

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER DAY

“Middle C” and the Rest of the Story
April 5, 2026



“I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.” Exodus 15:1b–2

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS
WORDS OF WELCOME
PREPARATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Played by Bells

Pastor: Are you wearing a new outfit for Easter? The custom of putting on new clothes for Easter Day has a long Christian history. In the earliest centuries after the ascension of Christ, newly baptized Christians wore white garments of new linen as a visible sign of the newness that being baptized had brought into their lives. Soon it became a tradition that all the faithful would join the newly baptized in arraying themselves on Easter in a new outfit to symbolize the new life that Jesus, through His resurrection, made a reality for all believers. The new clothes were much more than a fashion statement; they were a statement of faith. No matter what we are wearing today as individuals, together we share the best eternal clothing there is!

(Please Stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” *LSB* 457 vs 1-3

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today,
Alleluia!**

**Our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!**

**Suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!**

**Unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!**

**But the pains which He endured,
Alleluia!**

**Our salvation have procured;
Alleluia!**

**Now above the sky He's king,
Alleluia!**

**Where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia!**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24; 2 Timothy 1:10b; Romans 4:28, 10:9; 1 Corinthians 6:14

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

People: Jesus our Lord was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Pastor: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

People: God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings and we have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have often turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, 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. God keep you strong in the Holy Spirit and grant you a life on earth in which you live in baptismal grace and joyfully tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ **WORD** ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” *LSB 457 vs 4*

**Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love;
Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heav'nly host,
Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!**

INTROIT *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

**People: The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.**

Pastor: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

**People: You have led in Your steadfast love the people
whom You have redeemed; You have guided
them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

Pastor: You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,

People: the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever. 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.

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

KYRIE

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power

of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to life before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–42*

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Christ has Risen, Alleluia”

Sung by the Choir

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:1–4*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

GRADUAL *adapt. Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

People: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1–10*Reader 1: **SHAYLA**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women,

Reader 2: **SOPHIA**

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.”

Reader 1: **SHAYLA**

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said,

Reader 3: **GABE**

“Greetings!”

Reader 1: **CHRISTOPHER**

And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them,

Reader 3: **GABE**

“Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS AND ATTENDANCE CARDS

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Part 1

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461 vs 1-4

**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 triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all glorious in the sky
 He lives exalted there on high**

He lives to bless me with His love
 He lives to plead for me above
 He lives my hungry soul to feed
 He lives to help in time of need

He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with His eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

++ SERMON ++

“MIDDLE C” AND THE REST OF THE STORY

Text: Colossians 3:1–4 (The Epistle Lesson)

Theme: The glorious story of Christ’s resurrection gives rise to the beginning and the rest of our own “middle C” stories.

Sermon Goal: That everyone listening recognize the Gospel of Christ’s resurrection victory as just the beginning of the story for those “**raised with Christ**” by Holy Baptism.

Outline

The Glorious Story of Christ’s Resurrection Gives Rise to the Beginning and the Rest of Our Own “Middle C” Stories.

- I. Our personal stories began when we were baptized into the risen Christ, our “middle C.”
- II. Staying in tune with our “middle C” requires struggle against the evil foe, the world, and our flesh to put on love and harmony.
- III. So the good news is that the rest of our stories are in glory with our “middle C,” Christ.

(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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. That the church live out its calling and that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ be joyfully celebrated in all places, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the nations of the world find peace with justice in our time, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the abiding blessing of God rest upon our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business, and our schools, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That those whose confession of the true faith leads to bodily peril or other sufferings know relief and deliverance from every danger, let us pray of the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That all whose labor adds meaning and beauty to the life of the church—the musicians, artists, craft workers, flower arrangers, and others—find joy and blessing in all that they do to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That all those whose lives know specific challenges, including those who are ill and those who mourn, know heavenly benediction and strength for each day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the memory of the faithful departed be held in reverence and honor by all of us as we await a time of resurrection and reunion at the close of the age, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked on this day of holy rejoicing, grant to us Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB* 790 vs 1&5

**Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is your health and
salvation**

**Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Joining in glad adoration**

**Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now with praises
before Him**

**Let the Amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him**

(Please Stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, our gracious heavenly Father, for in Your goodness You have given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. By the guiding of Your Spirit direct our ways that we be filled with His presence. Kindle in us the fire of Your love and grant that we ever make the good confession of our faith. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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: With joyful praise, Lord God, we bless You this day for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be the perfect sacrifice for sin so that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. Grant that our lives know the peace that surpasses all understanding. Invited by Your grace may we come to Your Table with grateful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we live with confidence, rejoicing in our connection to You through Holy Baptism and confidently awaiting the eternal feast with You in Your eternal kingdom and with all the saints in glory.

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

“The Lamb, The Lamb” LSB 547 vs 1 & 5

**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.**

**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!**

(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 Lord God, heavenly Father, ruler of all things,
 You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come
 through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit
 that, having now received this wondrous
 Sacrament, we may die daily to sin through our
 Baptism and rise new and restored as we joyfully
 continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time
 when we are gathered into Your heavenly
 kingdom to share in Your glory for all eternity. This
 we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 forever and ever.

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 OF THE DAY Part 2

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461 vs 5-8

**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 my kind wise heav'nly friend
 He lives and loves me to the end
 He lives and while He lives I'll sing
 He lives my Prophet Priest and King**

**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.**

**He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives my Jesus still the same
 Oh the sweet joy this sentence gives
 I know that my Redeemer lives**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you 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
 Jim Bumgarner, Trumpeter
 Dave Brown, Marie Brown, Ken Kosmalski,
 & Jim Bumgarner, Bells
 Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader
 Kathy King & Dave Brown, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Day Potluck

Sunday May 3rd

Please bring a Dish to pass

Current & Past members are encouraged to come fill out
 a Quilt Square for our

100th Anniversary Quilt Banner.

All Quilt materials will be provided.

There will also be another day later in the year.

Community Service Opportunity

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

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Saturday March 28 th	5:00pm 4
Sunday March 29 th	9:30 am 40

**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

Kristen Skilliter – April 5th

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

Zack Tarcia's Grandparents, grandson of Linda, were in a car accident.

Donna, Friend of Laurie Piganelli, mass found in her breast, praying for good results

Armond Kirkland, Friend of Piganelli, undergoing Chemo

Nancy Dajos, breathing and weakness

Chevy Pratt, Thankful for successful hand surgery

Ronald Ladach Jr., son of Frances and father of Shayla, recuperating from surgery;

Amy Abdo, friend of Piganelli, Corewell health in Dearborn for major cancer surgery.

Sue Belcastro, Frank Pignanelli's sister, for upcoming eye surgery

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday April 5	Happy Easter! 9:30am – Worship w/HC
Monday April 6	Office Closed
Tuesday April 7	Office Open 9am – 1pm
Wednesday April 8	Office Open 10am – 2pm Bible Study – 10:30am
Thursday April 9	Office Open 10am – 3pm Quilting – 10am
Friday April 10	Office Closed
Saturday April 11	Saturday Night Church 5pm
Sunday April 12	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service