SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 11, 2023 Eating at the Table with Jesus



Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blest. Amen, amen, amen. *LSB* 776

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: "Thou spreadst a table in my sight" (*LSB* 709:5). With poetic words, English hymn writer Henry W. Baker puts into verse one of the most beloved images of Psalm 23. The table that the Lord sets for His people is one of generosity and grace. The first time a table is mentioned in the Bible is in conjunction with the great reunion that the ruler Joseph in Egypt has with his estranged brothers who had come from their home in Canaan to ask for help in a time of famine.

> The Book of Genesis records that Joseph not only welcomed his brothers and saw to it that they were fed but also directed that "portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, . . . And they drank and were merry with him" (Genesis 43:34). The Lord's Table is a place for rejoicing—especially since, as we gather there, we are given a foretaste of the feast to come in our Lord's eternal kingdom.

> > (Please stand)

✤ PREPARATION ✤

HYMN

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" *LSB* 915 Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin. However great our trespass, Whatever we have been, However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away, Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

Today your gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n, A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits; His blessed angels gather Around the heavn'ly gates. No question will be asked us, How often we have come; Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home. O all embracing Mercy, O ever open Door, What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair, We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 149:1–2, 4, 9b* Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, **People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; People: He adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the LORD!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness. We are not worthy for You to come among us. We are indeed sinful from our birth and since that time have transgressed against You in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have brought injury to others. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins. Graciously hear this, our confession, O Lord, and grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and in hope to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: Jesus, our Redeemer and God's greatest gift, promises forgiveness, life, and salvation, and welcomes us to His Table. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

🕸 WORD 🕸

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, **People: have mercy.** Pastor: O Christ, People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord, People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ, People: hear us.

Pastor: God the Father in heaven, **People: have mercy.**

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **People: have mercy.**

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit, People: have mercy.

HYMN OF INVITATION

Pastor: "Come, for all now is ready" are words of invitation that have been used to invite the people of God to the Lord's Table. A "call and response" hymn from Liberia expresses that gracious invitation in a musical style used in Africa.

HYMN

"God Is So Good" *TFBF 275* God is so good God is so good God is so good he's so good to me He cares for me He cares for me He cares for me he's so good to me

He saved my soul he saved my soul he saved my soul he's so good to me

I praise his name I praise his name I praise his name he's so good to me

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, calls us as His people and invites us to feast at His Table. Grant us grace always to respond to His call and to find our greatest joy in being at the Lord's Table. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Hosea 5:15–6:6 ESV* I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

PSALM *Psalm* 119:65–72

People: You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word.

- Women: Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments.
- Men: Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.
- Women: You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes.

- Men: The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep Your precepts;
- Women: their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in Your law.
- Men: It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn Your statutes.
- People: The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. 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.

EPISTLE Romans 4:13–25 ESV

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead

(since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

(Please stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 9:13b* Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, **People: and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Pastor: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate, People: and I will declare Your greatness.

Pastor: Alleluia. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

People: Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:9–13 ESV

Pastor: As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him,

Reader: "Follow Me."

Pastor: And he rose and followed Him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when He heard it, He said,

Reader: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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 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

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" *TLH 324 vs 1,2,4* Jesus sinners does receive oh, may all this saying ponder who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander Here is hope for all who grieve Jesus sinners does receive

We deserve but grief and shame yet his words, rich grace revealing pardon, peace, and life proclaim here their ills have perfect healing who with humble hearts believe Jesus sinners does receive

I, a sinner, come to you with a penitent confession Savior, show me mercy, too grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve Jesus sinners does receive

++ SERMON ++

Eating at the Table with Jesus

Text: Matthew 9:9–13
Theme: We will gather together at this table in joy, in closeness, in love, in forgiveness because of Jesus' sacrifice and mercy.
Goal: That everyone listening would believe more firmly that

Jesus welcomes them, sinners though they be, to his

table of merciful forgiveness.

Sermon Outline

- Who shouldn't be eating with Jesus? The answer: We shouldn't be.
- 2. Yet Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

We Will Gather Together at This Table in Joy, in Closeness, in Love, in Forgiveness because of Jesus' Sacrifice and Mercy.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

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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 of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: As dear children ask their dear father, let us bring to the Lord our prayers this day, knowing that He will hear us and respond to our petitions. Confidently we come to our Father in heaven: Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: (spoken) hear our prayer.
- Pastor: As citizens of our blessed land, we pray for the world in which we live and for the leaders of every nation as well as of our own, that peace may prevail around the globe and that we may live without fear in our times. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: (spoken) hear our prayer.
- Pastor: In this season of growth, we pray for the Church, that it may grow and flourish even in those places where persecution for our Lord's sake is known. Grant that there be unhindered access to the Table of the Lord in every land. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gathered in heart and mind, we pray for those in need of our special petitions, including those distanced from this fellowship today, and including those dealing with illness and the homebound. We also remember those who grieve this day and those with special needs, ++++++++. According to Your good and gracious will, bring strength to the weak, assurance to the fearful, and hope to those in peril. Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: With thankfulness, we remember those whose earthly lives have been completed, including relatives, friends, and members of this household of faith and so many others. Grant that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus as in blessed hope we await the resurrection to life eternal and the final invitation to the banquet in God's kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gathered in the forgiving love of Christ and assured that our heavenly Father hears our petitions, we say with hopeful hearts and voices: **People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received)

OFFERING

OFFERING 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

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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because Your mercy attends us all our days. In mercy, You provide for all our wants of body and soul, and graciously You invite us to come to the Lord's Table, granting us a foretaste of the feast to come. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You with joyous song:

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 Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O God, for You have delivered us from death and the power of Satan and have invited us to Your Table. Grant that we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the body and blood our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may live rejoicing in resurrection hope. Receive our prayers and thanksgiving, and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570 vs 1,3,5,6 Just as I am without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee O Lamb of God I come I come

> Just as I am though tossed about With many a conflict many a doubt Fightings and fears within without O Lamb of God I come I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve Because Thy promise I believe O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down Now to be Thine yea Thine alone O Lamb of God I come I come (Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

People: (spoken) Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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.

Grant, O Lord, that the lips that have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears that have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voices of clamor and dispute, that the eyes that have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues that have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Pastor: (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

"Blessed Assurance" *TFBF 118 vs 1 & 2* Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine Heir of salvation, purchase of God born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long this is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight visions of rapture now burst on my sight angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love This is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long this is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long

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 Dave Brown, Elder & Reader Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voter's Meeting TODAY after Church

BINGO! June 21st Quilting Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Juneteenth Observance Has been rescheduled for June 25th

Friendship Sunday coming!

Cultivate a friendship with a neighbor to invite to church for Friendship Sunday, to be scheduled.

Our second annual **Golf Outing** will be September 30th! We need your help with

- planning
- secure the date at the golf course
- make arrangements for the caterer
- publicity to community and other churches
- coordinate on the date of the outing

Speak with the pastor if you are able and willing

Attendance

Sunday June 4 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.

Anniversary

Sandy & Glenn Cairns – June 14th <u>Birthdays</u>

Sherman Trout - June 13th

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

- **Brad Hackney,** Pam Benford's Friend, Pulmonary Fibrosis & other health issues.
- **Rita Merkey,** mother of Patricia McNeil, former secretary for Pastor Pollatz, 90 years old, recuperating from surgery for a compressed fracture of the back
- Joy Mead, sister of Pastor Pollatz, declining in health because of dementia
- **Denis Glueck,** recovering from surgery this past week **The family of Kate Berry,** called to glory
- 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
- Linda Meseah, Pat Bates's sister, who is ill
- **Trevor**, Paul Utcai's grandchild, emergency operation on kidney
- Ashley & Stephanie, Paul Utcai's grandchild, knee surgery
- Lucian, Paul Utcai's grandchild, ear tubes place in ears.
- Jackie Fults, Director of Mt. Hope Preschool, back surgery June 23rd
- Chloe, Sophia's Sister, who is ill
- Mary Bigliardi, hospitalized
- Cathy Rushkin, Sherm and Sally's neighbor suffering from cancer

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday June 11	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Voter's Meeting
Thursday June 15	10am Quilting
Friday June 16	Office Closed
Sunday June 18	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Happy Father's Day

