Him, saying, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer." Our tongues are not employed for prayer that often. The Epistle notes, however, that like the rudder of a ship, they are powerful. Only Isaiah, prefiguring our Lord's attitude, has the right outlook. Relying on our heavenly Father, he is ready for a fight. Our Lord can take care of our problems; we must rely on His strength and caring. The Introit has a good encouragement: "Be strong, and let your heart take courage."

(Please stand)

▼ PREPARATION

HYMN

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" LSB 729
I am trusting Thee Lord Jesus
Trusting only Thee
Trusting Thee for full salvation
Great and free

I am trusting Thee for pardon
At Thy feet I bow
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now

I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood

I am trusting Thee to guide me
Thou alone shalt lead
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need

I am trusting Thee for power
Thine can never fail
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail

I am trusting Thee Lord Jesus
Never let me fall
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all

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

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to have our faith strengthened by hearing God's Word and by receiving our Lord's body and blood in the fellowship of this altar, but cannot come before God in our sinful condition, let us seek His infinite mercy and ask our heavenly Father's forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive the weakness of our faith and our many sins, and restore us to fellowship with You and one another, now and forever.

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our heavenly Father declared us to be His children and united us to His Son, by whose death and resurrection all our sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

People: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Pastor: But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

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. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill

toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin

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

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You go with us through each day,

People: help us by Your strength to serve You in meeting people's needs and in spreading the Good News of the Gospel;

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 *Isaiah 50:4–10*

Lector: The Lord God has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

People: Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught.

Lector: The Lord God has opened My ear,

People: and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

Lector: I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

People: I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting.

Lector: But the Lord God helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

People: therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Lector: He who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together.

People: Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me.

Lector: Behold, the Lord God helps Me; who will declare Me guilty?

People: Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Lector: Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant?

People: Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 116:1–9; antiphon: v. 5

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous our
God is merciful. I love the Lord, because he
has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will

call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

EPISTLE James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can

be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE Mark 9:23b

Pastor: Alleluia. All things are possible **People: for one who believes. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,

the ninth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:14-29

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it

throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead me" LSB 722

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way

Direct, protect and feed me from day to day

Without Your grace and favor I go astray

So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend So take my hand and lead me Unto the end

++ SERMON ++

Our Able Savior Text: Mark 9:14-29

Theme: Christ most certainly can do what we are entirely unable to do.

Goal: That everyone listening understand their own helplessness without Christ and put their trust in him to do all things.

Outline:

- 1. Like the disciples, there is much we are unable to do.
- 2. For God sometimes leaves us unable in order to turn us from ourselves to faith in Christ.
- 3. But Christ most certainly can deal with everything in this sin-troubled world.

Christ Most Certainly Can Do What We Are Entirely Unable to Do.

(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 Psalm 116:1–2, 5, 7–9

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions. Today's Psalm is the response of a trusting person, confident that God has heard the prayer. Be present, Lord our God, wherever wars rage and governments fail, where homelessness and disease are rampant, and where the poor are forgotten.

People: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: Guard, defend, and give wisdom to all who go into harm's way to do battle against foreign enemies and in emergencies here at home. Use medical personnel and caring neighbors to bring about health and healing.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: Provide faith-filled leaders and followers to proclaim the Gospel, serve You with the gifts You have given them, and care for the needs of people around the world.

People: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Pastor: Be with all who tend flocks, raise harvests, and distribute food so that many may be fed.

People: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Pastor: Visit, relieve, and console those who are sick or in mourning,, according to Your gracious plans for them.

People: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Pastor: These and any other things You see that we need, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702 vs 1 & 2

My faith looks up to Thee

Thou Lamb of Calvary

Savior divine

Now hear me while I pray

Take all my guilt away

O let me from this day

Be wholly Thine

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
Oh may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire

▼ SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Please stand)

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord, who, having accomplished our salvation, now reigns over all things at Your right hand.

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. Grant us now a lively faith as we receive Him under bread and wine, and gather us with all the saints to join in the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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

"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

LSB 694 vs 1 & 2

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower
Thee will I love, my hope, my joy
Thee will I love with all my power
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy
Thee will I love, O Light divine
So long as life is mine

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior
Who art my best and trusted friend
Thee will I love and praise forever
For never shall Thy kindness end
Thee will I love with all my heart
Thou my redeemer art

(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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 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

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Bill Switter, Elder

Jim Bumgarner, Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study

Returns TODAY

Wednesday Bible Study Returns

New date - This Wednesday

September 18th at 10:30am

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

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

SUPER BINGO!

September 18th 6pm to 8pm New Prizes. Bring a friend

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm Attendance

Sunday September 8th

9:30 am 45

Prayer List

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

Anniversary Birthdays

Allan Hagelstein – September 17th Mack Mayfield – September 17th Marilyn Switter – September 17th

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

Ken Kosmalski, in his recovery from surgery; **Gary Mason**, for healing test results this past Thursday

Roger Reeck, for healing in his suffering with a rare lung disease

Melvin Kimbrough, ill at home
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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
September 15	Bible Study – After Service
Wednesday	10 am Bible Study
September 18	
Thursday	Quilting 10am to 2pm
September 19	Ganting 10am to 2pm
Friday	Office Closed
September 20	
Saturday	5pm Worship w/HC
September 21	Spiri Worship Wyric
Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
September 22	Bible Study after Service

