INDEPENDENCE DAY

Freedom in Christ July 4, 2024 (celebrated on the 7th)



For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Romans 6:5

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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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: This July 4th marks the 248th anniversary of our declaration of freedom from Great Britain. Many Americans will and have celebrated with barbeques, by attending sporting events, and, when darkness falls, fireworks. All these things are wonderful in and of themselves; however, they cannot give us the true freedom each of us needs. That freedom is found in one place—Christ alone. In Holy Baptism, Jesus gives us the victory He earned for us on the cross—and true freedom.

(Please stand)

▼ PREPARATION

HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" LSB 905 vs 1 & 4

Come Thou almighty King

Help us Thy name to sing

Help us to praise

Father all glorious

O'er all victorious

Come and reign over us

Ancient of Days

To Thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore

INVOCATION based on John 3:16; 8:36; Romans 5:1

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: who loved us and sent His Son to set us free.

Pastor: In the name of His

Son, Jesus,

People: whose sacrifice gives us freedom and peace.

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

People: who brings us to faith and sustains our faith through the working of water and the Word. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 118:24, 26–27

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Pastor: The LORD is God,

People: and He has made His light to shine upon us.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, You have blessed us with a free land, having rights and privileges others dream about. We live in a land where liberty is given to us. With freedom also comes temptation to misuse our freedom.
- People: Forgive us, Lord, for misusing freedom in selfish ways. Keep us from squandering the precious opportunities You have given to us by the many freedoms we have.
- Pastor: For these sins and all sins, sins of thought, word, and deed; by what we have done or failed to do,
- People: we stand before You now, asking Your forgiveness, and for the help of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.
- Pastor: Hear the Good News! God has heard your confession. He has called me, a called and ordained servant of our King, to deliver this message to you: your sins are forgiven because of the cross of Christ. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathbb{H}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen! Thank You, Lord, for forgiving me. Help me, by the aid of Your Holy Spirit, to relish the freedoms You have given us as Christians and as a country.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD

INTROIT Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make His face to shine upon us, Pastor: that Your way may be known on earth,

People: Your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

Pastor: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: God, our God, shall bless us.

Pastor: God shall bless us;

People: let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and

to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the

beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

KYRIE

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the freedom given to us by Christ,

let us thank the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Holy Baptism, which sets us free

from sin, let us bless the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our gracious God, who desires all men be saved, let us thank the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord, for our freedom in

Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Glory Be to God on High"

All glory be to God on high

And thanks for all his favor

No harm can touch or terrify

A child of God forever

God shows His good and gracious will

And grants His peace the world to fill

All strife at last has ended

We praise and laud and worship You
We give You tanks forever
O Father for Your rule is true
And just and changes never
With boundless pow'r Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain
Lord grand us ev'ry blessing

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism, You give us freedom in and though the cross of Jesus. Although our sins were like crimson, You make them white as snow. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on our lives, that we may live a life dead to sin but alive and free in Christ; through one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:10–28

And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day

until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread." Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall

keep this service. And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 76

Pastor: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

People: His abode has been established in Salem, His dwelling place in Zion.

Pastor: There He broke the flashing arrows,

People: the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.

Pastor: Glorious are You, more majestic than the mountains of prey.

People: The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep;

Pastor: all the men of war were unable to use their hands.

People: At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.

Pastor: But You, You are to be feared!

People: Who can stand before You when once Your anger is roused?

Pastor: From the heavens You uttered judgment;

People: the earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth.

Pastor: Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; **People: the remnant of wrath You will put on**

like a belt.

Pastor: Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them;

People: let all around Him bring gifts to Him who is to be feared,

Pastor: who cuts off the spirit of princes,

People: who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1–11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ. we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the

death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE Galatians 5:1

Pastor: Alleluia. For freedom Christ has set us free;

People: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31–36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (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 usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895
Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

Oh may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heav'n adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

++ **SERMON** ++

(Please stand)

Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord

and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life № of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Your death on the cross has set us free from our worst enemies—sin, death, and the devil. In Holy Baptism, You made us Your own, and gave us not only the forgiveness of sins but also Your Holy Spirit. Help us live in that freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You have given us a great gift in the freedom we have as a country and as individuals. Grant that we always use our freedom to advance Your kingdom, and never to bring harm to anyone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, as we celebrate our independence on this day, grant that we might find joy in the parades, the barbeques, the gatherings, and the fireworks. As we enjoy these things, grant that we have a bigger picture of freedom in mind—freedom in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: While we celebrate our national freedom today, there are those who are not free because of their faith in You. They are imprisoned, beaten, tortured, and some will die for Your name. Give them strength by Your Holy Spirit to remain faithful unto death and receive the crown of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We also lift up those not free today because of illness, According to Your gracious will, release them from illness, pain, and suffering, using doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles if it be Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We also remember those who are not free: the marginalized, the poor, those addicted to drugs, the homeless, and those suffering from fear. Show compassion to them and help them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We are called by Your Word to remember our leaders. We remember those who lead our nation: our president, our Congress, those who lead at the state and even local levels. Give them wisdom to govern this great land that we might always be free. We also ask that You would give every leader in authority in our world a desire for peace and not war. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift these and the petitions of our hearts up to You, gracious Father, knowing that You will both hear and answer us. We pray in the name of Jesus, who set us free to be Your people; who with You and the Holy Spirit reigns, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832 vs 1, 4 & 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Does its successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap to unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

▼ SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Please stand)

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the universe, for You give us not only bread and wine to eat and drink but Your Son's true body and blood. In it, we taste forgiveness, life, and freedom from sin, death, and hell itself. With joyful hearts, we join with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven, praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (we sing) LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He, Blessed is He
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and 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, giving us the greatest freedom of all.

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: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat
and to drink, You lead us to remember and
confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed
death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection
from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and
Your coming for the final judgment. So remember
us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628 vs 1-4
Your table I approach
Dear Savior hear my prayer
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there

Lord I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands

Your body and Your blood
Once slain and shed for me
Are taken at Your table Lord
In blest reality

Search not how this takes place
This wondrous mystery
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be

(Please stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

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

life everlasting.

People: (spoken) Amen

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us a taste of freedom in Your true body and blood. As we celebrate our country's freedom today, keep us always mindful of the greatest freedom of all You have given us, namely the forgiveness of sins. Grant that we always remember in Baptism we have become Your own people, free to worship and serve You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♥ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Jim Bumgarner, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Carins & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Hafkesbrink turns 100!!

Her birthday is on July 23rd.

Help us make her day special by sending a birthday card.

Cards will be available on the table in the narthex with addressed and stamped envelopes. Please sign a card (or 2) – we will be mailing them throughout the month of July!!

Save the Date

Rummage Sale July 27th 9am to 3pm

Please leave anything you want to donate on the stage.

BINGO!

Will resume in September

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday June 30th

9:30 am 32

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Marie & Dave Brown - July 7th

Birthdays

Val Mason -July 9th Bob Schellman – July 10th

For the Shut-Ins

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons
Dorothy MacTavish, at home
Camell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at Aerius Health Center
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

- **Jack Marchio**, friend of Glenn and Sandy Cairns called to glory
- **Dave Brady**, friend of Glenn and Sandy Cairns, called to glory
- **Avery Wilson**, we pray for peace of mind, faith, and wellness
- **The 3 yr old** loosing his arm being run over by a rider mower
- Andy Pignanelli, Frank's Brother, seriously ill Tammy, Sophia's mother, back problems Kent James, nephew of Linda Panich, for healing of foot infections
- **Candice Farcia**, Linda Panich grandchild, hospitalized

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday	
July 7	9:30am – Worship w/HC
Thursday	
July 11	Quilting 10 – 2pm
Friday	
July 12	Office Closed
Saturday	
July 13	5pm Worship w/HC
Sunday	
July 14	9:30am – Worship w/HC

