

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

He Cares

April 21, 2024



If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. *John 12:26*

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: One of the small but interesting features of many cathedral and monastery churches in Europe and other places is presence of misericords. A misericord is a small wooden shelf attached to the underside of a folding seat in a church, often in the choir area. Misericords physically supported people at worship during long periods of standing during extended prayer and other services when sitting was not permitted. The term “misericord” means “pity of the heart.” That word is part of the church phrase *Misericordia Domini*, a Latin term for describing the acts of mercy of God to His people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, constantly and consistently shows acts of mercy to us as His people. His care comes straight from the heart!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *LSB* 686

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love
Teach me ever to adore Thee

May I still Thy goodness prove

**Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood**

**Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart I take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above**

**Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in the blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy Wondrous grace
Come my Lord no longer tarry
Take my ransom'd soul away
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48

Pastor: Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

People: Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

People: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

People: And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful

caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. 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.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN

“Savior, I Follow On” *TLH 422*
**Savior, I follow on,
 Guided by Thee,
 Seeing not yet the hand
 That leadeth me.
 Hushed be my heart and still,
 Fear I no further ill,
 Only to meet Thy will
 My will shall be.**

Riven the rock for me
 Thirst to relieve,
 Manna from heaven falls
 Fresh ev'ry eve.
 Never a want severe
 Causeth my eye a tear
 But Thou dost whisper near,
 "Only believe."

Often to Marah's brink
 Have I been brought;
 Shrinking the cup to drink,
 Help I have sought;
 And with the prayer's ascent
 Jesus the branch hath rent,
 Quickly relief hath sent,
 Sweet'ning the draught.

Savior, I long to walk
 Closer with Thee;
 Led by Thy guiding hand,
 Ever to be
 Constantly near Thy side,
 Quickened and purified,
 Living for Him who died
 Freely for me.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Risen and ascended Lord, You are the Good Shepherd. You lay down Your life for the sheep; they are Yours. Empower Your church to reach every sheep that belongs to You and to give witness until You have brought all Your sheep into one fold; 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 4:1–12* ESV

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to

all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 23*

People: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Men: *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.*

Women: *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Men: *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Women: *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE *1 John 3:16–24 ESV*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

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

People: Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the tenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:11–18 ESV*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709 vs 1 & 2

**The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine forever**

**Where steams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth**

++ SERMON ++

HE CARES

Text: John 10:11–18 (the Gospel reading)

Theme: Jesus is the Shepherd who cares for you.

Goal: That each and everyone of us listening find peace and assurance in the knowledge that Jesus truly is their Good Shepherd who intimately knows and cares for us.

Sermon Outline

Jesus Is the Shepherd Who Cares for You.

- I. Jesus cares for his sheep, unlike other shepherds.
- II. Jesus cares for his sheep so much that he laid down his life for them.
- III. Jesus cares for his sheep with acts of kindness.
- IV. Jesus cares for his sheep, that is, “for you”!

(Please stand)

CREED *The First Article*

Pastor: As our Good Shepherd leads us, even so our heavenly Father hears the prayers of His people. Assured of His fatherly care, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others. Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord

will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

People: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort,

People: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783 vs 1-3*

**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**

(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, heavenly Father, for in Jesus Christ You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. In amazing love, He sacrificed Himself and shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. His unending love leads Him to intercede for us as, aided by the Holy Spirit, He brings our cares to Your throne of grace. Grant that we may live in humility, honoring our

Savior in all that we do and rejoicing that we are granted a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts.

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: Blessed are You, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose power was shown in humble care and whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of our salvation. With thankfulness we receive the blessings He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your Holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in Your holy church, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

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.”

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:

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

“Beautiful Savior” *LSB* 537 vs 1 & 2

**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.**

(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 COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” *LSB* 710

The Lord’s my shepherd I’ll not want

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green

He leadeth me

The quiet waters by

**My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for His own name's sake**

**Yea though I walk in death's dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill
For Thou art with me and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still**

**My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAY ON YOUR P'S

1. PRAYER
2. PRIORITIES
3. PEACE
4. POSITIVITY
5. PATIENCE

Thank you from Bill Switter

For all the prayers & cards, and for those who visited while I was recovering.

Save the Date

Circuit Youth are invited here to Mount Hope on May 19th, 4-6 P.M.

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

Looking for Volunteers to help pass out flyers & put posters up. Speak with Pastor or Frances

BINGO!

May 15th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday April 14th

9:30 am 33

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

April Stover – April 26th

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

Melvin Kimbrough, prayers of thanksgiving for continued building of strength in his healing progress

Pam Benford, for a successful medical procedure

The Family of Mary Helen Morneau, who was called to glory

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

Pastor Paul, for a successful medical producer

Ken & Linda Kero, Safe travels home

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday April 21	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday April 24	10:30 am Bible Study
Thursday April 25	10am Quilting
Friday April 26	Office Closed
Saturday April 27	5pm Service w/HC
Sunday April 28	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service