#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023



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Luke 24:28-35

#### Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

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#### **Welcome! Members and Guests**

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

#### **Holy Communion**

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

#### **Large Print Bulletins**

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

#### **Listening Devices**

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

#### **Pew Cushions**

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

#### Wheelchair Accessible Seating

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

#### Church Nursery

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

#### Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

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

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

# PRELUDE THE RINGING OF THE BELLS PREPARATION

Pastor: Today we see Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus. They say afterward that their hearts burned within them as Jesus opened up to them the Scriptures. In the Reading from Acts, those gathered on Pentecost are cut to the heart by Peter's words. And in the Epistle, Peter speaks of purified souls and hearts. It seems our hearts are being greatly affected by Christ. They are cut, burning, and purified by the Word of Christ. A question arises from today's Epistle in 1 Peter, the basis for our message: How do we attain eternal life? Oftentimes the world encourages us to look to ourselves and our own deeds to see if we will inherit eternal life, but that is not where Scripture points us. Scripture points us to Jesus and His deeds on our behalf—His death and His resurrection for our forgiveness, life, and salvation

(Please stand)

#### **▼ PREPARATION ▼**

#### **HYMN**

"This Is the Day" TFBF 262
This is the day
This is the day that the Lord has made
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
We will rejoice and be glad in it

# And be glad in it This is the day that the Lord has made We will rejoice and be glad in it This is the day This is the day that the lord has made

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ₩ Son and

of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: God raised Jesus from the dead **People: and gave Him honor and glory.** 

Pastor: We place our faith in Him,

People: and we place our hope in His resurrection.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 1 Peter 1:24–25

Pastor: As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we daily sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and long to hear His living and abiding Word.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us for our futility, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." That Word of God tells us clearly that almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are purified because of the precious blood of Jesus.

#### ₩ WORD ₩

#### **INTROIT HYMN**

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655 vs 1 & 3
Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done

O Comforter of priceless worth Send peace and unity on earth Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life

#### **KYRIE**

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ, People: hear us.

Pastor: God the Father in heaven,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Help us, good Lord.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor, blessings, and glory are His

This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation

This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

#### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave Yourself for us as an unblemished sacrifice in order to ransom us from our sins. Strengthen us to let go of our own futile deeds, and cling to Your deeds of death and resurrection for us and our salvation; 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 2:14a, 36–41 ESV

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

#### **EPISTLE** 1 Peter 1:17–25 ESV

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.** 

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

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24:13–35 ESV

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all

that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS –

please pass your requests & YELLOW attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFBF 253

Just a closer walk with thee
grant it, Jesus, is my plea
daily walking close to thee
let it be, dear Lord, let it be

I am weak but thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee

Just a closer walk with thee grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Through this world of toil and snares if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee

Just a closer walk with thee grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee let it be, dear Lord, let it be

When my feeble life is o'er time for me will be no more guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore Just a closer walk with thee grant it, Jesus, is my plea daily walking close to thee let it be, dear Lord, let it be

#### ++ **SERMON** ++

#### So Live the Deeds!

**Text:** 1 Peter 1:17–25 Based on The Epistle

**Theme:** Is eternal life based on our deeds? No! On Christ! So live those deeds the Father judges!

**Goal:** That all listening are moved by salvation in Christ apart from deeds to live lives of deeds the Father commends.

#### **NEW MEMBER LITANY**

Pastor: I'd like to invite the following people to come forward: The Hagelstein Family: Allan, Denise, and Bethany; the Shafer Family: Violet Shafer and Kimberly Shafer Fodor.

We are here this morning to welcome these new members into the community which is Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church? If so please answer: "We do."

I ask the congregation to stand and join in confessing our faith.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen

Pastor: Having together confessed our faith in the Triune God, we now welcome you into the family of our congregation and into the ministry of the church. As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread his Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

Leaders and Youth: We welcome you as children of God, growing closer to God and each other through worship and learning, laughing and playing.

#### **Boards (Elders, Council Members):**

We welcome you as fellow workers in God's kingdom, inviting you to grow with us in our faith, reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### **Choir and Musicians etc:**

We welcome you as active participants in the arts: singing, ringing, playing, painting, quilting and baking as your talents and interests lead you.

#### **Congregation:**

We welcome you as brothers and sisters in Christ, and thank God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to whom we belong equip us for every good work that we do together in his name.

#### **New Members:**

We welcome and accept your invitation and commit ourselves to using our time and talents for the good of the congregation. We will strive to live lives worthy of the title "Christian" and will work with you to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as you called James and John, Simon and Andrew to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us these new members of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School of Allen Park. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them.

Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through their interactions with us.

#### All: Amen

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the Prayer of the Church)

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Our hearts to heaven and voices raised, **People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.** 

Pastor: For all who find their identity in anything other than Jesus, that they may see the deeds of Jesus and cling to His cross alone. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: For the Word of God to spread to all people from every nation, people, and language, that each person on earth might come to understand that though everything is fleeting and fading, the Word of the Lord endures forever. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, +++++++. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: For all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance, we pray that the Lord would surround them with friends and community, so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. Equip us as the Church on earth to do better to care for those who are single. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised.

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: For those who feel shame and impurity because of abuse, that the Lord would rescue them, comfort them, and remind them of the victory they have in Jesus' resurrection. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, +++++++. We ask for the Lord's mercy and healing. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Pastor: For all those who are celebrating this week, with birthdays, anniversaries, and other moments of joy, we give thanks to the Lord. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

People: we bring to God our prayer and praise. Amen.

(Please be seated as the offering is being received)

#### **OFFERING RECEIVED**

#### OFFERING 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: (spoken) And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: (spoken) 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 He has ransomed us with His own precious blood and purified us to love one another. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of

heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**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
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 purify our hearts and souls by the precious blood of Your Son. Grant us faithfully to eat Christ's 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: (spoken) 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: (spoken) 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: (spoken) Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (we sing) 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 HYMNS**

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy" TFBF 257
I've got the joy, joy joy joy
Down in my heart
Down in my heart
Down in my heart
I've got the joy joy joy joy
Down in my heart
Down in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding

Down in my heart

Down in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding

Down in my heart

Down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
Down in my heart
Down in my heart
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
Down in my heart
Down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay

"God is So Good" TFBF 275
God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
he's so good to me

He cares for me
He cares for me
He cares for me
he's so good to me

He saved my soul he saved my soul he saved my soul he's so good to me

I praise his name I praise his name I praise his name he's so good to me

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing, followed by the Post-Communion Canticle--THE NUNC DIMITTIS)

#### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have purified us through this Meal, the very body and precious blood of Christ. We pray that You would strengthen us to love one another as You have loved us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) 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: (spoken) Amen.

#### **HYMN**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

Guide me O Thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliv'rer strong deliv'rer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader
Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Thank YOU! From Ken Kosmalski

To all who were able to assist in stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday and for preparing our church for Easter Sunday and throughout the easter season. To God be the Glory!

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the lead up and including the Easter Service!

Jim Bumgarner, in his great talent with his trumpet

Laurie Pignanelli, our lector and greeter

**Christine Thompson**, in the preparation of the altar for worship;

Frank Pignanelli, in his talents in greeting

**Dave & Marie Brown**, in such excellent music presentations

**Glenn Cairns**, help with decorating the sanctuary for Easter

**Ken Kosmalski**, in his many talents in helping at the baptismal font, choir, reading, and more

All choir members

**Ushers/greeters**, in their expertise in greeting at the door

All for that donated lilies

**April**, our church secretary, for the production of our bulletins during the Lenten season

Thank you all and all whom we unintentionally missed

Looking for a Treasurer

The position is open coming this June. If you're interested, See Jim Bumgarner or an Elder

BINGO! April 26<sup>th</sup> Quilting

**Every** Thursday from 10am to 2pm

#### **Attendance**

Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 32

#### **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Office at 313-565-9445. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

## Anniversary Birthdays

April Stover - April 26th

#### For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home
Dorothy MacTavish, at home
Camell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at Aerius
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

#### For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Pastor David Burgess, now home on rehab

Phyllis Dasher, hospitalized this past week and will be going home with rehab

For the family of Sue Noelle Caza, Lisa Trout's friend's mom. has been called to her eternal rest

**Karen Bumgarner**, for thankfulness for a successful surgery and for the patience she has received in her recouperation

Pat Beckett, massive stroke

Laurie & Kim, friends of Ruth Pollatz

**Ashleigh Halfacer,** daughter-in-law of Ernie and Dawn Halfacer

**Dawn Halfacer**, recovering from surgery

For the family of Jordan Cox, Frank and Laurie Pignanelli's Niece, who was found deceased,

Kathy Trout, sister to Sherm Trout, hospitalized

Carolyn Kimbrough, recuperating from fall

**Tonya, Mick, Karson, & Wilson family**, We pray that their journeys are safe, blessed with grace and mercy

April Stover, Diagnosed with Fibromyalgia

Gail Abke, Friend of Pam Benford, Pancreatic Cancer

**Frank and Caroline Wiswell,** friends of Glenn Cairns, for guidance in giving care to their parents,

**Eric Cairns**, thanksgiving for positive test results and continued healing/improvement

Sandy Cairns, hip pain/treatment for hip pain

Barnet Martin, recovering from stroke

Katie Berry, Nancy Dajos' sister - Hospice

Chuck, Nancy Dajos' nephew, prostate cancer

Jacob Shane, Son of Glenn Cairns, Health issues

**Michelle Weatherspoon,** recovering from Kidney transplant

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday April 23	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday April 26	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday April 27	10am Quilting
Friday April 28	Office Closed
Sunday April 30	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service