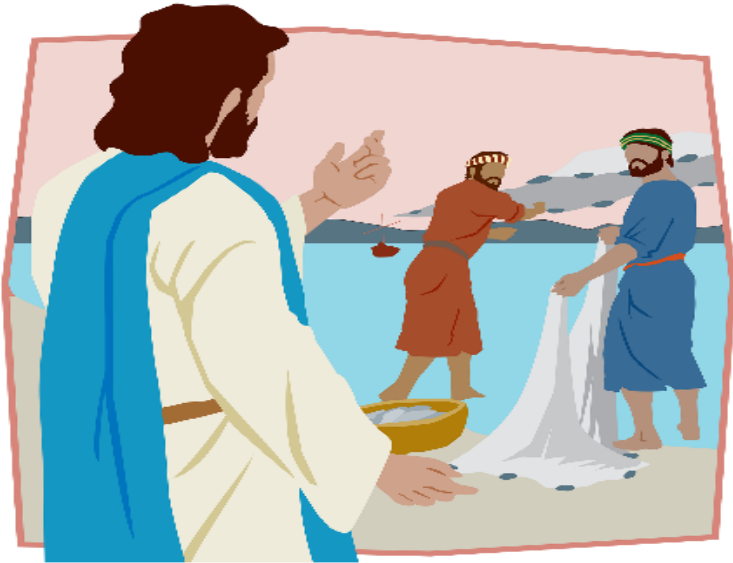


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023



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Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

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

Holy Communion

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

Large Print Bulletins

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

Listening Devices

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

Pew Cushions

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

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

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

Church Nursery

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

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

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

Our Vision Statement: *Revitalize Within—Reach Out!*

PRELUDE
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: The land where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali settled was repeatedly overrun by the armies of other nations. It was the invasion route into the Promised Land, the route for conquerors God allowed to punish errant Israel. But another “alien” would come one day on another mission: Isaiah used the land as a metaphor for our Lord’s coming to begin a new rule in our hearts. He would be as light in the darkness and joy in the harvest. His coming to save us by going to the cross was so different that it seemed to be folly. Yet, to those who came to know our Lord personally, like the disciples in today’s Gospel, there was no question but that they would follow this man. Today’s worship is an opportunity to rejoice over the light, joy, and salvation Christ brought from heaven to this dark, sad, and fallen world.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“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.**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Corinthians 1:18; Psalm 27:14*

Pastor: The word of the cross is folly to those who are
perishing

**People: but to us who are being saved it is the power of
God.**

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart
take courage

People: wait for the LORD!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 4:17; Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 1:18

Pastor: St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach,
saying, ***“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at
hand.”*** Let us respond by confessing our sins and
asking our Lord’s forgiveness.

**People: Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You.
We are too much a part of this fallen world.
Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our
thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious
power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims
heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us
from our sinful direction to follow our Savior’s
gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for
Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

Pastor: “For the word of the cross is folly to those who
are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is
the power of God.” Be assured that through Jesus’
blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in
the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the
command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ **WORD** ✠

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace that breaks into this world from above
and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace that knows no boundaries, for growth
in the Church around the world, and for unity
around the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who respond here
in worship and praise to our victorious King, let us
pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Blessed, Holy Trinity” *LSB 876 vs 1 & 2*

O blessed holy Trinity

Divine eternal Unity

O Father Son and Holy Ghost

This day Your name be uppermost

My soul and body keep from harm

And over all extend Your arm

Let Satan cause me no distress

Nor bring me shame and wretchedness

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, who came from heaven to earth,

People: heal us in body, soul, and spirit that we may serve You in joy, now and always;

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 9:1–4 ESV*

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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 1:10–18 ESV*

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

VERSE *Matthew 4:17*

Pastor: Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,

People: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12–25 ESV*

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their

nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS - please pass your requests to the person nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” *LSB* 685 vs 1 & 2

Let us ever walk with Jesus

Follow His example pure

Through a world that would deceive us

And to sin our spirits lure

Onward in His footsteps treading

Pilgrims here, our home above
 Full of faith and hope and love
 Let us do our Father's bidding
 Faithful Lord, with me abide
 I shall follow where You guide

Let us suffer here with Jesus
 And with patience bear our cross
 Joy will follow all our sadness
 Where He is, there is no loss
 Though today we sow no laughter
 We shall reap celestial joy
 All discomforts that annoy
 Shall give way to mirth here after
 Jesus, here I share Your woe
 Help me there Your joy to know

++ SERMON ++

Alien Invaders

Text: Isaiah 9:1–4 (The Gospel Lesson)

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.

(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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, that God's light would shine through us, attracting many who still walk in the darkness of their own making, and uniting in faith and confession all who trust in Christ their Lord.

People: Light of the world, use Your Church to enlighten those who live in this world's darkness, and enable our brothers and sisters to find in their Savior the true source of peace and concord.

Pastor: Let us pray for governments local and national, that God would open leaders' eyes to see opportunities for peace between nations and safety and concord among their citizens.

People: Light come to us from above, we ask that You guide, protect, and defend elected officials, police in our communities, and troops deployed, that peace may break out and the Church may prosper.

Pastor: Let us pray for those near and dear to us, Lord Jesus,

People: source of light and health and peace, hear the prayers of all who call to You in their illnesses, sorrows, and grief. Shine on them in blessings and peace so that faith may remain firm until it is replaced by sight.

Pastor: Let us pray for expectant parents, helpful counselors, and resourceful agencies as they seek to help families be nurseries of growth in body, soul, and mind.

People: By Your gracious visitation, give them strength, increase their love, and provide unexpected joy in their service to You and the people around them.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and Hymn 358 is sung)

OFFERING

HYMN OF THE DAY

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” *LSB 358 vs 9 & 10*

**Ah Lord though You created all
How weak You are so poor and small
That You should choose to lay Your head
Where lowly cattle lately fed**

**Were earth a thousand times as fair
And set with gold and jewels rare
It would be far too poor and small
A cradle for the Lord of all**

(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 by His entering the kingdom of this world to die and rise on our behalf, He has conquered death and opened to us the Kingdom of heaven. Through Him, You have shown the fullness of Your grace and glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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, O Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son from His heavenly throne to this darkened world so that He might pay our ransom, rescue us from our sins, and open the eternal promised land to all who call on His name.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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 (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

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” *LSB 694 vs 1 & 2*

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower

Thee will I love, my hope, my joy

Thee will I love with all my power

With ardor time shall ne'er destroy

Thee will I love, O Light divine

So long as life is mine

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior

Who art my best and trusted friend

Thee will I love and praise forever

For never shall Thy kindness end

Thee will I love with all my heart

Thou my redeemer art

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, who sent Your Son
into this dark world from the Kingdom of heaven,

**People: we thank You that for His sake You have
declared us to be citizens of heaven, and You
have given us this Sacrament so that His blood-
bought peace may rule our hearts and minds;
grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in
Your ways as we carry Your name to all we meet;**

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: (spoken) **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: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *LSB 649*

**Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above**

**Before our Father’s throne
 We pour our ardent prayers
 Our fears our hopes our aims are one
 Our comforts and our cares**

**We share our mutual woes
 Our mutual burdens bear
 And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear**

**When here our pathways part
 We suffer bitter pain
 Yet one in Christ and one in heart
 We hope to meet again**

**From sorrow toil and pain
 And sin we shall be free
 And perfect love and friendship reign
 Through all eternity**

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

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Lent Begins on February 22nd

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm

BINGO!

January 25th & February 8th

Quilting

February 2nd, 16th, & 23rd

Attendance

Sunday January 15th 9:30 am 39

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

Keri Driscoll – January 23rd
 Ryan Driscoll – January 24th
 Jesse Ladach – January 26th
 Jordan Ladach – January 26th
 Kevin Brown – January 27th

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 family of John Malewicz who entered his eternal home

Frank Pignanelli, who was ill with a booster shot reaction

The entire family of Berniece Turner, sister to Melvin Kimbrough, called to glory

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 , still in rehab and is getting stronger

Sis Hamilton, recuperating following her recent fall

The family of Shirley Ripke, who was called to glory

Percival Reynolds, friends of Glenn Cairns ,healthy baby,
mother Mckayla

Reynolds, Prayers of thanksgiving!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday January 22	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday January 25	10:30am Bible Study 6pm Bingo!
Friday January 27	Office Closed
Sunday January 29	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service



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