

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Your Ninevehs: The Lord Will Not Fail

January 21, 2024



Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” *Mark 1:16–17*

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: Can't somebody else do it? Those words and thoughts often come to our minds and out of our mouths when being asked to do something we'd rather not do. It happens in our work and jobs, it happens in homes and families, and it even happens within the church. It happened to Jonah when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh. Today we hear the second time God called to Jonah, telling him to again go to a place he'd rather not go. There are many times we hear things in Scripture we'd rather not hear when it comes to difficult things. Can't somebody else do it? Instead of that thought entering our minds, may we instead be reminded of God's continued promises and presence with us in whatever we do in faith, and wherever we are called to go—even to our own Ninevehs.

(Please Stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake" *LSB 688*

Come follow Me the Savior spake
All in My way abiding
Deny yourselves the world forsake
Obey My call and guiding
O bear the cross whate'er betide
Take My example for your guide

I am the light I light the way
 A godly life displaying
 I bid you walk as in the day
 I keep your feet from straying
 I am the way, and well I show
 How you must sojourn here below

My heart abounds in lowliness
 My soul with love is glowing
 And gracious words My lips express
 With meekness overflowing
 My heart My mind My strength My all
 To God I yield on Him I call

I teach you how to shun and flee
 What harms your soul's salvation
 Your heart from ev'ry guile to free
 From sin and its temptation
 I am the refuge of the soul
 And lead you to your heav'nly goal

Then let us follow Christ our Lord
 And take the cross appointed
 And firmly clinging to His Word
 In suff'ring be undaunted
 For those who bear the battle's strain
 The crown of heav'nly life obtain

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

Jonah 3:2, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29, 31; Mark 1:15, 17

Pastor: Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation.

Pastor: Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, “go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

People: As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: Paul reminds the people of God, “The appointed time has grown very short. . . . The present form of this world is passing away.”

People: As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: In today’s Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

People: As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy upon their repentance. “When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.” Jesus proclaimed to the people, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

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.

Gracious God, though not deserved, You continue to call to us as Your people as You came to Jonah with another opportunity of sharing Your message.

People: Though not deserved, You showed mercy to the city of Nineveh through their repentance and You continue to show mercy to us.

Pastor: Continue to grant us the gift of a bold and confident faith in You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10 ESV*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast

and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: 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 7:29–35 ESV*

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed

woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Mark 1:15*

Pastor: Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14–20* *ESV*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And

immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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

“O Jesus, King of Glory” *THL 130 vs 1-3*

**O Jesus, King of Glory,
Both David’s God and Son!
Thy realm endures forever,
In heav'n is fixed Thy throne.
Help that in earth’s dominions
Thro'out from pole to pole,
Thy realm may spread salvation
To each benighted soul.**

The Eastern sages, bringing
 Their tribute gifts to Thee,
 Bear witness to Thy kingdom
 And humbly bow the knee.
 To Thee the star is pointing,
 And the prophetic Word;
 Hence joyously we hail Thee:
 Our Savior and our Lord!

Thou art a mighty Monarch,
 As by Thy Word is told,
 Yet carest Thou but little
 For earthly goods or gold;
 On no proud steed Thou ridest,
 Thou wear'st no jeweled crown
 Nor dwell'st in lordly castle,
 But bearest scoff and frown.

++ SERMON ++

Your Ninevehs: The Lord Will Not Fail

Theme: What is your Ninevehs

Text: *Jonah 3:1–5, 10 ESV*

(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 *Isaiah 60:1, adapted*

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs, for You, O Lord, in all times and in all places, promise to hear our prayers and to answer them according to Your will. In this season of Epiphany where the light shines on our Savior, manifested as the Word made flesh, continue to reveal to us through Your Word the mercy and grace found in Jesus Christ alone. Arise and shine,

People: for our light has come.

Pastor: As You work Your will and send the salvation message through Your people, we are sometimes asked to go where we'd rather not go. Though not to Nineveh like Jonah, we have been called by the working of Your Spirit to go and make disciples of all nations. Grant to us a confident and bold faith to live as Your witnesses to the ends of the earth beginning in our homes, our church and community, and among all our neighbors in this world. Soften the hearts of the hard-hearted and open the minds of the close-minded that all may come to repentance and know You as the one true God who sent His Son into this world to redeem the world. Arise and shine,

People: for our light has come.

Pastor: As the present world is passing away and time is short, we see the brokenness and results of sin in our daily lives. For those who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, affirm to them Your promises of peace in Your time as Christ has overcome the world. Point us all to Your continued presence, and assure us that Jesus is victor over anything that we might fear. In Your good time, come and make all things new. Arise and shine,

People: for our light has come.

Pastor: As Jesus called His disciples to become fishers of men, they responded immediately to drop their nets and follow. Give us such an urgency to also hear and heed the call and to follow in faith where Christ leads. As we do not know the hour of Your

return, give an eagerness to our lives as faithful stewards of all we have been given with time, treasures, and abilities, that we use them to Your glory and for the sake of others. Arise and shine,

People: for our light has come.

Pastor: As You still come to us in our time of need, You come in the body and blood of our Savior given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Equip us for the continued journey through our days that we remain firm in faith and bear fruit that will last until You call us home. Arise and shine,

People: for our light has come.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“We Praise You, O God” LSB 785

**We praise You O God our Redeemer Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring
We lay it before You we kneel and adore You
We bless Your holy name glad praises we sing**

**We worship You God of our fathers we bless You
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been
When perils o’er take us You will not forsake us
And with Your help O Lord our struggles we win**

**With voices united our praises we offer
 And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise
 With You Lord beside us Your strong arm will guide us
 To You our great Redeemer forever be praise**

✠ 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,
 who since the beginning of time has been present
 and continues to bless us in this time. Prepare our
 hearts with true repentance as we receive Your
 gracious giving of the forgiveness of sins in this
 Supper. 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 out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. As You turned Your wrath away from the people of Nineveh through their repentance, You have turned Your wrath away from us through the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. 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

“What Is the World to Me” *LSB 730 vs 1 & 2*

**What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You and You alone
Lord Jesus are my treasure
You only dearest Lord
My soul’s delight shall be
You are my peace my rest
What is the world to me**

**The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He
My Jesus He alone
What is the world to me**

(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 *Psalm 136:1*

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that
Your grace is timeless and Your mercy is for all
people. As we heed the call of Christ and follow,
strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent
love toward one another; through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB 733*

**O God our help in ages past
 Our hope for years to come
 Our shelter from the stormy blast
 And our eternal home**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne
 Thy saints have dwelt secure
 Sufficient is Thine arm alone
 And our defense is sure**

**Before the hills in order stood
 Or earth received her frame
 From everlasting Thou art God
 To endless years the same**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
 Are like an evening gone
 Short as the watch that ends the night
 Before the rising sun**

**Time like an ever-rolling stream
 Soon bears us all away
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day**

O God our help in ages past
 Our hope for years to come
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you

For everyone who helped undecorate the church
 Ken Kosmalski

Phone Number Correction

Bob & Nancy Nolan – 734-777-7172

BINGO!

January 31st

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday January 14th

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

Keri Driscoll – January 23rd
 Ryan Driscoll – January 24th
 Jesse Ladach – January 26th
 Jordan Ladach – January 26th

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

April Assemany – loss of family members
Carlene Shaw, Quilter, death of Husband Patrick
David Bates, Pat Bates son, Deep Depression
Ashleigh, daughter-in-law to Halfacer, Remission of Cancer
Dominic Ferreri, brother-in-law to Alex Trout, Serving in the US Navy Waiting on Deployment.
Marsiglio Family, extended family of Alex Trout, Loss of husband & father

Bently Martin, Extended cousin of Alex Trout, 7 years old with Kidney cancer

Pat Gebbink, Loss of son, William

Diane Torok, friend of Nancy Nolan, Rehab after surgery & pray for strength

Bill Switter, Home recovery

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday January 21	9:30am – Worship w/HC Special Meeting
Wednesday January 24	10:30 am Bible Study
Thursday January 25	10am Quilting
Friday January 26	Office Closed
Saturday January 27	5pm Service
Sunday January 28	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service



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