TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 6, 2023 Grace Not Law



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: Human law would expect that the physical descendants of Abraham and the people included in the nation of Israel would receive God's promised blessings, but God's covenant is based on His great grace. The covenant to David is for all people, whoever will listen to His gracious invitation. "Come to Me," the Lord says through Isaiah, "hear, that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:3). In the Epistle, Paul laments that although the blessings of God came through the Jewish people, most have cut themselves off from the promise. His hope lies in the grace of God, which says "the children of the promise are counted as offspring" (Romans 9:8). And grace continues! Today God counts us worthy to serve His gracious plans, just as our Lord used even the doubting disciples to feed the 5,000 in the Gospel. Grace, indeed!

(Please stand)

PREPARATION

HYMN

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915 vs 1 & 2 Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin. However great our trespass, Whatever we have been, However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away, Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

Today your gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n, A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) Amen.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,

People: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father. We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

- People: Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.
- Pastor: We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.
- People: Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.
- Pastor: We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.
- People: Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. 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. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.
People: (spoken) Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

WORD

INTROIT Psalm 105:39-43; antiphon: v. 1

- Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- People: They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

Pastor: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; People: it flowed through the desert like a river.

- Pastor: For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.
- People: So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.

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.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Beautiful Savior, King of Creation" *LSB 537 vs 1 & 4* Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

> Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, You have promised us forgiveness, life, and salvation through Christ, our Lord.

People: Help us to see ourselves as children of Abraham by faith and acknowledge that Your blessings come to us undeservedly by grace;

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 55:1–5 ESV

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: (spoken) Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm* 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26

People: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.

- Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- <u>Left side:</u> Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- <u>Right side</u>:(pulpit side) Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;

<u>Left side:</u> to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever;

<u>Right side:</u>(pulpit side) to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever;

<u>Left side:</u> to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever;

<u>Right side:</u>(pulpit side) to Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever;

- <u>Left side:</u> the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- <u>Right side:</u>(pulpit side) the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- People: 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: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.

EPISTLE Romans 9:1–13 ESV

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though

the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: (spoken) Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE Romans 11:33, 36; Psalm 78:25

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

People: He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:13–21 ESV

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" LSB 531 vs 1 & 2 Hail Thou one despised Jesus Hail Thou Galilean King Thou didst suffer to release us Thou didst free salvation bring Hail Thou universal Savior Bearer of our sin and shame By Thy merit we find favor Life is given through Thy name

> Paschal Lamb by God appointed All our sins on Thee were laid By almighty love anointed Thou hast full atonement made All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood Opened is the gate of heaven Reconciled are we with God

++ SERMON ++

Grace Not Law Text: Romans 9:1–5 (6–13) The Epistle Theme: Salvation is through faith in the promise of Christ, not in works of the Law. Goal: That everyone listening trust in the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ and not in their own works, seeing themselves as children of Abraham by faith.

Sermon Outline

1. Israel rejected its Messiah because not all Israel is Israel.

2. True Israel is of faith (grace) not works (Law).

3. God has chosen us in Christ by grace, too, through faith.

Salvation Is through Faith in the Promise of Christ, Not in Works of the Law.

(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 go to our heavenly Father with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

- People: Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.
- Pastor: For the Holy Spirit's work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.
- People: Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.
- Pastor: With one another and our brothers and sisters around the world, for all God's promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.

People: Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your steadfast love.

- Pastor: For all who face this day with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters, (including our friends and loved ones that we have on our hearts and minds in this moment of silence. . .), that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.
- Pastor: We bring all these things to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **People:** (spoken) **Amen.**
- (Please be seated as the offering is being received and 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

SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22Pastor: 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, who by His death and resurrection opened to all people Your gracious promises of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HYMN

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" LSB 791 vs 1 & 5 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore, From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for the boundless mercy and grace You have shown in sending Your Son to bear our sins and be our Savior. Gathered in His name, we pray that You would strengthen us to rely not on our own strength, but on Your love and forgiveness.
Strengthen and guide us to invite others to Your grace in the way we think, speak, and act. 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 HYMN

"The Lamb" LSB 547 vs 1 – 4 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

> The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill. So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: This 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, heavenly Father, that You have again shown us forgiveness and love in the precious gift of Your Son's body and blood.

People: Grant us strengthened faith through this Sacrament that we exhibit in our life Your gracious invitation to eternal life for all who believe;

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.

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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" *LSB 918* Guide me O Thou great Redeemer Pilgrim through this barren land I am weak but Thou art mighty Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand Bread of heaven bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more Feed me till I want no more Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow Let the fiery cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through Strong deliv'rer strong deliv'rer Be Thou still my strength and shield Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan Bid my anxious fears subside Death of death and hell's destruction Land me safe on Canaan's side Songs of praises songs of praises I will ever give to Thee I will ever give to Thee

(Please be seated for some brief announcements)

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 Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Closure: This week

August 7th – 10th April will be on vacation

Church Closure for floor waxing:

August 9th – August 12th Please do not enter the building as the floor needs time to dry.

> BINGO! August 16th , 30th

NO Quilting this Thursday August 10th

Family Fun Day! TODAY!!

Meet us in the GYM!

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

Laurie & Frank Pignanelli – August 12th <u>Birthdays</u> Sally Trout – August 6th

Louis Bigliardi – August 9th Nicolas Corona – August 11th

Christine Thompson – August 12th

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 6	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
Monday August 7 Through Friday August 11	Office Closed Floors being Waxed DO NOT ENTER until Sunday
Sunday August 13	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC

