

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 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: There are no outsiders in this place. Whether Jew or Gentile, lifelong worshiper or newcomer, young or old, rich or poor—no matter who you are or where you have come from—the promises of God are for you! As you gather in this place, God offers His grace to you through His living and active Word. Through the shed blood of Jesus, His Son, our gracious Father includes you in His everlasting kingdom. This inclusive kingdom is His Church, the family He has claimed as His own, the people whom He has saved, delivered, and called to Himself in Christ. So don't stand on the outside looking in! The King invites you! Come to the feast!

(Please stand)

PREPARATION

HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine" *LSB 496*

Holy Spirit light divine
Shine upon this heart of mine
Chase the shades of night away
Turn the darkness into day

Let me see my Savior's face
Let me all His beauties trace
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee

**Holy Spirit pow'r divine
 Cleanse this guilty heart of mine
 In Thy mercy pity me
 From sin's bondage set me free**

**Holy Spirit joy divine
 Cheer this saddened heart of mine
 Yield a sacred settled peace
 Let it grow and still increase**

**Holy Spirit all divine
 Dwell within this heart of mine
 Cast down ev'ry idol throne
 Reign supreme and reign alone**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 56:1*

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,

People: for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed."

Pastor: The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather in this house of prayer, united as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and

minds, bowing or kneeling (as you are able) before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him.

(We take a moment of silence for prayer and meditation upon the Word of God.)

Pastor: Delivering Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.

People: We confess that we have not kept justice, choosing to go our own way instead of following Your direction. We admit that we have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what we think, say, and do.

Pastor: Saving Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.

People: At the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help us to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! To both Jews and Gentiles, to those of every nation under heaven, the Good News of Jesus has been given! God has heard your prayer for mercy and has offered you a place in His kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, my King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: The Lord is the strength of His people;

People: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Pastor: To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

**People: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like
those who go down to the pit.**

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry
to You for help,

**People: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy
sanctuary.**

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord!

**People: For He has heard the voice of my pleas for
mercy.**

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my
heart trusts, and I am helped;

**People: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks
to Him. 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: The Lord is the strength of His people;

People: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

KYRIE *(we sing p. 186 in LSB hymnal) Mark 10:47*

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

**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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for calling us into the inclusive kingdom of Your dear Son.

People: You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation!

Pastor: Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people

People: that with us they may serve You with joy and gladness all our days.

Pastor: We pray this 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 *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL *Psalms 34:9, 19*

Pastor: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God

against Israel? Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

VERSE *Psalm 147:2–3*

Pastor: Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21–28*

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Love to Tell The Story” TFBF 228 vs 1-3

**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**

**I love to tell the story
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest
And when, in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song
I'll sing the old old story
That I have loved so long**

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

++ SERMON ++

GOD'S KINGDOM IS INCLUSIVE

Text: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Theme: The spiritual kingdom of God is inclusive—
including both Israelites, or Jews, and
Gentiles.

Goal: That everyone listening rejoice that Jesus came to
be the Savior of all peoples and that no
nation is excluded from his redeeming
work.

(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 all the people of God, the Church, those who have been called out of the darkness of sin and death and into the light and life of the kingdom that is eternal.

Gracious King, we praise You as the Creator and sustainer of life. From the womb to the tomb, and at every stage of life, Your hand is upon Your own, giving us all that we need to support our daily lives. United as one, we praise You, O Father. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Saving King, we praise You as the Savior and redeemer of life. Your nail-scarred hands and pierced side give evidence of the lengths to which You have journeyed in order to seek and save the lost. Made right with You by the shedding of Your innocent blood, we are recipients of what we could never earn nor deserve. United as one, we praise You, Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Holy Spirit, we praise You as the restorer and renewer of life. You claim Your family through the outpouring of mercy that we experience in Holy Baptism. You enable our hearts to receive Your Word and our mouths to confess Your truth before our world. United as one, we praise You, Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Sovereign King, You see all things in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside Your watch and reign. Bless our families, our workplaces, our schools, and our church. Sustain the life of our community, and guide the leaders who labor among us for the blessing of all. Protect those in harm's way, especially the members of our military, that they may rest in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Mighty King, Your strength is unmatched and Your power unfathomable. Break down any barrier of heart and mind that would distract us from seeing Your work in our midst. Draw unto Yourself for restoration those who hunger and thirst, those in need of food and shelter, those who experience loss of employment, and all who struggle to find purpose in their lives. Cause Your Word to reach to the ends of the earth, bringing Your saving Gospel to bear on the lives of all peoples and granting salvation to all who confess Jesus as Lord and God. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Healing King, You stooped down from Your heavenly throne to dwell among us in Christ. As You continue to bind up the brokenhearted and heal their wounds, we pray for all who are sick and suffering in any way, Especially. . . . Help these and all others whom we name in our hearts to know the love You have for all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated and as the offering is being received as 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

Pastor: You have blessed us, gracious God, by drawing us into Your eternal kingdom, Your inclusive family, Your holy Church. You gather us from the ends of the earth—from every nation, tribe, people, and language—that we may feast at the Table of Him who was crucified and then raised to life again for our salvation. 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 (*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 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. By Your grace alone, we receive the salvation that has come to us in the person of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has delivered us so that all who trust in You may receive the promised inheritance of life everlasting. Gathered to remember Christ's sacrifice for our salvation, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may experience Your all-inclusive mercy and know the unity You give through Your Son's body and blood. Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–22

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.”

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

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB 637*

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured
Offered was He for greatest and for least
Himself the victim and Himself the priest**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here
O Lord our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now**

(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.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) 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, our good and gracious
 King, that You have refreshed us through this
 sacred Meal, and we implore You that of Your
 mercy You would strengthen us and all with
 whom we are united in Christ so that we may live
 in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one
 another; 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 *Isaiah 56:1; Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do
 righteousness,

**People: for soon My salvation will come, and My
 deliverance be revealed.”**

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

“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837 vs 1,2,3,6

**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**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died**

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

**So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory**

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

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 Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

TO ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HELPED MAKE OUR FAMILY FUN DAY SO WONDERFUL! The food was outstanding, decorations festive and fellowship and music was a special touch and fantastic. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

BINGO!

August 30th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday August 13th

9:30 am 36

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

Ruth & Paul Pollatz – August 21st

Linda & Steve Hurst – August 24th

Val & Gary Mazon – August 26th

Birthdays

Timothy VanHampller – August 21st

Kim Jones – August 23rd

Carl Haney – August 23rd

Mike VanHampller – August 24th

Kelley Corona - August 26th

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

Mary Fererelli, Frank Pignanelli's sister

Nancy Dajos

Prayer of thanksgiving for Tonja, Kevin, Mick and Karson
for peace, prosperity, happiness, and safety.

Sheila Weed, Val Mason's cousin, having heart surgery

Melvin Kimbrough, improving at home with physical
therapy

Mikayla Hoye, hospitalized

Ashleigh Halfacer, daughter in law of Ernie and Dawn
Halfacer; stricken with leukemia

The Family of Dorothy Sproul, longtime secretary, at
Atonement Lutheran, Dearborn, called to
glory

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday

August 20

9:30 am - Worship w/ HC

Thursday

August 24

Quilting

10am to 2pm

Friday

August 25

Office Closed

Sunday

August 27

9:30 am - Worship w/ HC



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