

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19, 2023



With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son. *LSB 413:2*

## **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**

Pastor: We suppose He, Jesus, didn't have to do it— suddenly appear with His glorious divine nature shining through His human nature and clothing. No, He didn't have to do it for Himself, but He did it for that inner circle of the disciples and through their testimony also for us. Especially as we prepare to see His human suffering, betrayal, and humiliating death, our faith needs to be made even more certain. Certain of what? Certain that while Jesus is a human being like us, He is also and continues to be of one substance with God the Father, true God in the flesh. Because of who He is, Jesus will perfectly obey the Father's will, make full and sufficient payment to the Father for our sins by His suffering and sacrificial atonement, and provide victory over sin, death, and the devil by His resurrection from the dead. He is the content and substance of faith in each believer.

(Please stand)

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN**

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” *LSB 400*

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning**  
**Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid**  
**Star of the East the horizon adorning**  
**Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid**

**Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall  
 Angels adore Him in slumber reclining  
 Maker and Monarch and Savior of all**

**Shall we not yield Him in costly devotion  
 Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine  
 Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean  
 Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation  
 Vainly with gifts would His favor secure  
 Richer by far is the heart's adoration  
 Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning  
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid  
 Star of the East the horizon adorning  
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**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.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *2 Peter 1:19*

Pastor: That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.

**People: We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.**

Pastor: “We have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” 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** *Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for holy is the Lord our God.

The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake! The Lord is great in Zion.

Let them praise Thy great and awesome name: Holy is He.

And the strength of the King loves justice; Thou hast established equity; Thou hast executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God. And worship at His footstool; Holy is He.

## 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** (*p. 154 in LSB hymnal*)

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 also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, 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** *Exodus 24:8–18 ESV*

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he



said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Jesus Take us to the Mountain”

Sung by The Choir

## **EPISTLE** *2 Peter 1:16–21 ESV*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns

and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 17:1–9* ESV

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But

Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (we sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

**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.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“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!

### **++ SERMON ++**

#### **Made Even More Certain**

**Text:** 2 Peter 1:16–21 (epistle lesson)

**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.

(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 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**

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for revealing to the world Your goodness and mercy in the gift of Your beloved Son. Being of one substance with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, He has revealed Your glory chiefly in His sacrifice on the cross for the life of the world. Make us certain that because He died and lives again, we and all who trust in Him are now given eternal life in the forgiveness of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: By Your Word and Spirit, rule and govern Your holy Church throughout the world and her pastors and ministers in order that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and may be strengthened in faith and love. Send forth laborers into Your harvest that Your kingdom be extended to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Grant Your help and protection to all who are in the authority of government, bless our country that righteousness and peace abound that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Comfort with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, that they may receive healing of body and mind and peace in their souls. Bless all medical professionals and emergency workers and all who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: We give thanks for all Your prophets and apostles who have faithfully delivered Your Word through the ages, and for all Your witnesses who have gone before us and are now with You in Your divine presence. Keep us in the sure faith and hope of Your Word that we may one day look upon our Savior face-to-face in the glory of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

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:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## OFFERING IS RECEIVED

### OFFERING HYMN

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781 vs 1 & 2

**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**

(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, whose glory now fills the hearts of all who believe by a faith made more certain through the testimony of eyewitnesses brought to each of us by His very presence now in Word and Sacrament. 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** (we 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**



## **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: 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**

*“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”* LSB 414

**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**

**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 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**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *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.**

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Pastor: On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and

Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

## **HYMN**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *LSB 816*

**From all that dwell below the skies**

**Let the Creator's praise arise**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung**

**Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord**

**Eternal truth attends Thy Word**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore**

**Till suns shall rise and set no more**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

**All praise to God the Father be**

**All praise eternal Son to Thee**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Whom with the Spirit we adore**

**Forever and forevermore**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

## **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

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Looking for a Treasurer

The position is open coming this June.

If you're interested, See Jim Bumgarner or an Elder

## Circuit Youth Group Meeting

Hosted by Mt. Hope

March 19<sup>th</sup>

2pm to 4pm

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 **not** be any Wednesday services  
**except** on Ash Wednesday

# BINGO!

March 1<sup>st</sup>

## Quilting

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Attendance**

Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 44

### **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**

Morgan Hudson – February 19<sup>th</sup>

Kayla Cox – February 21<sup>st</sup>

Ken Kosmalski – February 21<sup>st</sup>

Sandy Cairns – February 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **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**

**Gail Abke, Friend of Pam Benford, Pancreatic Cancer**

**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!

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, Great Grandson of Phyllis Witte

**Phyllis Witte**, pray for strength, patience, and healing

**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.

For your Ash Wednesday preparation for worship

**Count on It: David**

Text: 1 Chronicles 21:1–2, 7–19, 26–27

**Sermon Outline**

1. Great King David was far from perfect.
2. David's sin of relying on armies was great.
3. David chose to fall into the hand of the Lord.
4. The Lord's mercy is very great.

The Son of David Established the Kingdom of God's Great Mercy.

5. Jesus is the very great king of Israel.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

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|--------------------------|--|
| Sunday<br>February 19    | 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC<br>Bible Study after Service |
| Wednesday<br>February 22 | 10:30am Bible Study<br>7pm Ash Wednesday Service     |
| Thursday<br>February 23  | 10am Quilting  |
| Friday<br>February 24    | Office Closed  |
| Sunday<br>February 26    | 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC<br>Bible Study after Service |