

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
More Amazing Than a Miracle
April 14, 2024



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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
PREPARATION

Pastor: “Amazing” is a commonly used word in the English that has a rich history. It came into common usage in the 14th century as a variant of the older root word “amasod,” which meant stupefied or confounded or overwhelmed with sudden surprise or wonder. The word “amazing” shows up several times in hymns that we sing— from describing the action of God in the birth of Jesus as “love amazing” (*LSB* 375:1) to bringing to our hearts and minds that in His suffering to pay the price of our sins, our Lord showed “amazing pity” (*LSB* 437:2). Two other hymns refer to the “amazing grace” of God (*LSB* 744:1; 558:2), and in another hymn, the author of the text rejoices that God “has done amazing things to me” (*LSB* 934:2). The season of Easter is a time for us to be truly amazed and filled with the praise of our amazing Lord!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” *LSB 464 vs 1-3*

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

**The strife is o'er the battle done
Now is the victor's triumph won
Now be the song of praise begun
Alleluia**

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

**The pow'rs of death have done their worst
But Christ their legions hath dispersed
Let shouts of holy joy outburst
Alleluia**

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

**The three sad days have quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
All glory to our risen Head
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; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8

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

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Christ being raised from the dead will never
die again;

People: death no longer has dominion over Him.

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

Pastor: We prepare for our time of confession by singing the confession hymn "O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art." As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed 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 these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this

world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at
Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

People: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and
You have healed me.

People: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and
give thanks to His holy name.

People: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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: In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Living Lord, You have commanded us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, we ask You to clothe us with the power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that we may carry the amazing message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 3:11–21* ESV

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered

over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 4*

People: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Men: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

***Women: But know that the LORD has set apart the
godly for Himself; the LORD hears when I call to
Him.***

***Men: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own
hearts on your beds, and be silent.***

***Women: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in
the LORD.***

**People: There are many who say, “Who will show us
some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon
us, O LORD!”**

***Men: You have put more joy in my heart than they
have when their grain and wine abound.***

***Women: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for
You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.***

**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.**

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–7* ESV

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning

has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:36–49* ESV

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a

piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” *LSB 563 vs 1-4*

Jesus Thy blood and righteousness

My beauty are my glorious dress

Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed

With joy shall I lift up my head

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

**Lord I believe Thy precious blood
 Which at the mercy seat of God
 Pleads for the captives' liberty
 Was also shed in love for me**

**Lord I believe were sinners more
 Than sands upon the ocean shore
 Thou hast for all a ransom paid
 For all a full atonement made**

++ SERMON ++

More amazing than a Miracle

Text: Acts 3:11-21

Goal: That all of us realize peter's offer of forgiveness to those who killed Jesus means their sins, also, are likewise forgiven to him.

(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 for the prayer)

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. We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to

those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” *LSB 781 vs 1-2*

**We give Thee but Thine own
What-e'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee**

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first-fruits give**

(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, Lord, our God, for You have refreshed us in the forgiveness of Christ. Pour out upon us the gift of Your spirit that with true thanksgiving we may 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

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

“Amazing Grace” *LSB 744 vs 1-3*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

**Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
His grace has brought me safe thus far
His grace will lead me home**

(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: 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 COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the world and keep us to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son 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

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” *LSB 480 vs 1 & 2*
He's risen He's risen Christ Jesus the Lord
He opened death's prison the incarnate true Word
Break forth hosts of heaven in jubilant song
And earth sea and mountain their praises prolong

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
 The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree
 In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer
 For Jesus was slain whom the evil ones fear

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you from Ken Kosmalski

Thank you to all who assisted with "Stripping the Altar" on Holy Thursday and to those who put things back in place, including the Prew Candles, for our Easter worship Service. As always, your service to the Lord and Mt. Hope is greatly appreciated.

Voter's Meeting JUNE 9th

Spots Open for Nominations:

Secretary

Director of Fellowship

Director of Trustee

VBS is Coming....

Monday May 20- Thursday May 23

from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

More information to come

BINGO!May 15th**Quilting**Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm**Attendance**Sunday April 7th

9:30 am 35

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.

AnniversaryKaren & Jim Bumgarner – April 20th**Birthdays****For the Shut-Ins***Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons**Dorothy MacTavish, at home**Camell Faulk, at home**Phyllis Witte, at rehab**Melvin Kimbrough, at home**Lynn Mayfield, at home***For Those Who Are Sick or Healing****Emma**, Eric Cairns friend, recovering from Surgery**Pat Manno**, Dave & Sis Hamilton's friend, Hospitalized**The Family of Jackie Mason**, Gary & Val's sister-in-law, passed away April 2nd.**Robin Wilson**, safe travels home

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday April 14	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday April 17	10:30 am Bible Study
Thursday April 18	10am Quilting
Friday April 19	Office Closed
Saturday April 20	5pm Service
Sunday April 21	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service