

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16, 2024

We Are Always of Good Courage



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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: Once again, the Word of God in our ears
 this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that
 God's salvation promises to all who believe in His
 saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the
 Lord has promised a secure future in His presence
 both now and especially in the eternity of life in
 the resurrection. Though we experience the
 weakness and maybe even dread of growing old,
 by faith we are like firm trees planted by the
 strength of God. That faith is the very creation of
 God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains
 strong regardless of our circumstances. So even
 though we become discouraged at times, our
 confidence is always renewed by God as we
 remain steadfast in connection with His mighty
 Word.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” LSB 704
Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.

**Remove the pow'r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Corinthians 5:1; Psalm 1:1–2*

Pastor: We know that if the tent, which is our
earthly home, is destroyed, we have a
building from God,

**People: a house not made with hands, eternal
in the heavens.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the
counsel of the wicked, . . .

**People: but his delight is in the law of the
LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us prepare to receive God's
strengthening of our faith this day as we
confess our weakness and sin.

**People: Merciful God, we confess to You our
discouragements; all our sins of thought, word,
and deed; and the inward groaning of our souls.
For the sake of Your Son's own bitter suffering
and death on behalf of all, grant us forgiveness
and the strength of renewed faith that we may
live today as joyful citizens of heaven.**

Pastor: You are the planting and the harvest of the Lord.
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: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill

toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Am Jesus Little Lamb" LSB 740

I am Jesus' little lamb

Ever glad at heart I am

For my Shepherd gently guides me

Knows my need and well provides me

Loves me ev'ry day the same

Even calls me by my name

Day by day at home away

Jesus is my staff and stay

When I hunger Jesus feeds me

Into pleasant pastures leads me

When I thirst He bids me go

Where the quiet waters flow

**Who so happy as I am
 Even now the Shepherd's lamb
 And when my short life is ended
 By His angel host attended
 He shall fold me to His breast
 There within His arms to rest**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, our hope and Redeemer, we thank You for planting the seed of saving faith in our hearts by means of Your Word entering our ears and Your Sacraments touching our bodies. Grant, we pray, the strengthening of this faith that we may walk with confidence in our lives now, taking great courage in the promise of eternal life with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 17:22–24* ESV

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it,

that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 1; antiphon v. 6*

Pastor: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:1–17 ESV*

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for

themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *2 Peter 3:18a*

**People: Alleluia, alleluia! Grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,
the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:26–34 ESV*

And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,

yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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 OF THE DAY

“Holy Spirt, Light Divine” *LSB* 496

Holy Spirit light divine

Shine upon this heart of mine

Chase the shades of night away

Turn the darkness into day

Let me see my Savior’s face

Let me all His beauties trace

Show those glorious truths to me

Which are only known to Thee

**Holy Spirit pow'r divine
 Cleanse this guilty heart of mine
 In Thy mercy pity me
 From sin's bondage set me free**

**Holy Spirit joy divine
 Cheer this saddened heart of mine
 Yield a sacred settled peace
 Let it grow and still increase**

**Holy Spirit all divine
 Dwell within this heart of mine
 Cast down ev'ry idol throne
 Reign supreme and reign alone**

++ SERMON ++

We Are Always of Good Courage
 Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

Theme: We are of good courage as we walk by faith because of the better and best that are yet to come.

Goal: That the each and everyone listening live more courageously in their bodies as they walk by faith, not by sight.

Outline:

1. Times happen in life that challenge us and discourage us, especially with our bodies.
2. Our bodies groan from what we see, hear and experience in this life.
3. Paul gives us courage by showing us what is the better and the best that is to come.

We Are of Good Courage as We Walk by Faith
Because of the Better and Best That Are Yet to
Come.

4. The interim state is better than we experience now, but the resurrection of the body will be the best.
5. For now, we live the good life by walking courageously in faith.

(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, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray.

We pray, O Lord, for Your holy church throughout the world. As at creation You spoke and it was created, so by Your mighty Word spoken into the hearts and through the witness of prophets and apostles, Your church has grown over all the earth throughout the ages. Continue to speak Your blessing and power to and through all pastors and teachers, and inspire the shared witness of all Your people to the joy and salvation of many people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As nations continue to be disrupted by conflicts, wars, and rumors of wars, send leaders who know and desire the ways of peace. Grant unity of purpose especially to our country that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all Your people here present who have received Your blessed Word, grant the increase of faith and confidence to know that You bless us

with Your promise of eternal life both now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear our prayers for all who are in trouble, adversity, need, sickness, or fear of death. Touch each one who calls on You with Your healing and steady hand, and give them courage even in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering all Your saints, the faithful who have gone before us, especially those most dear to us, keep us in firm faith all our days with the joyous prospect of the day of resurrection and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: 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: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” LSB 611 vs 1 & 2

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
 Higher than the heav'ns above,
 Deeper than the depths of sea,
 Lasting as eternity!
 Love that found me-wondrous thought-
 Found me when I sought Him not

✠ 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: 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 died for
 all, that those who live might no longer live for
 themselves but for Him who for their sake died
 and was raised. 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 *(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.
 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

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: 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

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” *LSB 718 vs 1 & 2*

Jesus, lead Thou on

Till our rest is won

And although the way be cheerless

We will follow calm and fearless

Guide us by Thy hand

To our fatherland

**If the way be drear
 If the foe be near
 Let not faithless fears o'ertake us
 Let not faith and hope forsake us
 For through many a woe
 To our home we go**

(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.

O Lord, by Your holy communion with us, grant us
 good courage to walk by faith with the joyful
 prospect of reaching the goal of our heavenly

home, where You live and reign 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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *LSB 918*

Guide me O Thou great Redeemer

Pilgrim through this barren land

I am weak but Thou art mighty

Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand

Bread of heaven bread of heaven

Feed me till I want no more

Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain

Whence the healing stream doth flow

Let the fiery cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through

Strong deliv’rer strong deliv’rer

Be Thou still my strength and shield

Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
 Bid my anxious fears subside
 Death of death and hell's destruction
 Land me safe on Canaan's side
 Songs of praises songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee
 I will ever give to Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
 Marie Brown, Organist
 Frank Pignanelli, Elder
 Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
 Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

July, August & September Newsletter

Due June 25th at 12pm

Save the Date

Rummage Sale

July 27th

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 9th

9:30 am 35

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

Katheleen & Robert Schellman – June 20th

Birthdays

Eric Brown – June 20th

For the Shut-Ins

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons

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

Marissa Cortez, granddaughter of Frances, Prayers of thanksgiving for birth of Noah.

3 year old Boy who was ran over by mower and lost part of his arm.

Andy Pignanelli, Frank's brother, Ill

Brandon Brown Glenn's Nephew, Hospitalized

Robin, Tonya & McKela, traveling safely

Dave Buttner, son in law to Donna McCall,
suffered a heart attack last Saturday

Bill Switter, praise for good test results

Cynthia Davies Hares, friend of Pam Benford,
upcoming heart procedure

Peggy Rankin, Illness

Rhonda Janzewski, friend of Lisa trout, Called
to glory

Emma, Eric Cairns friend, recovering from
Surgery

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday June 16	Happy Father's Day! 9:30am – Worship w/HC Voter's Mtg after Service
Thursday June 20	10am Quilting
Friday June 21	Office Closed
Saturday June 22	5pm Worship w/HC
Sunday June 23	9:30am – Worship w/HC

