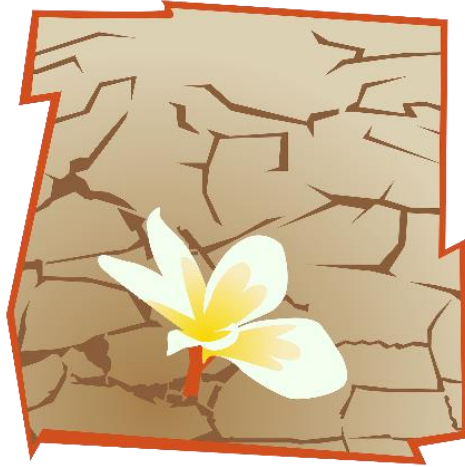


## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

A Profound Reality

February 25, 2024



We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

*Romans 5:3–5*

### **Mount Hope Lutheran Church**

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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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: We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

(Please stand)

**HYMN**

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" *LSB* 611 vs 1-3

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
 Jesus shed His blood for me.  
 Died that I might live on high,  
 Lives that I might never die.  
 As the branch is to the vine,  
 I am His, and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
 Higher than the heav'ns above,  
 Deeper than the depths of sea,  
 Lasting as eternity!**

**Love that found me-wondrous thought-  
 Found me when I sought Him not**

**Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way Enoch trod.**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.

**People: It is a journey marked with suffering,**

Pastor: but suffering produces endurance.

**People: Endurance produces character.**

Pastor: Character produces hope,

**People: and hope in Christ does not put us to shame.**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Our hope in Christ is strong and living, yet we  
have often taken for granted the profound reality  
of Christ's death for us. We have ignored how  
weak and ungodly we have been. Still, our  
heavenly Father grants us access to His throne of  
grace, to ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have not rejoiced in suffering but have given up easily. We have lacked integrity and acted shamefully. And we have even despaired of life itself. Have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. We are forgiven and are at peace with God.**

(Please stand)

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD! Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

## HYMN

“Oh, Blest the House” *LSB* 862 vs 1  
**Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall**  
**Where Jesus Christ is all in all**  
**A home that is not wholly His**  
**How sad and poor and dark it is**

**KYRIE** (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your perfect timing, You died for us who are weak and ungodly. Be present with us as we endure the sufferings of this world, so that we may learn how suffering leads to endurance, character, and a hope that never puts us to shame; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 ESV*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalms 22:23–31; antiphon: v. 22*

Pastor: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has

not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it. I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**EPISTLE** *Romans 5:1–11 ESV*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ



died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**VERSE** *Mark 8:34b*

Pastor: If anyone would come after Me,

**People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

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

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 8:27–38* ESV

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *LSB* 425

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood**

**See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a tribute far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all**

**++ SERMON ++**

Text: *Romans 5:1–11* *ESV*

Theme: Profound Reality

(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: Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**People: and I will praise Thee without end.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, be mercifully present among all those who suffer, leading them to the hope that is only in You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**People: and I will praise Thee without end.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, soften our hearts to all those we would proclaim as our enemies. Remind us that we are weak and ungodly. Bring to our remembrance that You have died for all people. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**People: and I will praise Thee without end.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross You took on our pain and punishment and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, ..... Comfort them with the profound reality that You not only died but rose from death and will raise us from the dead on the Last Day to eternal life. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**People: and I will praise Thee without end.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, bring Your strength and hope to all those who struggle with mental illness. Help them find the support they need. Remove the stigma around mental illness from our churches and communities. To all those in deepest need, bring Your peace and joy. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**People: and I will praise Thee without end.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, grant that the nations and peoples of the world might live in peace. Put an end to all violence and war. Lead us to be the first to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**People: and I will praise Thee without end.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, ..... Have mercy upon them and lead them out of their suffering to hope. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**People: and I will praise Thee without end.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness” LSB 563 vs 1-3

**Jesus Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are my glorious dress  
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed  
With joy shall I lift up my head**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day  
 Cleansed and redeemed no debt to pay  
 Fully absolved through these I am  
 From sin and fear from guilt and shame**

**Lord I believe Thy precious blood  
 Which at the mercy seat of God  
 Pleads for the captives' liberty  
 Was also shed in love for me**

**✠ 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 should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who died for us, the ungodly and weak, so that we might be justified and have peace with God. 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**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to continually teach us that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope in Jesus does not put us to shame. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**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: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**People:** 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**

**“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”** *LSB 437 vs 1 & 2*  
**Alas and did my Savior bleed**  
**And did my sov'reign die**  
**Would He devote that sacred head**  
**For such a worm as I**

**Was it for crimes that I had done  
 He groaned upon the tree  
 Amazing pity grace unknown  
 And love beyond degree**

(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**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You  
 have refreshed us through this Meal. Continually  
 bring to our minds the profound reality that Jesus  
 died for us, the ungodly, through the same Jesus  
 Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: 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: Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB 433*

**Glory be to Jesus  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the life-blood  
From His sacred veins**

**Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find  
Blest be His compassion  
Infinitely kind**

**Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem**

**Abel’s blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries**

Oft as earth exulting  
 Wafts its praise on high  
 Angel hosts rejoicing  
 Make their glad reply

Lift we then our voices  
 Swell the mighty flood  
 Louder still and louder  
 Praise the precious blood

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor  
 Marie Brown, Organist  
 Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader  
 Gary Mason, Glenn Carins & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Daylight Savings – Spring Forward

March 10<sup>th</sup>

#### VBS is Coming....

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

#### BINGO!

February 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

#### Attendance

Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am 37

## 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

#### 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

**Art Superko**, Friend of Hamilton's, Illness

**Beverly Pinke**, Friend of Hamilton's, Illness

**Theresa Greenaway**, Friend of Pignanelli, Illness

**Melvin Kimbrough**, Strength as he is in rehab

**Bently Martin**, Cancer

**Dorothy Plunkett**, Karen Bumgarner's sister, comfort and Healing

**Diane Brown**, Sandy Carins' sister, blood pressure issues

**Domnic Ferrer**, Alex Trout's brother-in-law, serves in the navy

**Family of Pat Bates**, called to glory

**Sherm & Sally Trout**, Safe travels

**Frances Ladach**, as she continues to recover from an Illness

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday February 25	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday February 28	10:30 am Bible Study 6pm BINGO
Thursday February 29	10am Quilting
Friday March 1	Office Closed
Saturday March 2	5pm Service
Sunday March 3	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service



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