

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 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
Ring of the Bells
Preparation

Pastor: To us in daily living it doesn't make sense that God allows evil to grow outside and even inside the Church. But as we await God's good harvest, we do so in hope, which does not depend on what our eyes see, but on the faith given us by the Holy Spirit. With faith, our ears hear God calling us His children and His listening to the Spirit's groaning for us. As precious wheat protected in God's barn, we can wait patiently for the harvest when by grace the "righteous will shine like the sun" in our Father's kingdom.

(Please stand)

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done

**Lord Jesus Christ Your pow'r make known
 For You are Lord of lords alone
 Defend Your holy Church that we
 May sing Your praise eternally**

**O Comforter of priceless worth
 Send peace and unity on earth
 Support us in our final strife
 And lead us out of death to life**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **We confess, gracious God, that we groan not only because of sin in the world, but our failure to trust You for all that we need. We have not waited patiently; we have demanded reasons from You; we have sought to excuse ourselves. Yet You have given us the Spirit, who intercedes for us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to hope not in ourselves but in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: The promises of God are sure; one day creation will be set free from corruption. Your sins were taken to Christ's cross, where you were redeemed

as God's beloved children. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORD

INTROIT SPOKEN HYMN

“Unto My Prayer, O Lord”

Pastor: Unto my prayer, O Lord, give ear. Teach me, dear God, to walk in fear. You will I thank with all my heart; Never from You shall I depart.

People: From You I know of steadfast love. Up springs my soul to joy above. Though many rise in ruthless strife, By grace You give eternal life.

People & Pastor: Glory to God the Father sing, And to His Son, the Lord, our King; Who with the Spirit we adore And seek to serve forevermore.

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KYRIE

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace and salvation from God above, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace in this sin-sick world, growth in the Church, and unity among its members, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, ourselves, and all who worship here, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: (spoken) Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment,

People: we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter;

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.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 44:6–8 ESV*

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is

to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

EPISTLE *Romans 8:18–27 ESV*

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE

Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 13:35b

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

People: I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

SPOKEN HYMN

“God’s Holy Plans”

Pastor: God’s holy plans we cannot know, From far above us forth they flow.

People: We cannot see or understand Why He allows or will command.

Pastor: But from us here and all around, To God above shall praise resound.

People: All things belong to Him alone who sits upon the eternal throne.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 ESV*

Pastor: [Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him,

People: ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’

Pastor: He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him,

People: ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’

Pastor: But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

Pastor: Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying,

People: “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

Pastor: He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.”

HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *LSB 892 vs 1*

Pastor: “The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.”

HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *LSB 892 vs 2*

Pastor: “The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *LSB 892 vs 3*

**For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore**

Pastor: “He who has ears, let him hear.”

HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *LSB 892 vs 4*

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to
Thy final harvest home
Gather Thou Thy people in
Free from sorrow, free from sin
There forever purified
In Thy garner to abide
Come with all Thine angels, come
Raise the glorious harvest home**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (we sing) **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 ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“On What Has Now Been Sown” *LSB 921*

**On what has now been sown
Thy blessing Lord bestow
The pow’r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise
And Thou alone shalt have the praise**

**To Thee our wants are known
 From Thee are all our pow'rs
 Accept what is Thine own
 And pardon what is ours
 Our praises Lord and prayers receive
 And to Thy Word a blessing give**

**O grant that each of us
 Now met before Thee here
 May meet together thus
 When Thou and Thine appear
 And follow Thee to heav'n our home
 E'en so amen Lord Jesus come**

++ SERMON ++

Awaiting God's Good Harvest

Text: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 The Gospel

Theme: Though we are tempted to try to eradicate evil opposition to Christ, he teaches us to wait patiently, knowing that his harvest is coming.

Goal: That everyone listening are sensitized to the devil's opposition to Christ's kingdom, warned not to seek to eradicate these evil influences themselves, and strengthened and comforted in bearing their diabolic sufferings by Christ's coming at the end of the age.

Outline:

1. The weeds are growing (vv 24–26).
2. How do we deal with the weeds (vv 27–30a)?
3. The harvest is coming (vv 30b, 39b–43).

The day of resolution and redemption is coming.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.)

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

Pastor: When we look at the storms gathering around us, many people are in dire straits. Let us pray for them, for the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. For the human powers that be, that God would enable them to make and administer laws to order society within their borders and to establish peace across them,
Let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

Pastor: For the disenfranchised and homeless, the forgotten and oppressed, the unemployed and disheartened, that God would protect and defend them, open doors of opportunity for them, and move them to rely on Him for all their needs,
Let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

Pastor: For those near and dear to us in their illnesses, anger, grief, or despair, and those whom we name in our hearts now (pause for silent prayer), that God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and renew them according to His gracious plan, Let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

Pastor: For those who tend flocks and till the soil, who provide transportation and manage shops, who provide protection in their communities and defense of their nation, and who respond to sudden emergencies and work to increase health and wellbeing, Let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

Pastor: For ourselves and all who come to the Lord's Table in true faith, that God would bestow on us His forgiveness, life, and salvation, Let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father,

People: grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and as we sing the offering hymn)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" *LSB 781 vs 2 - 4*

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first-fruits give**

Oh hearts are bruised and dead
 And homes are bare and cold
 And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
 Are straying from the fold

To comfort and to bless
 To find a balm for woe
 To tend the lone and fatherless
 Is angels' work below

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**

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 through His death has given us life and will graciously protect us until the coming harvest. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HYMN

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” *LSB 822 vs 4*

Alleluia

Let praises ring

Unto our triune God we sing

Blest be His name forever

With angel hosts let us adore

And sing His praises evermore

For all His grace and favor

Singing ringing

Holy holy

God is holy

Spread the story

Of our God the Lord of glory

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

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: (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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” *LSB 761*

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

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.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You
have refreshed us with this foretaste of the feast
to come.

People: Grant that Your Son's body and blood will
increase our faith and patience until the hope that
is within us is realized in glory at the marriage
feast of the Lamb in His kingdom;

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

“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**

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 & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Carins & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO!

August 2nd , 16th , 30th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Family Fun Day!

Sunday August 6th 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 July 16th

9:30 am 37

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.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Joan Hafkesbrink – August 23rd

Pam Benford – August 25th

Gary Mason – August 28th

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

Family of Mary Bigliardi, especially Louis, her grieving husband

Ashleigh Halfacer, daughter of Ernie and Dawn Halfacer, with Leukemia

Dorothy Sproul, longtime secretary of Atonement Lutheran in Dearborn, called to her eternal home

Lori Wilson, Alex and Kary, Lori's grandsons, for safe travels

Dawn Switter and Family, for safe travels

The birth of Peyton Riley Trout, June 14, to Alex and Jayme.

Tammy Tortenesi, Sophia's Mother, for relief from severe back pain

Family of Lota VanZandt, friend of Glenn Cairns, who was called to her eternal home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home, continue to pray for patience waiting for our Lord's strengthening powers

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

Brad Hackney, Pam Benford's Friend, Pulmonary Fibrosis & other health issues.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday July 23	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
Thursday July 227	10am Quilting
Friday July 28	Office Closed
Sunday July 30	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC