

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023



For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. *Ephesians*

5:8–10

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: Recently published health guidelines suggest that it is of significant benefit that each adult walk about 10,000 steps each day. The guidelines do not suggest where or how or even when that walking should be done during the course of a day. It simply commends the walking itself. Walking is important for our lives! Paul wrote to the Christians at Ephesus to “walk as children of light” and to seek what is “good and right and true” (Ephesians 5:8b, 9b). May our walking with our Lord be blessed each day—no matter how many steps we take along the way!

(Please stand and Let’s Discover What Is Good and Right and True)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” *LSB 685 vs 1 & 4*

Let us ever walk with Jesus
Follow His example pure
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure
Onward in His footsteps treading
Pilgrims here, our home above
Full of faith and hope and love
Let us do our Father's bidding
Faithful Lord, with me abide
I shall follow where You guide

**Let us also live with Jesus
 He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken
 Jesus You are now our head
 We are Your own living members
 Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly
 Living there with You forever
 Jesus, let me faithful be
 Life eternal grant to me**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:33–35, 40–41*

Pastor: Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I
will keep it to the end.

**People: Give me understanding, that I may keep Your
law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Pastor: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for
I delight in it.

**People: Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your
Righteousness give me life! Let Your steadfast
Love come to me, O LORD, Your salvation
according to Your promise.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Eternal God, we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.

Pastor: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

People: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

Women: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

Men: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

Women: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy

Men: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

People: 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. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

KYRIE

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

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace shining down on us from above and for the salvation of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace so that the Church of God would more brightly shine the light of the Gospel in the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who join us here to thank God for the unsearchable riches of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: In Lent, we reflect on what our Lord Jesus endured to pay the price of our sins. Today, we are reminded that for us He navigated the currents of the world, walked the way of suffering and died on the cross as the Christ, the One anointed for the word of salvation according to the eternal plan of God.

The title of “Christ,” which focuses us on the saving work of Jesus, is at the heart of the opening lines of the seventeenth century German hymn that has been translated as “Christ, the Life of All the Living.” The hymnwriter, Ernst Homburg, placed a superscription over the stanzas that read, “Hymn of Thanksgiving to His Redeemer and Savior for His Bitter Sufferings.” With that spirit of thanksgiving shared through the writer’s words, we sing “Christ, the Life of All the Living.” Verse 1

HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” *LSB* 420 verse 1

**Christ the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit
Thousand thousand thanks shall be
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Faithful God, whose grace attends us all our days, look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Direct our steps into pathways of peace and lead us to discover all that is good and right and true. Preserve us in Your righteousness and at last bring us to Your eternal kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:14–21 ESV*

For a long time I have held my peace I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Song of A Faithful Servant”

Sung by Jim Bumgarner

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:8–14 ESV*

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Psalm 36:9, Hebrews. 12:2*

People: With You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Men: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Women: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: With You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 9:1–41* ESV

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they

said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will,

God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (we sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS—please pass your requests 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

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

LSB 571 vs 1- 3 & 6 (please stand on vs 6)

**God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith
Who was made flesh and suffered death
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone**

**God would not have the sinner die
His Son with saving grace is nigh
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs**

**Glory to God the Father, Son
And Holy Spirit Three in One
To You O blessed Trinity
Be praise now and eternally**

++ SERMON ++

Discovering What Is Good and Right and True

Text: Ephesians 5:8–14

Sermon Theme: Walk as children of light.

Sermon Goal: That everyone listening are reminded of the objective nature of their faith and their Christian calling.

Sermon Outline

Walk as Children of Light.

- I. We should walk in a way consistent with all that is good.
- II. We should walk in a way consistent with all that is right.
- III. We should walk in a way consistent with all that is true.

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, p. 215*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend +++ and all who are in need, praying

for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in
Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed
and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to
provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who
sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace
and may rejoice in a good conscience before
You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm
us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us
by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from
the world and its ways, and to overcome the
devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all
evil of both body and soul, now and forever.
Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear
and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

“CROSS” REFERENCE *SD III 56*

Pastor: “The Great Exchange” is one of the ways that the gift of salvation given by Jesus Christ on the cross has been described. In the Solid Declaration, the Lutheran Confessions express that sacrificial gift of our Lord in this way: “Therefore, we believe, teach, and confess that the entire obedience of Christ’s entire person (which He has offered to the Father for us, even to His most humiliating death on the cross) is credited to us for righteousness.”

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Pastor: Together we sing of the Lamb of our salvation,
Jesus Christ as our offerings are being received.

OFFERING

HYMN

“The Lamb” *LSB 547 vs 1-3*
The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

(Please Stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God. You call us to be Your people who acknowledge our sin and who find our hope of salvation in You alone. Direct our lives in ways of faithfulness, discovering what is good and right and true and rejoicing in Your undeserved love for us. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord here given as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all

glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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: Lord God Almighty, we bless You for the gift of light eternal that is ours in Christ Jesus, who has called us into the brilliance of His eternal kingdom. Now gathered at Your Table, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await Your final coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify us, leading us into discovering what is good and right and true and renewing us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

People: (spoken) **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: (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 (we sing) 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 HYMNS

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB* 433 vs 1 - 4

**Glory be to Jesus
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood
From His sacred veins**

**Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find
Blest be His compassion
Infinitely kind**

**Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem**

**Abel’s blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries**

(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 (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.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have
 been fed and nourished with the body and blood
 of our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through
 this Holy Meal in faith toward You and in caring
 love toward one another as we live out our
 callings. With Your loving grace, hear our prayers
 and grant all that is best for us according to Your
 caring will. Grant us Your abiding peace as we
 await Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus,
 who is the way, the truth, and the life, we pray.

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

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” *LSB 563 vs 1-3*

**Jesus Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are my glorious dress
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day
Cleansed and redeemed no debt to pay
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear from guilt and shame**

**Lord I believe Thy precious blood
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty
Was also shed in love for me**

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

Bill Switter, Elder

Jim Bumgarner, Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Deadline

April, May, June Due by 3/28

Looking for a Treasurer

The position is open coming this June.
If you're interested, See Jim Bumgarner or an Elder

EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

April 1st at 12pm

Egg hunt, Refreshments & Magician!

All Children in area are invited!!

We need donations of CANDY! (We have enough eggs)
Please put donations in box on the table in the Narthex.

Want to stuff eggs? Please see Frances

Questions ask Frances or Pastor

Special thanks and commendations

to our choir for the songs of praise that they offer especially
to Marie, our organist. God bless you all!

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THE SEASON OF LENT:

April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday 9:30 AM

April 6, 2023, Maundy Thursday 7PM

April 7, 2023, Good Friday - (two services) noon and 7pm

APRIL 9, 2023, EASTER SUNDAY 9:30AM

BINGO!

March 29th

Quilting

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Attendance

Sunday March 12th 9:30 am 42

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Office at 313-565-9445. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

The Family of Albert Glueck, who was called to glory

Prayer of thanksgiving for my daughter Kim for the gift of hearing

Katie Berry, Nancy Dajos' sister – Hospice

Chuck, Nancy Dajos' nephew, prostate cancer

Jacob Shane, Son of Glenn Cairns, Health issues

Michelle Weatherspoon, recovering from Kidney transplant

Dave Hamilton, at home recovering

Gail Abke, Friend of Pam Benford, Pancreatic Cancer

Phyllis Witte, continuing rehabilitation at Aerius in Riverview

For your preparation for worship next Sunday, March 26th:

We Don't Deserve It

Text: Romans 8:1–11

Sermon Theme: In Jesus, there is no condemnation.

Sermon Goal: That everyone listening appreciate the significance and effect of Christ's substitutionary atonement for the sinner.

Sermon Outline

In Jesus, There Is No Condemnation.

- I. Because Jesus Christ came to be our substitute.
- II. Because we now live by the Spirit.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday March 19	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday March 22	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday March 23	10am Quilting
Friday March 24	Office Closed
Sunday March 26	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service