

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023



He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*1 Peter 2:24–25*

## **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

Pastor: We remember that we are living in a difficult world, and sometimes we feel lost and helpless. We can remember that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He leads us through the difficulties of the world. He even entered into those difficulties Himself—suffering, dying, and rising for us and our salvation. So while we live in a difficult world, it is no match for Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(Please stand)

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” *LSB 463 vs 1 & 2*

**Christ the Lord is ris’n today,**

**Alleluia!**

**Christians hasten on your way;**

**Alleluia!**

**Offer praise with love replete,**

**Alleluia!**

**At the paschal victim’s feet.**

**Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled,  
 Alleluia!  
 Sinless in the sinner's stead,  
 Alleluia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high,  
 Alleluia!  
 Now He lives no more to die.  
 Alleluia!**

## **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: The Lord is our Good Shepherd;

**People: He leads us and restores our souls.**

Pastor: He walks beside us through the darkness

**People: and never abandons us, even in death.**

Pastor: He goes before us and prepares a table for us,

**People: and we will dwell in His house forever.**

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Though our Lord goes before us, beside us, and behind us, we still find a way to run away from His good pasture. We devote ourselves to all sorts of destruction. Still, our Good Shepherd seeks us out and brings us back to safety. He invites us to confess our sins before His heavenly Father.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have strayed from You. We have wounded You with our sin. We have wounded others with our sin. We have wounded ourselves with our sin. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to Your good pasture, on account of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.**

Pastor: Though we have strayed, Jesus always keeps searching for us. Though we have been lost in our priorities, Jesus is always and ever devoted to us. We see this most clearly as 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 forgiven. Our souls are restored in Christ.**

(Please seated)

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

Pastor: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

## **HYMN**

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” *LSB 740 vs 1*  
**I am Jesus’ little lamb**  
**Ever glad at heart I am**  
**For my Shepherd gently guides me**  
**Knows my need and well provides me**  
**Loves me ev’ry day the same**  
**Even calls me by my name**

Pastor: He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

**People: from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.**

Pastor: With upright heart he shepherded them

**People: and guided them with his skillful hand.**

Pastor: But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;

**People: from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

**HYMN**

*"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740 vs 2*

**Day by day at home away  
 Jesus is my staff and stay  
 When I hunger Jesus feeds me  
 Into pleasant pastures leads me  
 When I thirst He bids me go  
 Where the quiet waters flow**

Pastor: 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.

**People: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**

**HYMN**

*"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740 vs 3*

**Who so happy as I am  
 Even now the Shepherd's lamb  
 And when my short life is ended  
 By His angel host attended  
 He shall fold me to His breast  
 There within His arms to rest**

**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 are the Good Shepherd who has brought together sheep from every tribe, nation, and language to be one flock ever following You. Strengthen us to devote ourselves to Your Word and Sacraments, to prayer and fellowship, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

### **FIRST READING** *Acts 2:42–47 ESV*

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *1 Peter 2:19–25 ESV*

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 10:1–10 ESV*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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**

“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**

**++ SERMON ++**

Real World? Real Savior!

Text: Acts 2:42–47

**Theme:** While leading you, his sin-wounded sheep, to life, the Good Shepherd creates among you the very life to which he is leading you.

**Goal:** That everyone listening, the Good Shepherd's blood-bought lambs and flock, will flourish as they are enlivened by care received through his Means of Grace.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith in the words of the Nicene creed)

**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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Incorporating LSB 709:6*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we have filled our lives with so much busyness and chaos. Help us to remove those things from our lives which are not beneficial, so that we may lead lives that are devoted to Your Word and Sacraments, to prayer and fellowship. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all pastors, missionaries, musicians, educators, and all who serve within Your one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Embolden them to teach Your Word that restores the souls of Your people. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, 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, where You will prepare a table before us, and we shall dwell in Your house forever. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we ask Your blessing upon all who labor in the agriculture industry, for farmers, ranchers, shepherds, and all who tend animals and grow food. Give them seasonable weather and joy in their labors. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that You would open a door for Your Word that we might proclaim Your excellencies to those who have not yet believed in Your name, that they might be sheep of Your pasture and sing Your praises with us. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, +++++. Have mercy upon them, and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and tend us as our Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

**People: within Thy house forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received)

## **OFFERING IS 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**

**Oh hearts are bruised and dead  
 And homes are bare and cold  
 And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
 Are straying from the fold**

**To comfort and to bless  
 To find a balm for woe  
 To tend the lone and fatherless  
 Is angels' work below**

**The captive to release  
To God the lost to bring  
To teach the way of life and peace  
It is a Christ-like thing**

**And we believe Thy Word  
Though dim our faith may be  
What-e'er for Thine we do, O Lord  
We do it unto Thee**

(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 is the Good Shepherd who leads us to the green pastures and still waters of Your Word and Sacraments. 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 that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to lead us in paths of righteousness and to restore our souls through Your forgiveness and life. 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** (*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 HYMNS**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *LSB 575 vs 1 & 2*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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

## **THE POST-DISTRIBUTION 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.**

**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 led us to the green pastures and still waters of this Meal, and we pray that You would continue to lead us on the paths of righteousness, devoted wholly to You; 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**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”** *LSB 770*

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

## 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

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Looking for a Treasurer*

The position is open coming this June.

If you're interested, See Jim Bumgarner or an Elder

**BINGO!**

May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

*Quilting*

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

### **Attendance**

Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 am 35

### **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**

Lucy & Shawn Stamp – May 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Birthdays

### 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**, who preceded Pastor Griffin at St. Philips, at home and on rehab;

**Phyllis Dasher**, hospitalized

**Bill Switter**, cancer treatments started this past week;

**Mason Laffaltha**, Paul Utcai;s Nephew, hospitalized;

**Shena**, the granddaughter of Nancy Dajos. Friday night of last week she was violently beaten about her head as she was in the accompany of a friend who was driving and helping another woman, who turned on Shena; pray for comfort for Shena and her entire family;

**The friends and family of Richard Pine**, friend of Dave Hamilton and Larry Crane, who was called to his eternal rest away the week of the 26<sup>th</sup>;

**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 recuperation

**Pat Beckett**, massive stroke

**Laurie & Kim**, friends of Ruth Pollatz

**Kathy Trout**, sister to Sherm Trout, hospitalized



**Gail Abke**, Friend of Pam Benford, Pancreatic Cancer

**Katie Berry**, Nancy Dajos' sister – Hospice

**Jacob Shane**, Son of Glenn Cairns, Health issues

**THE FOLLOWING IS FOR YOUR NEXT SUNDAY'S  
PREPARATIONS:**

**God's Newborn, Chosen, Priestly People**

**Text:** 1 Peter 2:2–10 (The Epistle Reading)

**Theme:** The living Savior exalts your status as God's newborn, chosen, priestly people.

**Goal:** That everyone listening, joined by baptismal grace to the resurrected Lord as his newborn, chosen, priestly people, will joyfully glorify God and witness to his love for the world.

**Outline**

I. Joined to the resurrected Christ by baptismal grace, you are a newborn people.

II. From that nurturing love, the infant children of God learn their identity as chosen people.

III. Living in Christ and sharing his status, you also share in his priestly purpose.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday April 30	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
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Wednesday May 3	No Bible Study
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Thursday May 4	10am Quilting
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Friday May 5	Office Closed
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Sunday May 7	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
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