

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023



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
RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: The rule of God is so far above us that we cannot comprehend it. He has all power throughout all time and eternity. Although God rules in might, as He tells Job (and us) in His speech in the Old Testament Reading, He demonstrated His rule in grace by sending His Son, our Lord Jesus, to become one of us to die and rise for us. But God's rule is thwarted in the lives of those who do not know about our Savior. Paul in the Epistle points out that "faith comes from hearing" and earnestly desires that all his fellow Jews might hear the Gospel and be saved (Romans 10:17). God, speaking to us through Paul is urging us to get the Good News to people's ears so they may hear and believe." Even within the Church at times doubts arise about our Lord's care and control. As Peter needed to cling to Jesus amid the stormy seas, so our faith must reach beyond recognizing God's rule over creation in general. He has destroyed death itself in Jesus' resurrection. And we already live in His eternal kingdom. Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

PREPARATION

HYMN

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” TFBF 242

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
that calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer**

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless
and since he bids me seek his face
believe his word and trust his grace
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer**

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
may I thy consolation share
till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight
With joy I'll hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face
and gladly take my station there
thy promise gained, sweet hour of prayer**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES 2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:3, 6, 46

Pastor: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,

People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Pastor: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

People: and I am saved from my enemies.

Pastor: In my distress I called upon the Lord;

People: to my God I cried for help.

Pastor: From His temple He heard my voice,

People: and my cry to Him reached His ears.

Pastor: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,

People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another.

We confess, Creator Lord, that like Job, we become angry at times with what You have allowed in our lives and we have wondered why.

People: Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.

Pastor: We confess, Savior Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

People: Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction, and move us to tell them the Good News as You provide opportunity.

Pastor: We confess, Spirit of truth, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

People: Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love have been forgiven for Jesus' sake. 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: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORD

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Jesus in the Morning” *TFBF 167*

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning

Jesus in the noon-time

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down

Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morning

praise him in the noon-time

praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes
down

Love him, love him, love him in the morning

Love him in the noon-time

Love him, love him, love him when the sun goes down

Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning

Serve him in the noon-time

Serve him, serve him, serve him when the sun goes
down

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning

Jesus in the noon-time

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God,

People: **preserve us from all harm and danger**

Pastor: that we, being ready in both body and soul,
People: may cheerfully accomplish what You want done;

Pastor: 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.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:4–18 ESV*

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep

darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

EPISTLE *Romans 10:5–17 ESV*

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For

Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

VERSE *Matthew 14:27*

Pastor: Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,

People: “**Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.**” Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22–33 ESV*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat

and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (we 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 pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Are the Way through You Alone” *LSB 526 vs 1-3*

You are the way; through You alone

Can we the Father find

In You, O Christ, has God revealed

His heart and will and mind

You are the truth Your Word alone

True wisdom can impart

You only can inform the mind

And purify the heart

**You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm**

++ SERMON ++

God Rules

Text: Job 38:4–18 The Old Testament Lesson

Theme: God's rule in this world is total and good and affects both unbelievers and believers.

Goal: That everyone listening are comforted with the message that God's rule in this world is good—good for the Christian Church and good for each of us individually, as children of God.

I. God's rule is **total** and **good**.

II. How does the total and good rule of God affect the **unbeliever**?

III. How does the total and good rule of God affect the **believer**?

(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.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, that she proclaim the Gospel in the face of turmoil and oppression; for leaders and laity alike, that the Spirit give them courage in their mission to speak the Gospel that many may hear and come to faith; and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that we find the unity to which our Lord calls us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all who serve in governmental and social positions, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for those who work in industry and commerce, that their efforts be a blessing to all people; and for favorable weather that harvests be bountiful, famine be alleviated, and praise resound to our Creator, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who are unemployed, those who deal with social injustice and discrimination, and those who are hungry and homeless, that they seek God's strength and rely on Him to meet their needs of body, soul, and spirit, Let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those near and dear to us who call out for relief, renewal, and health, including those on our hearts and minds at this present moment of silence . . . , that God would hear their prayers and answer according to His great love for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Grant us our requests, heavenly Father, for we lift our voices in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and we sing the offering hymn)

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” *LSB 781 vs 2-4*

**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**

(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 *Isaiah 6:3*

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, who answered our deepest need by destroying the power of death itself by His glorious resurrection. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore joining the six-winged seraphim Isaiah saw, saying,

People: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

SANCTUS *(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 Your creation. You sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to redeem us fallen creatures. As we receive His body and blood in this sacred Meal, strengthen our faith until You turn it to sight. To You alone, O

Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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 HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story” TFBF 228 vs 1 & 2

**I love to tell the story
of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory
of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story
because I know its true
It satisfies my longing
as nothing else would**

**I love to tell the story
I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old,
old story of Jesus and his love**

**I love to tell the story
how pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell
it more wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story
for some have never heard
The message of salvation
from god's own holy word**

**I love to tell the story
I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old,
old story of Jesus and his love**

(Please stand)

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.**

Luke 2:29–32

Pastor: With Simeon in the temple we give thanks to
You, gracious God, and say,

People: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart
in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes
have seen Your salvation that You have prepared
in the presence of all peoples, a light for
revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your
people Israel.”

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have
given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the
Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep
us firm in the true faith throughout our days of
pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we
may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the
marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which
has no end; 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

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” TFBF 298

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:**

America! America!

**God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
whose stern, impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat
across the wilderness:**

America! America!

**God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:**

America! America!

**May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

O beautiful for patriot dream
 that sees beyond the years
 thine alabaster cities gleam,
 undimmed by human tears:
 America! America!
 God shed his grace on thee,
 and crown thy good with brotherhood
 from sea to shining sea.

(Please be seated for brief announcements)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: (spoken) **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

BINGO!

August 16th , 30th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday July 30th

9:30 am 31

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-982-7417. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home

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

Ashleigh Halfacer, daughter of Ernie and Dawn Halfacer, with Leukemia

Tammy Tortenesi, Sophia's Mother, for relief from severe back pain


Melvin Kimbrough, at home, continue to pray for patience waiting for our Lord's strengthening powers

Trevor Ashley, friend of Paul Utica, dr's found bladder cancer

Brad Hackney, Pam Benford's Friend, Pulmonary Fibrosis & other health issues.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday August 13	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
Wednesday August 16	BINGO 6pm to 8pm
Thursday August 17	Quilting 10am to 2pm
Friday August 18	Office Closed
Sunday August 20	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC



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