

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Spirit-Marked Servant

January 11, 2026



Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. Isaiah 42:1

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

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

Holy Communion

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

Large Print Bulletins

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

Listening Devices

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

Pew Cushions

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

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

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

Church Nursery

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

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

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

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement – Revitalize within, Reach out !

PRELUDE
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS
WORDS OF WELCOME
PREPARATION

Pastor: Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God’s chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also.

The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah!

By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God.

Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: **“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!”** (Psalm 117:1).

(Please Stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” LSB 409

**Hail O Source of ev'ry blessing
Father of our human race
Gentiles now Your grace possessing
In Your courts obtain a place
Grateful now we fall before You
In Your Church rejoice to live
See Your glory and adore You
Thankful for the grace You give**

**Once far off but now invited
We approach Your sacred throne
In Your covenant united
Reconciled redeemed made one
Now revealed to eastern sages
See the Star of Mercy shine
Myst'ry hid in former ages
Myst'ry great of love divine**

**Hail O all inviting Savior
Gentiles now their off'rings bring
In Your temples seek Your favor
Jesus Christ our Lord and King
May we body soul and spirit
Live devoted to Your praise
Glorious realms of bliss inherit
Grateful anthems ever raise.**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

People: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

People: Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

People: Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

Pastor: I will tell of the decree. The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

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. Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.

KYRIE *LSB 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

“Come, Thou Almighty King” *LSB 905 vs 4*

**To Thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, this day we rejoice in the anointing of the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan River to be Your chosen deliverer, Your Spirit-marked servant. Grant that the light of Your salvation through Him enlighten all people today, calling everyone through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your chosen people for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 42:1–9*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are

blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!” The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May

the Lord bless his people with peace! The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

VERSE *Mark 1:11b*

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.

Pastor: Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13–17*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

“The People That in Darkness Sat” *LSB 412 vs 1-4*

**The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been
In shades of death have been**

**To hail Thee Sun of Righteousness
The gath’ring nations come
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home
Their harvest treasures home**

**To us a Child of hope is born
To us a Son is giv’n
And on His shoulder ever rest
All pow’r in earth and heav’n
All pow’r in earth and heav’n**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace
The Everlasting Lord
The Wonderful the Counselor
The God by all adored
The God by all adored**

++ SERMON ++

THE SPIRIT-MARKED SERVANT

Text: Isaiah 42:1–9

Theme: This Spirit-anointed Servant brings justice and light.

Goal: That everyone listening see Christ as the Spirit-anointed Servant of Isaiah who brings justice and light.

OUTLINE:

Introduction:

I. Who is this mystery man about whom Isaiah speaks?

II. What does Isaiah's mystery man do?

Conclusion:

(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: All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and

gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that many may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, that they may know the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember all the saints who have gone before us,Give us a heart of wisdom that when our last hour comes, we are granted a blessed end in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB 783 vs 1-4

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy Love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee**

**Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose**

(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 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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. 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: 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

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628 vs 1-3

Your table I approach

Dear Savior hear my prayer

Let not an unrepentant heart

Prove hurtful to me there

Lord I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands

A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at your hands

Your body and Your blood

Once slain and shed for me

Are taken at Your table Lord

In blest reality

(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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, who anointed Your
 only-begotten Son to be the chosen Redeemer of
 all mankind, we give You thanks for choosing us in
 Him to share in the fellowship of believers in this
 Sacrament. Move us to shine the light of His grace
 in our lives that all people hear Your invitation of
 eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the light of the
 world, 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

“Beautiful Savior” *LSB 537*

**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.**

**Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky**

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

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

Ken Kosmalski, Elder

Carolyn Kimbrough, Reader

Kathy King & Dave Brown, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you from Ken Kosmalski

For everyone who helped undecorate the church

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

Prayer List If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Donna

McCall at (313) 389-9626. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Mack Mayfield, 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

**For Those Who Are Sick / Healing / Special
Circumstances**

Greta Bodnar, Linda Panich's Sister, fell again

Family of Fred Tortenesi, Sofia's Grandfather called to
glory

Family of Patti McNeil, called to glory

Family of Barbara Parise, Frank Pignanelli's sister, called
to glory

Nancy Dajos, good test results

Sandy Cairns, Knee Surgery January 14, 2026

Pat Westerman, Cherly Smith's mother, recovering from
open heart surgery.

Tracey & Lee McGrath, Laurie Pignanelli's, Health issues

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday January 11	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Monday January 12	Office Open 9am – 1pm
Tuesday January 13	Office Closed
Wednesday January 14	Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday January 15	Office Open 10am – 3pm
Friday January 16	Office Closed
Saturday January 17	Saturday Night Church 5pm
Sunday January 18	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service