

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prisoners of Hope

July 9, 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
RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion." When we hear these words of the prophet Zechariah in the season of Advent, we are evermore ready to rejoice, especially as Christmas approaches. But to hear these words now in the middle of summer may strike us as a little more challenging. The pressures and doldrums of daily life can wear away momentary joys. In fact, the call to rejoice can seem pointless echoing against the hard walls of a prison of our own making. No matter how many Christmases we have celebrated, like the apostle Paul, we may continue to feel trapped by our unrelenting sinfulness. True joy comes only as we receive the comforting words of our Lord, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Herein is the goal of Christmas. Here today by means of the Word of God and the receiving of His body and blood, God gives you faith to believe and to receive eternal salvation. By God's Word, even today "it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." For here is where true joy is found.

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 7:15; Matthew 11:28

Pastor: With the apostle Paul today we admit, "I do not understand my own actions.

People: **For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."**

Pastor: At the invitation of God our Savior, let us bring our weariness and burdens to Him, that His forgiveness may rescue us and restore to us the joy of His salvation.

People: **For 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: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Even though we rejoice at the joy of Christmas, daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.**

Pastor: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." 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
 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound” *LSB 349 vs 1*

**Hark the glad sound
 The Savior comes
 The Savior promised long
 Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne
 And ev’ry voice a song**

KYRIE (we sing)

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” *LSB 366 vs 1*

**It came upon the midnight clear
 That glorious song of old
 From angels bending near the earth
 To touch their harps of gold
 Peace on the earth, goodwill to all
 From heav'n's all gracious king
 The world in solemn stillness lay
 To hear the angels sing**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, as the holy angels called the world to rejoice when You first sent Your only-begotten Son to be born of the Virgin Mary, so help us to rejoice today in the comfort of the deliverance He brought when He gave His life to the world on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Zechariah 9:9–12 ESV

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 7:14–25 ESV

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 11:28

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. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

People: and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:25–30 ESV

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (we 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 OF THE DAY

“Hark the Glad Sound” LSB 349 vs 2 - 4

**He comes the pris'ners to release
In Satan's bondage held
The gates of brass before Him burst
The iron fetters yield**

**He comes the broken heart to bind
The bleeding soul to cure
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor**

**Our glad hosannas Prince of Peace
Thy welcome shall proclaim
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name**

++ SERMON ++

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 386:1

Pastor: O God of grace, God of glory, “Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heaven our voice.” For having first come to us in the person of Your Son, You have lifted us out of our sorrowful bondage to sin and death and raised us to the freedom and newness of eternal life. You have washed us in baptismal waters and renewed us in faith given by Your Holy Spirit. We sing and rejoice in thankfulness and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Cause the joy of Your gracious reign of peace and hope to continue to blossom and grow throughout the world by the proclamation of Your mighty Word. To that end, bless and sustain all pastors and ministers of Your Word and the witness of all who joyfully testify to Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Eternal Lord and ruler of all, save and defend our country. Graciously regard all who have been set in positions of authority among us, that, guided by Your Spirit, we may be governed in peace and safety. Strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country that they be upheld in integrity and with honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Continue to bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance all that is needed for the support of our lives. Bless our homes and families that we may dwell together in peace, sharing in Your blessings. Be with all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity. Grant Your peace and healing, and above all, faith in Your never-failing promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We commend to Your eternal protection, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed this life in faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant to

them Your mercy and everlasting peace. Teach us all to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom, and when our last hour comes, be with us and grant us a blessed end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OFFERING

HYMN

“Come unto Me, Ye Weary” *LSB 684 vs 1*

**Come unto Me ye weary
And I give you rest
O blessed voice of Jesus
Which comes to hearts oppressed
It tells of benediction
Of pardon grace and peace
Of joy that hath no ending
Of love that cannot cease**

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.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(sing)* LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory

Hosanna Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, 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. 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: 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

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus” *LSB 606 vs 1 & 2*

**I lay my sins on Jesus
The spotless Lamb of God
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains**

**I lay my wants on Jesus
All fullness dwells in Him
He heals all my diseases
My soul He does redeem
I lay my griefs on Jesus
My burdens and my cares
He from them all releases
He all my sorrows shares**

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.

Almighty, everlasting God, we rejoice greatly that You have come to us as our King, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, giving us the comfort and rest of the forgiveness of our sins by His very body and blood. With thankful hearts we hold to the great hope of the eternal joys in the day of the resurrection of all flesh and our eternal home. To You be all the praise and glory with Your Son 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

“Before You, Lord, We Bow” LSB 966 vs 1-3

**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**

**May ev’ry mountain height
Each vale and forest green
Shine in Your Word’s pure light
And its rich fruits be seen
May ev’ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
 Marie Brown, Organist
 Ken Kosmalski, Elder
 Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
 Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Bigliardi Memorial Service

July 11th at Martenson Family of Funeral Homes
 10915 Allen Rd Allen Park, MI 48101
 Visitation 1pm to 7pm
 Service at 7pm

BINGO!

July 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 July 2nd

9:30 am 29

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

Val Mason – July 9th

Robert Schellman – July 10th

Ruth Pollatz – July 15th

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

The Family of Mary Bigliardi, whose memorial service will be held Tuesday the 11th of July, at 7pm at the Martenson Funeral Home.

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

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday

July 9

9:30 am - Worship w/ HC

Friday

July 14

Office Closed

Sunday

July 16

9:30 am - Worship w/ HC

