July 2, 2023



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 one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church is found in various places throughout the whole world and in every nation. National flags have not traditionally been displayed in churches as they denote only earthly division among people whereas Christians are one in their faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. There are therefore no Propers appointed for Independence Day in the United States of America or Canada Day in that commonwealth. This, of course, is not to deny a person's responsibilities as a citizen of a country. In fact our feelings of patriotism may rank quite high as citizens who owe allegiance to an earthly government. The United States stands as the unique example of a nation founded upon the Judeo-Christian principles of the Holy Bible. This day marks the official adoption of the American Declaration of Independence, which reads, in part: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

> As we gather as Christians in America before the altar of God, we acknowledge with joy and conviction our loyalty to our homeland. But we do so knowing that anything made by the hands of men is subject to the decay and demise and

disfigurement of our sin. Therefore, Christians give the higher and final loyalty to God, our Creator and Redeemer. In truth, the hymn declares, "I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home" (*LSB* 748:1).

In the Readings here chosen there are conflicting voices calling for obedience and loyalty. Good King Hezekiah of Judah seeks to protect his people from the tyrant of Assyria by warning them not to answer his lies. Paul warns Christians not to listen to the blind unbelievers of the world. Our Lord Jesus reveals the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and all who would seek to confuse the proper authority of earthly leaders over against the kingdom of God.

As we owe loyalty and obedience to both God and those placed in godly authority over us, when human authority is set against God's revealed will, we are called, as Peter said, to "obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). The world has an ungodly disobedience to God's fundamental will and commands. We are called to be lights in the darkness of the sinful world around us. We continue to thank God for our nation. "And," as the historic Declaration concludes, "for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

✤ PREPARATION ✤

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Ephesians 2:1–5, 19–20* Pastor: Dearly beloved, the apostle Paul says, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone." Accordingly, let us now make confession of our sins.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, 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: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the I Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord will give strength to His people. People: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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.

(Please stand)

KYRIE (sing)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us Christ, have mercy upon us Lord, have mercy upon us

HYMN

"God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965 God Bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies, On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *2 Kings 18:1–8, 28–36 ESV* In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. He struck down the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah: "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you out of my hand. Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD by saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me. Then each one of you will eat of his own vine, and each one of his own fig tree, and each one of you will drink the water of his own cistern, until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live, and not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you by saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their lands out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?'" But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's command was, "Do not answer him."

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

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:7–18 ESV

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more

people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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

(Please stand)

VERSE Psalm 82:8

Pastor: Alleluia. Arise, O God, judge the earth; People: for You shall inherit all the nations! Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34-42 ESV

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

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

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS –

Please pass your requests & YELLOW attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" *LSB 966 vs 1&2* Before You Lord we bow Our God who reigns above And rules the world below Boundless in pow'r and love Our thanks we bring In joy and praise Our hearts we raise To You our King The nation You have blest May well Your love declare From foes and fears at rest Protected by Your care For this bright day For this fair land Gifts of Your hand Our thanks we pay

++ SERMON ++

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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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)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us that, with good and honest hearts, we may keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: We humbly implore You to rule and govern Your Church throughout the world. Bless all those who proclaim Your truth that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and that faith in You may be strengthened, love toward others increased, and Your kingdom extended. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant health and prosperity to all who are in authority, especially to the president and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this [state/commonwealth], and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Grant them grace to rule according to Your good pleasure for the maintenance of righteousness and the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Comfort, O God, with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity. Grant courage and steadfastness especially to those who suffer for Your name's sake that they may receive and accept their afflictions in the confidence that You will acknowledge them as Your own. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Although we have deserved Your righteous wrath and punishment, yet, we ask You, O most merciful Father, not to remember the sins of our youth nor our many transgressions. Out of Your unspeakable goodness and mercy defend us from all harm and danger to body and soul. Preserve us from false doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Your mercy, and from an evil death. In every time of trouble, show Yourself a very present help, the Savior of all, especially to those who believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Cause all needed fruits of the earth to prosper that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young; to all lawful occupations on land, sea, and air; and to all pure arts and useful knowledge, crowning them with Your blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

OFFERING OFFERTORY HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783 vs 1-3 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

(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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In mercy for Your fallen world, You promised a Savior from sin and death; through the holy patriarchs and prophets you made for Yourself a people of promise through whom You gave Your only begotten Son into our flesh by the Virgin Mary, who delivered Your promised salvation by His atoning death on a cross and life-giving resurrection from the dead. 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. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

"Glory Be to God the Father" *LSB* 506 vs 1 & 2 Glory be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son Glory be to God the Spirit Great Jehovah Three in One Glory glory While eternal ages run

Glory be to Him who loved us Washed us from each spot and stain Glory be to Him who bought us Made us kings with Him to reign Glory glory To the Lamb that once was slain

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

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 (sung) TLH p. 29-30 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and, according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world. Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" *TFBF 297* Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

> Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

he is sifting out all human hearts before his judgment seat.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make us holy, let us live to make men free.

while God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor Jacob Ferns, Guest Organist Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO! July 5th & 19th

Quilting Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Family Fun Day!

Sunday August 5th right after service There will be a BBQ, yard games, singing, food & fellowship Please bring a dish to pass. Meat & Drink will be provided There will also be prizes! We are asking for the youth to help with games & Men to help with BBQ. DON'T forget to bring your Family & Friends!

Attendance

Sunday June 25th

9:30 am 40

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-982-7417. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

<u>Anniversary</u>

Marie & Dave Brown – July 7th <u>Birthdays</u>

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

Trevor Ashley, friend of Paul Utica, dr's found bladder cancer

Jackie Fults, Preschool Director, recovering from surgery Mary Bigliardi, passed away June 22

- Brad Hackney, Pam Benford's Friend, Pulmonary Fibrosis & other health issues.
- Rita Merkey, mother of Patricia McNeil, passed away
- Joy Mead, sister of Pastor Pollatz, declining in health because of dementia
- **Barnet Martin,** Diane Walker tells us she is home from rehab after a stroke; praise God for his miraculous gift of healing
- Melvin Kimbrough, in rehab, pray for patience waiting for our Lord's strengthening powers

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday July 2	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
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Monday	
July 3	Office Closed
Tuesday	
July 4	Office Closed
Thursday	
July 6	10am Quilting
Sunday	
July 9	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC

