

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The *Jesus* Club?
February 4, 2024



But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40:31*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: Everyone is trying to figure out who they are, to identify themselves to everyone around them, and to promote that identity. Our Lord knows exactly who He is and what He has come to accomplish. He opens our eyes so that we may come to know and define ourselves not according to the whims of time or the dictates of emotion but in Him. Sin must give way to His forgiveness, unrighteousness to His righteousness, and death to His life. We are not competing with the world for a reward but serving others as Christ has served us. Our identity in Christ will not be taken from us and as long as we live in this identity, we are free. That liberty is primarily shown by our willingness to serve.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" *LSB 660 vs 1 -3*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Ye soldiers of the cross.

Lift high His royal banner;

It must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead

Till ev'y foe is vanquished

And Christ is Lord indeed.

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 The trumpet call obey;
 Stand forth in mighty conflict
 In this His glorious day.
 Let all His faithful serve Him
 Against unnumbered foes;
 Let courage rise with danger
 And strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 Stand in His strength alone;
 The arm of flesh will fail you,
 Ye dare not trust your own.
 Put on the Gospel armor;
 Each piece put on with prayer.
 Where duty calls or danger,
 Be never wanting there.**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 13:5; 147:6*

Pastor: I have trusted in Your steadfast love;

People: my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

Pastor: The LORD lifts up the humble;

People: He casts the wicked to the ground.

Silence for reflection.

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

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

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

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6*

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me. Consider and answer me,

O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

People: Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill

toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, You have granted us a new identity and life in Christ, our Lord. Keep us, we pray, in this faith and life in Christ that we may know with confidence we belong to You and live secure in this knowledge both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord, in the season of Christ's self-revelation through word and works. Today we hear the promise of the prophet who promises strength and healing. The Epistle speaks of the love strong enough to serve and finish the race. In the Gospel, Jesus continues to heal the sick and bring the Kingdom to them.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 40:21–31 ESV*

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 147:1–11; antiphon: v. 5*

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 9:16–27* ESV

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Mark 1:39*

Pastor: Alleluia. [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:29–39* *ESV*

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us” *LSB 915 vs 1 & 2*

**Today your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.**

**Today your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.**

++ SERMON ++

Text: *1 Corinthians 9:16–27*

Theme: You are free in Jesus

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God of mercy, You showed Your great love for us by sending Your Son to save and redeem us. Give to Your Church courage to proclaim with boldness this Gospel to all people by all means. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God of power, You hold all things in Your hand. Raise up good and honest leaders who will defend our liberty and inspire our service, following the wisdom of Your Word in the cause of justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God of unity, by Your Spirit, You join us together in Holy Baptism, gather us as one for Holy Communion, and build up our faith by the power of the Spirit. Strengthen the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice. Raise up faithful pastors and church workers to build us up in this holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God of healing, You give strength to the weak and sustain the weary in the time of trouble. Deliver the sick by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God of peace, You give hope to the weary and comfort to those troubled in mind. Give hope to those who despair, comfort to those in pain, and courage to those who grow faint, that we may finish the race and receive the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God of grace, You give us a place at the Table of Your Son and the gift of this communion in His body and blood. Help us to receive with faith this Holy Sacrament that we may also receive all the fruits of His life, death, and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God of truth, You have given us life that we may treasure Your mercy and manifest in words and deeds Your goodness and love to the world. With our songs of praise, accept the tithes and offerings we bring with our gratitude and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, with confidence in Your mercy we come before You with the prayers and petitions of Your Church, praying You to provide for us all things as are good, wholesome, and beneficial and to keep from us all things as are harmful, that we may be preserved from evil and kept to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LSB 707 vs 1-3

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep His statutes still

Oh, that my God would grant me grace

To know and do His will

Order my footsteps by Thy Word

And make my heart sincere

Let sin have no dominion, Lord

But keep my conscience clear

Assist my soul too apt to stray

A stricter watch to keep

And should I e'er forget Thy way

Restore Thy wand'ring sheep

✠ 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 our privilege and our delight to join in the angelic chorus of praise and thanksgiving to You, O Lord, mighty God, everlasting Father, for You have made known Your salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who has brought healing to our afflictions and set us free to serve You and make known Your wondrous love. With the saints and angels and all the heavenly host, we sing Your praise now and to the end of the ages:

SANCTUS *(sing) LSB 195*

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

Hosanna Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy Lord, mighty Lord, from Your goodness has come all things and by Your power they are still preserved. Though we deserved nothing of Your kindness, You sent forth Your Son, born of the virgin by the Holy Spirit, to fulfill all righteousness, to atone for our sin and for the sin of the world, once for all, by His all-sufficient sacrifice upon the cross, and to rise from the dead to deliver to us also everlasting life. Gathered in His name, we pray You to bestow upon us the fruits of His redeeming work as He promises in His own testament.

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

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: Recalling His incarnation from the virgin, His obedient life, His death upon the cross, His rest in the tomb, His resurrection on the third day, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His coming again as Lord and Judge of all, we pray You to keep us within the fellowship of Your people here on earth and to deliver us to everlasting life, to the marriage feast of the Lamb without end, and into the joy of Your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to call You Father and 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

“Amazing Grace” LSB 744 vs 1 & 2
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

**The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

(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.

Merciful Lord, in Your great love You have brought us from death to life, forgiven all our sins, and made us Your children. Grant to us not only the healing of the ills of this life but the perfect healing of everlasting life, which we have tasted already in this blessed Communion. Deliver us

from pride and arrogance and build within us a servant's heart, that we may love You above all things and our neighbor as You have loved us; through 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.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Fight the Good Fight” LSB 664 1-3

**Fight the good fight with all your might
Christ is your strength and Christ your right
Lay hold on life and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace
Lift up your eyes and seek His face
Life with its way before us lies
Christ is the path and Christ the prize**

Cast care aside lean on your guide
 His boundless mercy will provide
 Trust and enduring faith shall prove
 Christ is your life and Christ your love

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
 Marie Brown, Organist
 Frank Pignanelli, Elder
 Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
 Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th at 7pm

BINGO!

February 28th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday January 28th

9:30 am 29

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**

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 rehab

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Lori, Friend of Ruth Pollatz, terminal illness

The Family of John Sanker Jr, called to glory

Anita Hoelscher, Friend of Ruth Pollatz, Home recovering

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

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

Christian Warden, success for cancer surgery

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

Pat Bates, hospitalized at Heritage Hospital

Bev Kero, At home Recovering

April Assemany – loss of family members

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday February 4	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday February 7	10:30 am Bible Study
Thursday February 8	10am Quilting
Friday February 9	Office Closed
Saturday February 10	5pm Service
Sunday February 11	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service



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