

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It Happens by Chariots

April 28, 2024



“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” *John 15:1–2*

## **Mount Hope Lutheran Church**

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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

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

### **Holy Communion**

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

### **Large Print Bulletins**

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

### **Listening Devices**

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

### **Pew Cushions**

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

### **Wheelchair Accessible Seating**

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

### **Church Nursery**

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

### **Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies**

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

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

***Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!***

**PRELUDE**  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**PREPARATION**

Pastor: far can the human voice travel?

Scientists tell us that the normal outdoor range for an adult voice traveling through still air is about 180 meters or 590 feet. Communication in Silbo, a whistled language of Spanish-speaking inhabitants of the Canary Islands, can travel five miles under ideal conditions. The sound of a voice traveling across still water at night can range up to 10.5 miles. Voices can carry! The message that the voices carry is what is most important. The spoken message about Jesus shared by Philip the deacon with the Ethiopian stranger made an eternal difference in that man's life. The words that we speak and the messages that we share are of great importance and have the divine potential to "spread the reign of God the Lord" (*LSB* 830:1).

(Please stand)

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN**

"Come, Thou Almighty King" *LSB* 905 vs 1, 3-4

**Come Thou almighty King**  
**Help us Thy name to sing**  
**Help us to praise**  
**Father all glorious**  
**O'er all victorious**  
**Come and reign over us**  
**Ancient of Days**

**Come holy Comforter  
 Thy sacred witness bear  
 In this glad hour  
 Thou who almighty art  
 Now rule in ev'ry heart  
 And ne'er from us depart  
 Spirit of pow'r**

**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**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5*

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him  
 glorious praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your  
 deeds!

**People: All the earth worships You and  
 sings praises to You; they sing praises to  
 Your name."**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound  
 of His praise be heard,

**People: who has kept our soul among the  
living and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts  
toward us; none can compare with You!

**People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet  
they are more than can be told.**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God,  
confess your sins to Him, and implore His  
forgiveness.

**People: O almighty God, most merciful Father,  
I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my  
sins and iniquities with which I have  
offended You. By nature, I am a sinful  
creature. In thought, word, and deed I  
have continually transgressed Your law.  
For this I justly deserve Your present and  
eternal punishment. For the sake of the  
sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a  
penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all  
my sins and grant me the power of Your  
Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life  
and bear fruit in keeping with true  
repentance.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen  
your faith.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called  
and ordained servant 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.**

(Please stand)

### ✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

Pastor: A little while, and you will see Me no  
Longer; and again a little while, and you will  
see Me.

**People: I will extol You, my God and King, and  
bless Your name forever and ever.**

Pastor: Every day I will bless You and praise  
Your name forever and ever.

**People: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow  
to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: All Your works shall give thanks to You,  
O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the  
LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name  
forever and ever. Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.**

Pastor: A little while, and you will see Me no  
longer; and again a little while, and you will  
see Me.

**KYRIE** (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

## **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 vine and we are the branches. Apart from You there is no life. By Baptism You have grafted us into Your gracious life. Cause Your Word to abide in us and make us fruitful to the glory of Your Father, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **THE HOLY BAPTISM**

**Peyton Riley Trout**

Daughter of Alex Trout & Jayme Ferreri

Sponsors: Genna & Dominic Ferreri

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

**People: (spoken) Amen**

Pastor: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, *“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”* And the apostle Peter has written, *“Baptism now saves you.”* Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 6:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidate through his parents:*

Pastor: How are you named?

**R: Peyton Riley Trout**

*Pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of candidate while saying:*

Pastor: Peyton Riley Trout, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgement You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight



souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Peyton according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*The pastor addresses the sponsors:*

Pastor: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to

them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

Pastor: is it your intention to serve Peyton as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R: Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

(Will the congregation please stand)

Pastor: *Hear the Holy Gospel according to St.*

*Mark. They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. but when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, **“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”** And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16 NKJV*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

*The pastor places his hands on the Head of Peyton, and the congregation, together with parents and sponsors join in praying:*

**People:**           **Our Father Who art in heaven,  
                           Hallowed by Thy name,  
                           Thy kingdom come.  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
                           Gives 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.**

*(Congregation, please be seated)*

*Then the pastor says:*

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and  
           your going out from this time forth and even  
           forevermore.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

*The pastor addresses Peyton and asks the following questions  
 through her parents, sponsors and congregation as a statement of  
 their belief:*

Pastor: Peyton, do you renounce the devil?

**R: Yes, I renounce him.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

**R: Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

**R: Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father  
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R: Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only  
Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead?

**R: Yes, I believe**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting?

**R: Yes, I believe**

Pastor: Peyton, do you desire to be baptized,  
answering through your parents?

**R: Yes, I do.**

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate  
while saying:*

Pastor: Peyton Riley Trout , I baptize you in the  
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized  
while saying:*

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

Pastor: May the clothing you are wearing remind you in years to come that you have been clothed with the white robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgement seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

*We light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

Pastor: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*Peyton is welcomed with the following:*

Pastor: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises

of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**People: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*(Please stand)*

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarged Your family and have granted Peyton Riley Trout, the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

Pastor: Peace be with you.

**People: (spoken) Amen**

*All return to their places.*

*The congregation please be seated.*

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING** *Acts 8:26–40* ESV

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on

his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalms 150*

**People: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!**

***Women: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!***

***Men: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!***

***Women: Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!***

***Men: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; Praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!***

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! 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 4:1–11* ESV

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every



spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

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

**People: Alleluia. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.**

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 15:1–8 ESV*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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 OF THE DAY

“God Loves Me Dearly” *LSB 392 vs 1-3*

**God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.**

**Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.**

**I was in slav'ry,  
Sin death, and darkness;  
God's love was working  
To make me free.**

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

It Happens by Chariots

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Theme: the Holy Spirit is always having someone come alongside chariots with the saving news of Jesus.

Goal: That hearers rejoice in and then share with others the knowledge that the risen Christ is our sacrificial substitute.

Outline:

1. God had a plan for Philip to bring the Good News to the Ethiopian in his chariot.
2. The rich message of Jesus, the suffering Messiah, bears fruit.

3. But God had more for the Ethiopian, for Philip, and for us to do with passing chariots.
4. After all, we have all had someone come alongside us with Jesus' love.

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *LSB, p. 215*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will.

Into Your merciful hands we commend  
 [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying  
 for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord,  
 in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us  
 from greed and selfish cares, and help us  
 trust in You to provide for all our needs.  
 Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive  
 those who sin against us so that our hearts  
 may be at peace and may rejoice in a good  
 conscience before You, and that no sin may  
 ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your  
 mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but  
 help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh,  
 to turn from the world and its ways, and to  
 overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord,  
 in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us  
 from all evil of both body and soul, now and  
 forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to  
 hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ,  
 our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783 vs 1, 4-5*

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

**Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall by Thy royal throne**

(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, Lord our God, for You have shown mercy to all in Christ our Redeemer, the Vine divine. Receive our thanks that as branches of the Vine, we are created to bear fruit. Unite our praises with those of all the faithful who are connected to Christ and join them with the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

## **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 our God, King of all creation, for You graciously invite us to be the people who proclaim the salvation that is in Christ alone. Gathered at Your Table, may we receive His blessed body and blood, fully trusting in the promises that are fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Unite us to Christ our Savior that we may live and respond to the opportunities for service and

witness brought to us by the Holy Spirit and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom.

## **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  $\times$  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  $\times$  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.



**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 3 & 4*

**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!**

(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.

Heavenly Father, we bless You for having fed us  
with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through  
the same, help us to rejoice in Your mercies that  
we may grow daily and reach out with Your love in  
every situation. Finally, in Your mercy, grant us a  
portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and  
the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**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**

“Lift High the Cross” *LSB 837 vs 1 & 2*

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
 Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Come Christians follow where our Captain trod  
 Our King victorious Christ the Son of God**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
 Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign  
 The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
 Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder

Carolyn Kimbrough, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 P.M.

## Voter's Meeting JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>

## Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

## Attendance

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am 37

## 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**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 28	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday May 1	10:30 am Bible Study
Thursday May 2	10am Quilting
Friday May 3	Office Closed
Saturday May 4	5pm Service w/HC
Sunday May 5	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service