

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Light of Christ: Bright, Brighter, and Brightest
February 11, 2024



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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 light of Christ is no mere metaphor. Christ is our light and He shines with the brightness of the one true light. Where the world lives in the darkness of doubt, Christ brings confidence to approach the throne of grace. Where the world lives in the faded glory of our aspirations and dreams, Christ's light of forgiveness and hope never fades. Where the world imagines a future, Christ's light shines on a new and everlasting tomorrow. As Christ shone with His light, so do we shine with the borrowed light of our Savior that those living in darkness and in the shadow of death might be shown the way.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Please stand)

HYMN

"Beautiful Savior" *LSB 537*
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.

Fair are the meadows,
 Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
 Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels in the sky

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

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 99:4, 9*

Pastor: The King in His might loves justice.

**People: You have established equity; You have
 executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His
holy mountain;

People: for the LORD our God is holy!

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we
poor sinners confess unto You that we are by
nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned
against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee
for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and
imploing Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

**People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-
begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us
and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins;
and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true
knowledge of You and of Your will and true
obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your
grace we may come to everlasting life; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has
given His only Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the
command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and
ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your
sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good
work within you will bring it to completion on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy! The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin

of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, You shone Your love to us through Your Son and in His light is our hope and joy. Take us up to the mountain of His brightness that when we descend in the valleys of our lives, His light may remain upon us to guide our way. Grant that we may receive the testimony of Moses and Elijah fulfilled in Christ and make known Christ's light to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 34:29–35 ESV*

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jesus take us to the Mountain”

Sung by Choir

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6* ESV

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Psalm 45:2a*

Pastor: Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:2–9* ESV

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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

“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” *LSB* 414 vs 1-3

Tis good Lord to be here

Thy glory fills the night

Thy face and garments like the sun

Shine with unborrowed light

Tis good Lord to be here

Thy beauty to behold

Where Moses and Elijah stand

Thy messengers of old

Fulfiller of the past

And hope of things to be

We hail Thy body glorified

And our redemption see

++ SERMON ++

Text: Exodus 34:29–35

Theme: Farewell is not forever

(Please stand)

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 eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and for the dying,, and for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For this altar and those who commune here and for our unity of faith, our fellowship as the baptized, and our witness and service to others in Christ's name; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” *LSB* 414 vs 4-5

**Before we taste of death
We see Thy kingdom come
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home**

**Tis good Lord to be here
Yet we may not remain
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we give You thanks and praise, O Lord, Father of mercy, through Christ, our Lord, for in Him You have manifested the fullness of Your saving glory. Because He has kept the Law of Moses and fulfilled the promise of Elijah and all the prophets, we know Him as Savior and confess Him as Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels, patriarchs and prophets,

saints and martyrs, and with the whole company of heaven we join their unending hymn, 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: Holy Lord, mighty God, everlasting is Your power and great is Your mercy. You made from nothing all that exists and still preserve what You have created. You bore with us sinners who deserved only Your wrath and, as You promised our first parents, raised up Your own Son in our flesh to be our Savior and Redeemer. He fulfilled Your holy will and bestowed upon us a righteousness not our own and in Him we have been born from above to everlasting life. Bidden by His promise, we come to His Table there to receive in bread His flesh and in wine His blood, given and shed for us and for our salvation.

People: 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: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: With thanksgiving we recall all that Christ accomplished for us by His holy life, His obedient suffering even to death on a cross, His rest in the tomb, His resurrection never to die again, His ascension to the place of glory, and His coming again as Lord and judge of all. Sustain within us the faith planted by the Spirit that we may be kept blameless in Christ and ready to receive Him when He comes to finish all things and bring them to their perfect consummation. Having taught us to pray, so hear us as pray in His name and with His own words:

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: 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

“Just as I Am, without One Plea” *LSB 570 vs 1-2*
Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come**

(Please stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
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**

LITANY ON ALLELUIA

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the prophets of old;

People: **Christ is coming; prepare His way.**

Pastor: "Alleluia," said angels and shepherds;

People: **Christ is born; the Word made flesh is come
to earth.**

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the Magi from the East;

People: Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the Baptizer John;

People: Christ is here; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the servants and disciples;

People: Christ is Lord; revealed clearly in water changed to wine.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the people;

People: Christ is Messiah; fulfilled of God's promise and the prophets' word.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the fishermen;

People: Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the sick and suffering;

People: Christ is healer; trust Him for healing and hope in Him for life brand new.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the students;

People: Christ is teacher; listen to His word and wisdom.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said Moses and Elijah;

People: Christ is God; the Light of Light has come to shine on us the love from on high.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the apostles, standing on the mountain high;

People: Christ is shining; in this glory let us stay.

Pastor: "Alleluia," said the Savior, "Christ means suffering";

People: Down the mount the Lord must go and meet the death that awaits Him in the valley below.

Pastor: "Alleluia," bids the Savior, "follow Me and be not afraid";

People: Christ reveals greater glory hidden in the cross and grave; there we find salvation's story and there we find the hope which saves.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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: Amen.

HYMN

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

LSB 917 vs 1,3 & 4

**Savior again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease
Then lowly bending wait Thy word of peace**

**Grant us Thy peace Lord through the coming night
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light
From harm and danger keep Thy children free
For dark and light are both alike to Thee**

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life
 Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife
 Then when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease
 Call us O Lord to Thine eternal peace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
 Marie Brown, Organist
 Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader
 Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th at 7pm

VBS is Coming....

Monday May 20- Thursday May 23
 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

BINGO!

February 28th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday February 4th 9:30 am 36

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Sis Hamilton – February 15th
 Donna McCall – February 16th

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

Tonya, Mick, Carson, Kevin, Denise & Family,
 safe travel, staying well and peace

Gary & Val Mason, Safe travels

John Bommer, Pan Benford's cousin, Healing from
 triple hernia surgery.

Frances Ladach, as she continues to recover from an
 illness

Lori, Friend of Ruth Pollatz, terminal illness

Anita Hoelscher, Friend of Ruth Pollatz, Home
 recovering

Lauri Brooner, Friend of Linda Panich, as she
 undergoes bone marrow transplant

Art Warren, Friend of Lori Wilson, for speedy
 recovery from kidney surgery at UofM

Christian Warden, success for cancer surgery

Mike, Nephew of Frank & Laurie Pignanelli, recovery
 from injury and surgery

Pat Bates, Home

Bev Kero, At home Recovering

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday February 11	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Tuesday February 13	Office Closed
Wednesday February 14	10:30 am Bible Study 7pm Ash Wednesday
Thursday February 15	10am Quilting
Friday February 16	Office Open
Saturday February 17	5pm Service
Sunday February 18	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service