

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jars of Clay but Filled with Christ

June 2, 2024



For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*2 Corinthians 4:6*

### **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: It is not uncommon to hear someone described as (or even describe themselves as) “self-made.” Those words should never be uttered by a Christian! We were created by God. We were redeemed by Jesus at the cross and the empty tomb. We became a part of God’s family through the working of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. May we always remember our Creator and be vessels that serve His purposes: jars of clay but filled with Christ.

(Please stand)

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *LSB* 816 vs 1-3

**From all that dwell below the skies**

**Let the Creator's praise arise**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung**

**Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord  
 Eternal truth attends Thy Word  
 Alleluia alleluia  
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
 Till suns shall rise and set no more  
 Alleluia alleluia  
 Alleluia alleluia alleluia

All praise to God the Father be  
 All praise eternal Son to Thee  
 Alleluia alleluia  
 Whom with the Spirit we adore  
 Forever and forevermore  
 Alleluia alleluia  
 Alleluia alleluia alleluia

### **INVOCATION** *based on 1 John 3:1–2; Romans 6:4–5*

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

**People: who loved us and created our world  
 and us from nothing;**

Pastor: in the name of the ✠ Son,

**People: who loved us, died, and rose again to  
 make us children of God;**

Pastor: in the name of the Holy Spirit,

**People: who in Holy Baptism changes us from  
 dead in sin to alive in Christ. Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalms 8:4–6*

Pastor: What is man that You are mindful of  
 him,

**People: and the son of man that You care for  
 him?**

Pastor: Yet You have made him a little lower  
than the heavenly beings

**People: and crowned him with glory and  
honor.**

Pastor: You have given him dominion over the  
works of Your hands;

**People: You have put all things under his feet.**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Ephesians 1:4*

Pastor: Before there was light, God knew each  
of us by name.

**People: “He chose us in Him before the  
foundation of the world, that we should be  
holy and blameless before Him.”**

Pastor: God chose us, and how we are made, to  
bring honor and glory to Himself.

**People: Everything in this world was made by  
the finger of God—not us.**

Pastor: Yet we have rebelled against our Creator. Let us  
confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: We confess that we are by nature  
sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done and by what we have left undone.**

Pastor: For these sins and all sins against You,

**People: we confess our guilt and ask for Your  
mercy because of what Jesus did for us.  
We plead for His blood to cover all our sins.**

Pastor: Hear the Good News! Do more than hear it—believe with all your heart that God has forgiven all your sins because of Jesus’ sacrifice for you. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen! Thank You, Lord, for molding each of us as we are. Use us as a part of Your plan to make Christ known to the world and to our neighbor.**

(Please stand)

## ✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 62:5–8; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

**People: from Him comes my salvation.**

Pastor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

**People: for my hope is from Him.**

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

**People: I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

**People: my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

**People: God is a refuge for us. 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: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

**People: from Him comes my salvation.**

## KYRIE

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For seeing our desire for glory, yet  
forgiving it,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For making us as we are in order to best  
serve Your kingdom,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For Your peace in our homes, our jobs,  
and our lives, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those facing challenges everywhere,  
let us pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For Your presence always and Your  
mercy with us every day, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” *LSB 904 vs 1*

**Blessed Jesus at Your Word**

**We are gathered all to hear You**

**Let our hearts and souls be stirred**

**Now to seek and love and fear You**

**By Your teachings sweet and holy**

**Drawn from earth to love You solely**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that we are like clay in Your hands. Continue by the working of Your Holy Spirit to shape and mold us, until that day we see Him face to face and You see the image of Your Son in us; through the same Jesus Christ, 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** *Deuteronomy 5:12–15* ESV

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.



Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

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.**

**EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 4:5–12 ESV*

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**VERSE** *Mark 2:27*

Pastor: Alleluia. The Sabbath was made for man,

**People: not man for the Sabbath. Alleluia.**

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 2:23–28* ESV

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

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

*“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537*

**Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky**

**Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

## **++ SERMON ++**

Jars of Clay but Filled with Christ

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Theme: though we are like jars of clay, God fills us with his glory in Christ.

Goal: that hearers will be strengthened in faith as they bear the cross, recognizing that we are united to Christ.

(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 for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

*A moment of silence.*

Pastor: Almighty God, You commanded the Israelites to remember and keep the Sabbath day.

**People: We confess as Your people we have not always set this day aside for You. We are consumed by the things of this world. Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: You call us by Your Holy Spirit to faith and to serve You with our lives.

**People: You use us despite our sin and shortcomings to reach this world for You. Thank You for entrusting this message to us. Help us by Your Spirit to reach people around us and around the world with the Good News.**

Pastor: Just as Jesus was accused of breaking the Law on the Sabbath, so we are also accused of breaking the Law.

**People: Lord Jesus, help us to always point to You and Your sacrifice on the cross instead of anything we do.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, just as there were many afflicted with diseases whom You healed, so it is today. We remember the sick, our members who are homebound, and all afflicted in any way, .....

**People: We ask You to be with them, even as You have promised. Give them Your healing, according to Your will; Your presence; and especially Your peace.**

Pastor: Your Word commands us to pray for kings and all in authority, that we might live our lives in peace.

**People: We lift up all world leaders, those of our enemies as well as allies; we lift up all in authority in every place, asking You would give each one Your Spirit and wisdom on how to govern our world, that we might live in peace.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You remind us to care for those suffering and oppressed. We remember those who at this moment are in prison because they are bold to preach Your name. Give them strength, especially those whose lives may be taken from them today.

**People: We also remember the homeless, those living in poverty and hunger, and those who are not able to find a job. Be with all; give relief, comfort, and hope according to Your will.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, there are others we know that are not on this list who need Your help.

**People: Hear our prayers now as we bring those people before Your altar in our hearts.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

Pastor: We bring these and all prayers before Your throne, asking according to Your will that You hear us.

**People: We pray these things in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

“Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us” LSB 851 vs 2

**Grant us hearts dear Lord to give You  
Gladly freely of Your own  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures  
Warmed by You at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive**

## ✠ 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 wholesome  
 that we should at all times and every place give  
 You thanks and praise, heavenly Father, through  
 Jesus Christ, our Lord. You have taken common  
 elements, such as dirt and clay, and molded us in  
 Your image. Although we lost that image in the fall  
 into sin, You never stopped loving us, sending  
 Jesus into this world to die for our sins and rise  
 again to ransom us to You to be Your own people.  
 We gather here in the name and remembrance of  
 Jesus, and we ask that You would forgive our sins  
 and renew us in the gift Jesus offers us in His true  
 body and blood. Therefore with angels and  
 archangels and all the company of heaven we  
 stand before Your altar here and offer You the  
 praise that belongs only to You as we sing:



**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, the Creator of all, who created this world out of nothing. You created our race for fellowship with You, but our fall into sin took away Your image that You had bestowed on us. You had compassion on us, knowing that as much as we desire to serve You, apart from Your Spirit we are not able. You sent Your Son into this world to sacrifice His life for us and to rise from the dead to give us life and salvation.

As we gather, as Jesus has commanded us, we give You thanks that in this bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus, given and shed for us to forgive our sins and restore us to God. With joy and gratitude in our hearts, we lift up Your name, praising You now and for all eternity. Heavenly Father, we lift Your praises in the name of Jesus, with You 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**

**“Your Table I Approach”** *LSB 628 vs 1-3*

**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**

(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, we give You thanks that although You are true God, You took on our image, complete with dirt and clay. We thank You that because of Your sacrifice, there is no longer an uncrossable gap between God and man. The cross is our bridge across that gap.

**People: Because You were willing to become like us, in our Baptism we were nailed to the cross, died, and rose again as new people. Thank You for changing us day by day from our own image into Yours again.**

Pastor: This we pray in Your name, Lord Jesus, 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  
Ken Kosmalski, Elder  
Carolyn Kimbrough, Reader  
Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Office Closed**

The office will be closed from June 10<sup>th</sup> until June 13<sup>th</sup>.  
April is on vacation.

### **Save the Date**

Rummage Sale  
July 27<sup>th</sup>

Please leave anything you want to donate on the stage.

### **Save the Date**

June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

Salam Ayagri will be joining us from Africa

## Voter's Meeting JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>

### Spots Open for Nominations:

Secretary

Director of Fellowship

Director of Trustee

## Thank You!!

To everyone who helped with VBS.

We had 4 to 5 kids every day!

## BINGO!

Will resume in September

## Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

## Attendance

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am 30

## 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

Sis & Dave Hamilton – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Birthdays

Karen Bumgarner – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Maxine Wilson – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 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**

**Dave Buttner**, son in law to Donna McCall,  
 suffered a heart attack and doing much better.

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

**Peggy Rankin**, Illness

**Rhonda Janzewski**, friend of Lisa trout, Called  
 to glory

**Gabe Melendez**, Graduating High School

**Cameron Driscoll**, Graduating High School

**The Family of Bev Kero**, who was called to  
 glory

**Melvin Kimbrough**, prayers of thanksgiving for  
 continued building of strength in his healing  
 progress

**Emma**, Eric Cairns friend, recovering from  
 Surgery

**Pat Manno**, Dave & Sis Hamilton's friend,  
 Hospitalized



## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday June 2	9:30am – Worship w/HC
Thursday June 6	10am Quilting
Friday June 7	Office Closed
Saturday June 8	5pm Worship w/HC
Sunday June 9	9:30am – Worship w/HC Potluck after Service