

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023



Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them. *Matthew 5:1–2*

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: Today's Old Testament Reading is the basis for the reproaches, traditionally spoken on Good Friday: "Thus says the LORD: What have I done to you, O My people . . ." We know that, like God's ancient people, we fail to live in ways pleasing to Him. In terms of the Epistle, we reflect the world around us in its false wisdom, rather than rejoicing in God's great folly in sacrificing His Son for us. And so, we pay more attention to the beginning of each Beatitude rather than finding solace in the reason for the blessing coming with that circumstance or action. But the Law-filled "do" in that list is covered by the "done" in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. He is the only One who fulfilled all our heavenly Father's will. And the Good News is that He did it in our place! He took all the Father's reproaches, all our worldliness, and all our failures to the cross. The great epiphany there was our Lord's showing the world God's boundless love for us. How shall we respond?

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“God Himself Is Present” *LSB* 907

**God Himself is present
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him
God is in His temple
All within keep silence
Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence
He alone
On His throne
Is our God and Savior
Praise His name forever**

**God Himself is present
Hear the harps resounding
See the hosts the throne surrounding
Holy holy holy
Hear the hymn ascending
Songs of saints and angels blending
Bow Your ear
To us here
Hear O Christ the praises
That Your Church now raises**

**Fount of ev'ry blessing
 Purify my spirit
 Trusting only in Your merit
 Like the holy angels
 Worshiping before You
 May I ceaselessly adore You
 Let Your will
 Ever still
 Rule Your Church terrestrial
 As the hosts celestial**

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, 30*

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: He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

**People: whom God made our wisdom and our
righteousness and sanctification and redemption.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us go to the throne of God's grace,
confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all
my sins and iniquities with which I have ever
offended You and justly deserved Your temporal
and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for
them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You
of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the
holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your
beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and
merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He
has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a
called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

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

People: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace shining down on us from above and
for the salvation of all people, let us pray to the
Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace so that the Church of God would more brightly shine the light of the Gospel in the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Pastor: For all who join us here to thank God for the unsearchable riches of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *(p. 154 in LSB hymnal)*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Glory to God in the Highest

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People:

Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father:

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

For You alone are the Holy One.

You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,**

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have told us what pleases You and how we should live.

People: Help us to do justice and love kindness in response to Jesus' life of perfect obedience and sacrificial death on our behalf;

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.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 6:1–8* ESV

Lector: Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against His people, and He will contend with Israel. “O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

People: “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

Lector: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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 1:18–31*

Lector: For 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. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Lector: Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom,

People: it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

Lector: For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

People: but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

Lector: but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

People: whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 5:3*

Pastor: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1–12 ESV*

Pastor: Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who mourn,

People: for they shall be comforted.

Pastor: “Blessed are the meek,

People: for they shall inherit the earth.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they shall be satisfied.

Pastor: “Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they shall receive mercy.

Pastor: “Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God.

Pastor: “Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they shall be called sons of God.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness’ sake,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: “Blessed are you when others revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against
you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven, for so they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB 851 vs 1-3*

**Lord of glory You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice
And with that have freely given**

Blessings countless as the sand
 To the unthankful and the evil
 With Your own unsparing hand

Grant us hearts dear Lord to give You
 Gladly freely of Your own
 With the sunshine of Your goodness
 Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures
 Warmed by You at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed
 'Tis to give than to receive

Wondrous honor You have given
 To our humblest charity
 In Your own mysterious sentence
 You have done it all to Me
 Can it be O gracious Master
 That You deign for alms to sue
 Saying by Your poor and needy
 Give as I have giv'n to you

++ SERMON ++

The Lord's "Do" and "Done"

Text: Micah 6:1–8

Theme: Even the Lord's "do" is all about what the Lord has
 "done."

Goal: That everyone listening are moved to do what the Lord
 requires of us by what the Lord has done for us.

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, if as you are able, for the Prayer of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for all people who call out to God in their distress. For our brothers and sisters who are poor in spirit because of outside oppression or personal problems, that God would remind them of their heavenly citizenship, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: For those who mourn,, that by their faith in Christ's resurrection they would be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: For those who are meek as they thirst for righteousness, that God would raise up local and national leaders to provide security and justice for all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: For those who reflect the mercy of God as they tend to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those under their care, that God would give them wisdom and strength, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: For those who single-mindedly focus on sharing God's peace with conflicted people around them, that God would keep them strong in faith to use every opportunity at their disposal, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: For the Church wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament, that God would alleviate persecution they may be enduring and let the Church grow in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: For ourselves in every difficulty, that God would remind us of Christ's having done in our stead all that He calls us to do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: In grateful thanksgiving, we rejoice this day and look forward to the reward our Savior won for us. To You alone, O Father, be all the glory, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

✠ 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, who not only lived a life of perfect obedience, but did it in our stead so that we might be free from all that would separate us from the eternal joy You have graciously promised. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940 vs 1

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in heaven above adore Thee.
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for not only revealing to us what pleases You, but also You have sent Your only-begotten Son to live a perfect life in our place. Then, by Your grace, You have united us to Him in Holy Baptism so that You may look on us through His sacrifice for us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. We pray that You gather us together with all who call Jesus Lord to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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 \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**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

“The Lamb” LSB 547 vs 1-3

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

(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. We give thanks, heavenly Father,
that You have again assured us of sins forgiven in
this Sacrament.

**People: Grant us to know Your accompanying presence
as we leave, so that, strong in faith, our
thoughts, words, and deeds will reflect Your
great love and mercy;**

Pastor: through 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

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My ways” *LSB 707*

**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

Make me to walk in Thy commands
 'Tis a delightful road
 Nor let my head or heart or hands
 Offend against my God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, 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!

February 8th

Quilting

February 2nd, 16th, & 23rd

Attendance

Sunday January 22nd 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

Joy & Ken Kosmalski

Birthdays

Linda Panich – January 30th

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

Thelma B, friend of Pam Benford, she had a stroke and is in Intensive Unit

Cody Wilson, friend of Eric Cairns, his grandmother was called to glory last month, and was in hospital this past week

Sis Hamilton, for continued patience and strong faith
The family of John Malewicz who entered his eternal
home

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.

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday January 29	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday February 1	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday February 2	10am Quilting
Friday February 3	Office Closed
Sunday February 5	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service



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