

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023



You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 5:14–16*

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: As the liturgical year tells the story of Jesus' earthly ministry, with Christmas still fresh in our memory, it may seem too soon to begin talking about the cross, that instrument of death for the rejected Christ. But as the mysterious star drew the Wise Men to the newborn King of the Jews, so a light draws us to the goal of His mission, the glory of salvation found only in the crucified King of the Jews. How strange it must sound to those who have not heard or who do not yet believe when we sing "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." Only God the Holy Spirit can enlighten a person with the spiritual wisdom of faith. And He does give and strengthen that faith through the preached Word and the Sacraments administered according to Christ's institution. Today, that faith enlightened by the cross of our Lord produces a life of love and good works in all we say and do.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"The People That in Darkness Sat" *LSB* 412 vs 1-5

The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been
In shades of death have been

To hail Thee Sun of Righteousness
 The gath'ring nations come
 They joy as when the reapers bear
 Their harvest treasures home
 Their harvest treasures home

To us a Child of hope is born
 To us a Son is giv'n
 And on His shoulder ever rest
 All pow'r in earth and heav'n
 All pow'r in earth and heav'n

His name shall be the Prince of Peace
 The Everlasting Lord
 The Wonderful the Counselor
 The God by all adored
 The God by all adored

His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend
 On judgment and on justice based
 His reign shall have no end
 His reign shall have no end

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 5:16*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." 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 ✠

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 - Glory to God in the Highest *LSB 154*

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.

Gracious God, by Your light of grace shining in our hearts and enlightened by the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, inspire in us a faith that is alive and glorifies You in all we say and do; 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 58:3–9a ESV*

‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

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

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 2:1 – 16 ESV*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is

not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

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

(Please Stand)

VERSE *Matthew 5:16b*

Pastor: Alleluia,. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

HYMN

“Crown Him the Church’s Lord” Tune: LSB 525

Crown Him the Church’s Lord,
His name above each name,
Whose Spirit on the Twelve outpoured
With wind and tongues of flame,
To go as they were sent,
To preach to ev’ry race,
With words by Him made eloquent
To tell good news of grace.

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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

“Lift High The Cross” *LSB* 837 vs 1-3

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Come Christians follow where our Captain trod
Our King victorious
Christ the Son of God**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died**

++ SERMON ++

The Light of the Cross

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16)

Theme: The light of the cross reveals all matters of faith and life!

Goal: That everyone listening would see the centrality of the cross for all matters of faith and life.

(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 God, we give You thanks for Your liberating Word made known especially in the light shining through the glorious cross of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that Your Word enlighten our hearts and minds now that we may keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: By Your light of life, rule and govern Your whole Church throughout the world that all those who proclaim Your truth be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and that faith and love be strengthened and increased in all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Bless our country and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound everywhere. We commend to You the care of our schools so that our children grow in useful knowledge and Christian virtue, bringing forth wholesome fruits of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Comfort all who are in trouble, sickness, anguish, or any other adversity. Grant courage and strength to all who suffer for Your name's sake. In every time of trouble, show Yourself a very present help, the Savior of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, hearts and minds, all our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service. Help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day before the night comes when no one can work. 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 as we sing Hymn 781)

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**

✠ 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 came that the light of Your salvation might shine through His cross to the whole world, in order that whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness but have the light of life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

**Hosanna,
Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**

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

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427 vs 1,2,& 4

**In the cross of Christ I glory
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime**

**When the woes of life o’er-take me
Hopes deceive and fears annoy
Never shall the cross forsake me
Lo it glows with peace and joy**

**Bane and blessing pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified
Peace is there that knows no measure
Joys that through all time abide**

(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.

Thanks and praise be to You, almighty God, for in
Your Son's very body and blood You have
increased in us the gracious light of saving faith.
Help us that this saving light may shine through us
in our world in all that we say and do; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

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

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

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word” *LSB 923*

Almighty Father bless the Word

Which through Your grace we now have heard

Oh may the precious seed take root

Spring up and bear abundant fruit

We praise You for the means of grace

As homeward now our steps we trace

Grant Lord that we who worshiped here

May all at last in heav’n appear

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavn’ly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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

Jim Bumgarner, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

February 8th

Quilting

February 16th, & 23rd

Attendance

Sunday January 29th 9:30 am 33

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

Cameron Driscoll – February 5th

Paul Utcai – February 7th

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

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

Phyllis Witte, pray for strength, patience, and healing; continuing with rehabilitation to gain strength to walk and eventually come home

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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday February 5	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday February 8	10:30am Bible Study 6pm Bingo!
Friday February 10	Office Closed
Sunday February 12	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service



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