SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023



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Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

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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

A Most Important Question

Pastor: When Jesus asked His two potential disciples what they were seeking, it was a most important question. People look for power and importance for themselves, relief from certain circumstances, and a host of other agenda items. But our Lord came with one overarching goal: He was needed as light for this dark world (as Isaiah wrote) and the only one who could take away the sin of the world (as John the Baptist announced). After seeking Christ's help in our sinful condition, we hear that other great question, "Who do you say that I am?"—and when each of us answers it, then, as Paul told the Church in Corinth, we have all the spiritual gifts we need to ask the people around us, "What are you seeking?"

(Please stand)

▼ PREPARATION

HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702

My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
Oh may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside

When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall over me roll
Blest Savior then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the № Son and

of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 40:1, 3a; Isaiah 49:6

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . . .

People: I will make You as a light for the nations.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have been called into the fellowship of His Son and been given the gift of faith. Let us confess our sins, confident of God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 \$\mathbb{P}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD ₩

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us. **People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us. **People: Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your

peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Glory Be to God on High" LSB 947 vs 1
All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill
All strife at last has ended

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our only source of forgiveness and peace,

People: give us strength to confess our sins and faith to rely on Your mercy in time and for eternity;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:1–7 ESV

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his guiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised,

abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

GRADUAL 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!**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

(Please stand)

VERSE John 1:29b

Pastor: Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God,

People: who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

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

chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:29–42a

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed

Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LSB 606

I lay my sins on Jesus
The spotless Lamb of God
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains

I lay my wants on Jesus All fullness dwells in Him He heals all my diseases My soul He does redeem I lay my griefs on Jesus My burdens and my cares He from them all releases He all my sorrows shares

I rest my soul on Jesus
This weary soul of mine
His right hand me embraces
I on His breast recline
I love the name of Jesus
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured

++ **SERMON** ++

A Most Important Question

Text: John 1:29-42a

Theme: What are you seeking?

Goal: That everyone listening may identify their need for forgiveness and seek after the only source of forgiveness and peace, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

(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: Confident that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake and that our heavenly Father is ready to hear our prayers, let us go to Him on behalf of ourselves, those near and dear to us, and the Church around the world.

For the leaders of the Church around the world who, like Isaiah, may question their ministry amid continued opposition, that God would remind

them of His presence and move them to renewed vigor as they shine the light of Christ on the dark places of this globe, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who grow crops, tend flocks, distribute food, and alleviate hunger, that God would give them favorable weather, bountiful harvests, and the resources they need as they serve Him and work to meet the needs of people in their neighborhoods and in distant lands, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who lack decent clothing, secure shelter, and adequate nourishment, that God would surround them with caring people to meet their physical needs and share with them the forgiveness of sins won for them by Christ, the Lamb of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who labor in governments, those who go into harm's way as first responders, police forces, and deployed troops, and those who teach in schools at all levels, that God would keep them safe and give them wisdom and courage to do His will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For ourselves and faith-filled people everywhere—individuals, couples, nuclear families, and extended clans—who seek to pass on God's forgiveness in Christ with words and actions, that God would renew their faith, increase their resolve, and provide opportunity to share their faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, Lord our God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(please be seated as the offering is being received and Hymn 783 is sung)

OFFERING

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783 vs 1-4

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy Love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold

Not a mite would I withhold

Take my intellect and use

Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

(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 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, for He is Your own Lamb, the sacrifice for our sins and answer to our deepest longings for forgiveness and peace.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saving:

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
Hosanna.

Hosanna Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for by calling us to faith in Your onlybegotten Son, who takes away the sin of the world, You have met our deepest needs in time and eternity. Grant that we receive His body and blood in true faith in this Sacrament, a foretaste of the feast to come, when our faith will turn to sight and we shall join the eternal praises in heaven. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

AGNUS DEI (We Sing) 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

Draw near and take the body of the Lord

And drink the holy blood for you outpoured

Offered was He for greatest and for least

Himself the victim and Himself the priest

He who His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here
O Lord our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now

(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.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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.

O God the Father, You sent Your Son to answer our deepest need—release from our sins,

People: we thank You that for His sake You have given us gracious forgiveness and peace in this Sacrament. Today and always, rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve You and lead the people around us to the Savior of us all;

Pastor: 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

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922
Go My children with My blessing
Never alone
Waking sleeping I am with you
You are My own
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you
Mine forever
Go My children with My blessing
You are My own

Go My children sins forgiven
At peace and pure
Here you learned how much I love you
What I can cure
Here you heard My dear Son's story
Here you touched Him saw His glory
Go My children sins forgiven
At peace and pure

Go My children fed and nourished
Closer to Me
Grow in love and love by serving
Joyful and free
Here My Spirit's power filled you
Here His tender comfort stilled you
Go My children fed and nourished
Joyful and free

I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace
I the Lord will be your Father
Savior Comforter and Brother
Go My children I will keep you
And give you peace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: (spoken) Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Frank Pignanelli, Elder
Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTSChurch Undecorating

Thank you to everyone who helped!

Thank you to

Jim Bumgarner, Ken Kosmalski, and Dave Brown, for the moving and inspirational contribution for epiphany. God bless you all!

Please Check your mailboxes!!

Next year's Envelopes, Newsletter, Portals of Prayer for January & Christmas Cards/letters

Looking for a Prayer Chain Leader
Please talk with Pastor or an Elder

Christmas Bazaar Tables

Thank you to everyone who donated. The money will go towards batting for the quilts & LWLM

BINGO!

January 25th & February 8th

Quilting

January 26th & February 9th

Attendance

Sunday January 8th

9:30 am 40

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

Nancy Nolan – January 17th Claudia Wilson – January 20th

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

The entire family of Berniece Turner, sister to Melvin

Kimbrough, called to glory and now rests in the arms of her Lord.

Eric Cairns, suffering from foot pain.

Sandy Cairns, suffering from hip pain.

Cody Wilson, friend of Eric Cairns.

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.

Phyllis Dasher - as she recuperates from surgery
Phyllis Witte - is still in rehab and is getting stronger,
according to daughter, Janet. Pray for Phyllis'
continued healing

Sis Hamilton - recuperating following her recent fall
The family of Shirley Ripke, who was called to glory
Percival Reynolds, newborn, healthy baby, mother
Mckayla Reynolds, friends of Glenn Cairns.
Prayers of thanksgiving!

TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP PLEASE READ Isaiah 9:1–4

Alien Invaders

Theme: In the person of Jesus, God's salvation comes from outside of us.

Goal: That everyone listening may more faithfully look to salvation outside of themselves.

Outline

- 1 Geography—and Israel's sins!—made Zebulun and Naphtali dark in the gloom of alien invaders.
- 2. But a different kind of alien invader, Jesus Christ, would be the great light to bring them glory.
- 3. The same light, entirely alien, from outside of us, Jesus, invades your life.

In the Person of Jesus, God's Salvation Comes from Outside of Us.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday January 15	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday January 18	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday January 19	Quilting 10am to 2pm Weather Permitting
Friday January 20	Office Closed
Sunday January 22	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service

