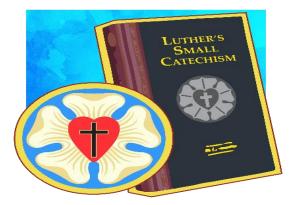
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY February 12, 2023



Help us Your holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin and from it turn In faith to You and to Your Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One. *LSB* 865:2

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 THE RINGING OF THE BELLS PREPARATION

Teach Us the Gospel Again

Pastor: What is the Fifth Commandment? Answer: You shall not murder. You are right. But what does this mean? The disciples needed a little review in today's Gospel. So do we, for its meaning is deeper and more pervasive than we may think. When it comes to matters of the Christian faith and life, we never know it all or remember God's Word consistently. Remember Martin Luther's comment about those who would read the catechism once and then throw it in a corner as if they had already mastered it. Yet he who put it together, though he had advanced academic degrees, knew he needed to study God's Word over and over again. God's Word doesn't change, but we do. New challenges, new situations in life call for new insight and continuous instruction in God's living Word.

(Please Stand)

✤ PREPARATION ♣

HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" TFBF 242 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer that calls me from a world of care and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer

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

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

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

People: (spoken) Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Baptism, First and Fourth*

- Pastor: These are the words of your Baptism. What is Baptism?
- People: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate? People: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Confession

- Pastor: As God's baptized people, therefore, let's do that! Let us repent anew that we may arise to live. But first let me ask, what is Confession?
- People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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 OPENING SENTENCES 1 Corinthians 1:18, 30

Pastor: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

People: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Pastor: He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, People: whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace shining down on us from above and for the salvation of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace so that the Church of God would more brightly shine the light of the Gospel in the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who join us here to thank God for the unsearchable riches of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS p. 154 in LSB

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People:

Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People:** (spoken) **And with thy spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 *Deuteronomy 30:15–20 ESV* "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 3:1–9 ESV

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE Ephesians 5:2

Pastor: Alleluia. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:21–37 ESV

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it

off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: (we sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS -please pass your requests to the person nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day. Thank you!!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394 vs 1 & 2 Songs of thankfulness and praise Jesus, Lord to thee we raise Manifested by the start To the sages from afar Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem Anthems be to Thee addressed God in man made manifest

Manifest at Jordan's steam Prophet, Priest and King supreme And at Cana wedding guest In Thy God-head manifest Manifest in Pow'r divine Changing water in to wine Anthems be to Thee addressed God in man made manifest

++ SERMON ++

Teach Us the Gospel Again

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

- **Theme:** God is so patient with us, willing to teach and reteach the glorious Gospel again.
- **Goal:** That everyone listening would desire to hear, read, mark, learn, and take the Scriptures to heart with patience and with great comfort

Outline

- 1. Paul has pointed the Corinthians back to "Start," back to the message of the cross.
- They needed to learn the mind of Christ—foolishness, baby stuff, in the eyes of the world, but for us, the wisdom of God. God Is So Patient with Us, Willing to Teach and Reteach the Glorious Gospel Again.
- 3. So again and again, God teaches all people the same message: "You are all poor, miserable sinners, but I have reconciled you to myself by the blood of my Son."

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

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 \blacksquare of the world to come. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Incorporating the words of LSB 850

Pastor: God of grace and God of glory, we give thanks to You this day that You do not leave us in silence but continually comfort, defend, and strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit. On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

Pastor: Bless Your holy Church throughout the world and guide and direct all nations and kingdoms among men. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!

From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

Pastor: In the forgiveness of our sins and as Your own children by our Baptism into Christ, give to all in need healing for the sick, restoration to the broken, confidence to those without hope, and peace to all in trouble. Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss Your kingdom's goal. Pastor: Remembering all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, especially the prophets and apostles and martyrs of old as well as those nearer to us whom we name before You in our hearts, help us to continue walking in faith to Your glory and our salvation. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.

People: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore.

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

People: Amen.

(Please be seated as the Hymn 781 is sung)

OFFERING

HYMN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781 vs 1 – 3 We give Thee but Thine own What-e'er the gift may be All that we have is Thine alone A trust O Lord from Thee

> 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

(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 meet, 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 Word and teaching reveals to all the true heart of Your holy Law and by His death on the cross reveals the true glory of Your love. 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 Blessed is He Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna in the highest

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

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LSB 704 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from your holy face. Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still

Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey your Word. Let what your will be my desire And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only you may love And seek those things which are above Till I behold you face to face, O Light eternal, through your grace.

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE 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 (we sing) 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

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; 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

"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" TFBF 180 vs 1-3 Oh, when the saints go marching in oh, when the saints go marching in O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in Oh, when the Lord in glory comes oh, when the Lord in glory comes O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes

Oh, when the new world is revealed oh, when the new world is revealed O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed

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 Bill Switter, Elder Jim Bumgarner, Reader Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

February 15th

Circuit Youth Group Meeting

Hosted by Mt. Hope March 19th 2pm to 4pm All 6th – 12th Graders Welcome!

Looking for a Prayer Chain Leader

Please talk with Pastor or an Elder

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THE SEASON OF LENT:

February 22, 2023, Ash Wednesday 7PM April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday 9:30 AM April 6, 2023, Maundy Thursday 7PM April 7, 2023, Good Friday - (TWO SERVICES) NOON AND 7PM **APRIL 9, 2023, EASTER SUNDAY 9:30AM**

Please note there will <u>not</u> be any Wednesday services <u>except</u> on Ash Wednesday

BINGO!

March 1st

Quilting

February 16th, & 23rd

Attendance

Sunday February 5th 9:30 am 54

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Office at 313-

565-9445. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary Birthdays

Joshua Haney – February 13th Sis Hamilton – February 15th Donna McCall – February 16th Katrina Rotondo – February 16th

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home Dorothy MacTavish, at home Camell Faulk, at home Phyllis Witte, at home Melvin Kimbrough, at home Lynn Mayfield, at home Albert Glueck, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

- **CrossBridge Preschool** asks for your prayers of health and healing for one of our teachers, Jacqueline Jones, who is facing serious health issues. Also prayers for strength and Jesus love for the whole staff, including new employees, that the Lord be beside them as they start our students on a lifetime of learning.
- The Family of Linda Silvenis, who was called to glory this past week.
- The Family of Eric Dmytrusz, who was called by his heavenly father into his arms of love. We pray especially for his mother, Kathleen King in her sorrow.
- The Family of Dave Simion, who was called to his eternal home last Saturday, especially his wife Barbara
- **Prayers of Thanksgiving,** for a newborn son to Brian and Julianne Brown, with grandparents being Dave and Marie Brown!
- **Our Youth** as they fellowship with other youth of the Circuit this afternoon.

For Black History Month, we pray that all may be enriched and refreshed with the history of the African American Citizens.

Gordon Patrick Plonka, Born January 28th, Great Grandson of Phyllis Witte

Phyllis Witte, pray for strength, patience, and healing

Marilyn Switter, for patience, healing as she recovers from a fall

Dave Hamilton, ill

Cody Wilson, friend of Eric Cairns, his grandmother was called to glory last month, and was in hospital this past week

Sis Hamilton, for continued patience and strong faith **Eric Cairns**, suffering from foot pain.

Sandy Cairns, suffering from hip pain.

Derrick Kimbrough, son of Melvin and Carolyn Kimbrough,

celebrating his birthday as a precious gift from God and thankful to our Lord for staying with him through his cancer treatments.

TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK WORSHIP

PLEASE READ 2 Peter 1:16-21

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Made Even More Certain

Theme: The Word of God is trustworthy!

Goal: That everyone listening may be certain that Jesus in the flesh is God Incarnate and is faithful to his mission for our sake.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday February 12	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday February 15	NO BIBLE STUDY
Thursday February 16	10am Quilting
Friday February 17	Office Closed
Sunday February 19	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service

