

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rock from Which You Were Hewn

August 27, 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: Throughout the Bible, we find God sculpting rocks, constructing with rocks, and protecting others by means of rocks. Ever the master architect, the Lord uses rocks to accomplish His purposes. More than that, the Lord Himself is our rock, the One in whom we have lasting and eternal security. “Built on the Rock the Church shall stand,” we sing (*LSB* 645:1). How do we stand? The prophet Isaiah tells us: “Look to the rock from which you were hewn” (Isaiah 51:1). When we see our God as the rock from whom we come and by whom our lives are built, we find that He alone is our lasting foundation, our mighty fortress, and the reason why we gather to worship today.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone” *LSB* 912

Christ is our cornerstone
On Him alone we build
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above

Here may we gain from heav'n
 The grace which we implore
 And may that grace once giv'n
 Be with us evermore
 Until that day
 When all the best
 To endless rest
 Are called away

Oh, then with hymns of praise
 These hallowed courts shall ring
 Our voices we will raise
 The Three in One to sing
 And thus proclaim
 In Joyful song
 Both loud and long
 That glorious name

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 LSB 728; 761; 575/576

Pastor: That we may rest on Jesus and His unchanging
 grace, let us with repentant hearts confess our
 sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of
 confession.)*

Pastor: How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is
laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

**People: Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that we all
have sinned and fall short of Your glory. By what
we have done and by what we have failed to do,
we have lived shaky lives that falter when we do
not stand firm in You.**

Pastor: Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in
Thee!

**People: Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. You are the
rock of ages in whom we find protection and
deliverance.**

Pastor: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground
is sinking sand!

**People: Holy Spirit, enable us to trust the promises of
Your Word, confident in the forgiveness of sins
found in Christ Jesus, our solid rock. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I am blessed to
proclaim the certainty of God's saving grace to all
of you! In the stead and by the command of our
Lord Jesus Christ, our mighty rock and fortress, I
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 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

Pastor: But we will bless the LORD

People: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Pastor: As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill. I will tell of the decree:

People: The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.”

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. 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.

Pastor: But we will bless the LORD

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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

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. Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock from which we have been hewn.

People: Help us rest securely in Your promises and find strength in Your mighty deliverance;

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 *Isaiah 51:1–6 ESV*

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the

coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

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 11:33–12:8 ESV*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more

highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

VERSE *Ephesians 2:19b–20*

Pastor: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints
and members of the household of God,

**People: built on the foundation of the apostles and
prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the
cornerstone. Alleluia.**

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13–20 ESV*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say

that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *LSB 575 vs 2-4*

**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.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
 Support me in the raging flood;
 When ev'ry earthly prop gives way
 He then is all my hope and stay.
 On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 Oh, may I then in Him be found,
 Clothed in His righteousness alone,
 Redeemed to stand before the throne!
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.**

++ SERMON ++

(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, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. We rest securely in Your promises, gracious God, and come into Your holy presence with thanksgiving and gratitude in our hearts. Every day, in each and every way, we see all that Your mighty hand has provided to give us everything that we are and everything we possess. Because we are completely dependent upon Your hand to guide us and provide for us, Lord, be our rock of refuge,

People: (spoken) **to which we can always go.**

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, You have anchored us in Your Word and united us with Christ Jesus. Your Spirit will never forsake Your own, for we rest securely in the blood and righteousness our Savior has given to us and to all who trust in Him. Enable

Your Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus until the day He comes again in all power and glory. Until that day when every knee shall bow before You, lead our hearts to believe and our mouths to confess Your saving name. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

People: (spoken) **to which we can always go.**

Pastor: Without Your aid, O Lord, we fail. When we falter and fall, uplift us by Your grace. Be near to the downtrodden, the heart-broken, and the weary. Steady the knees that give way, reminding those with fearful hearts that You alone are the God who saves. Stretch out Your arm to be a shield and fortress for all who are in harm's way. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who lay down their lives for our benefit. Give courage to those who walk through times of temptation and testing, helping them to know You are the God who provides hope for all who seek You. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

People: (spoken) **to which we can always go.**

Pastor: Many among us are suffering and in great need, O Lord. We name before You those we know and love whose concerns are known to You, the One who knows all things. Answer their prayers and, according to Your good and gracious will, enable them to gratefully receive all You give. We pray for those who are in need within our Christian congregation and among our families and friends, Lord, be our rock of refuge,

People: (spoken) **to which we can always go.**

Pastor: Built on the rock of Jesus and His mighty Word, we have hope in this world because of the certainty we have of life forever with You. Use honesty to disrupt us, hope to sculpt us, joy to construct us, peace to protect us, and faith to persist in us. Help us to see how awesome You are, O Lord! We know Your Word is faithful and true because You alone are the rock from which our lives have been hewn and in whom we rest securely. Into Your merciful care we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your grace and 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

OFFERTORY 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: It is truly good and right that we look to You and listen to You, O giver of righteousness, for You have built our lives upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as our cornerstone. Looking to the rock from which we have been hewn, along with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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, O Lord, for You have sculpted and shaped us, designed and established us on the foundation of Jesus Christ, our true and lasting cornerstone. Looking to the rock from which we have been hewn, and trusting the saving promises of Your mighty Word, establish our hearts in living hope so that we may joyfully remember our Redeemer, sharing together in the Meal He has prepared. 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 11:23–25

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.”

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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” *LSB 761 vs 1-3*

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

(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 look to You, most gracious Savior, as the rock from which we have been hewn. We thank You for Your saving blood and cleansing righteousness, which we have received in Your most sacred Meal. Reign in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may stand securely on the solid promises of Your mighty Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord alone is our rock and our refuge, our fortress and our deliverer. His blessing be upon us as we go forth in His name. 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

“The Church’s One Foundation” LSB 644 vs 1, 2, 5

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride
 With His own blood He bought her
 And for her life He died**

**Elect from ev'ry nation
 Yet one o'er all the earth
 Her charter of salvation
 One Lord, one faith, one birth
 One holy name she blesses
 Partakes one holy food
 And to one hope she presses
 With ev'ry grace endued**

Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won
 O blessed heav'nly chorus
 Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we like saints before us
 May see You face to face

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

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, 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 20th 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

Keri & Scott Driscoll – August 31st

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

Sheila Weed, Val Mason's cousin, speedy recovery
Amanda Bacckus, Glenn Cairns' Niece, Medical Tests
A.C Roche, Glenn Cairns' Co-worker, Recovering after surgery
Janie, Sandy Cairns' Patient, Placed on hospice
Mary Fererelli, Frank Pignanelli's sister
Nancy Dajos

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

Thank You, Lord!

Melvin Kimbrough, improving at home with physical
therapy

Mikayla Hoyer, hospitalized

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday August 27	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
Wednesday August 30	BINGO 6pm to 8pm
Thursday August 31	Quilting 10am to 2pm
Friday September 1	Office Closed
Sunday September 3	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC