

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023



A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer,  
He bears the stripes,  
the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
"All this I gladly suffer." *LSB 438:1*

### **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: Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

(Please stand)

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN**

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" *LSB 592 vs 1,2,3 & 5*

**Dearest Jesus we are here**  
**Gladly Your command obeying**  
**With this child we now draw near**  
**In response to Your own saying**  
**That to You it shall be given**  
**As a child and heir of heaven**

**Your command is clear and plain  
 And we would obey it duly  
 You must all be born again  
 Heart and life renewing truly  
 Born of water and the Spirit  
 And my kingdom thus inherit**

**Therefore we come to You  
 In our arms this infant bearing  
 Truly here Your grace we view  
 May this child Your mercy sharing  
 In Your arms be shielded ever  
 Yours on earth and Yours forever**

**Now into Your heart we pour  
 Prayers that from our hearts proceeded  
 Our petitions heav'nward soar  
 May our hearts' desires be heeded  
 Write the name we now have given  
 Write it in the book of heaven**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **HOLY BAPTISMS**

**Alexandra Lori Lee Aubrey**

Daughter of Maxine Henderson – Wilson  
 & Richard Aubrey

Sponsors: Lisa Wilker & Jennifer Norris

**Ivory Rose-Addison Wilson**

Daughter of Avery Reels-Wilson

& Robert Gary III

Sponsors: Alvin Reels Sr., Vernika Greer & Kenya Martin

Pastor: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 6:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation.

But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidates through their parents:*

Pastor: How are you named?

R: **Alexandra Lori Lee Aubrey**

R: **Ivory Rose-Addison Wilson**

*Pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of candidate while saying:*

Pastor: **Alexandra Lori Lee Aubrey**, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Pastor: **Ivory Rose-Addison Wilson**, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgement You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Alaric according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has omitted since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of

unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*The pastor addresses the sponsors: Lisa Wilker & Jennifer Norris, Alvin Reels Sr., Vernika Greer & Kenya Martin*

Pastor: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

Pastor: is it your intention to serve Alexandra & Ivory as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

*Congregation please stand*

Pastor: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. but when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16 NKJV

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*The pastor places his hands on the Head of Alexandra & Ivory, and the congregation, together with parents and sponsors join in praying:*

People: Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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.

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**



*The pastor addresses Alexandra & Ivory and asks the following questions through their parents, sponsors and congregation as a statement of their belief:*

Pastor: Alexandra & Ivory, do you renounce the devil?

**R: Yes, I renounce him.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

**R: Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

**R: Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father  
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R: Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He  
descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits  
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead?

**R: Yes, I believe**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting?

**R: Yes, I believe**

Pastor: Alexandra & Ivory, do you desire to be baptized?

R: Yes, I do.

*Congregation, Please be seated*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

Pastor: Alexandra, I baptize you in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

Pastor: Ivory, I baptize you in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

Pastor: the almighty God and Father of the Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of  
water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all  
your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  
everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

*We light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized children while saying:*

Pastor: Receive this burning light to show that you  
are received Christ who is the Light of the world.  
Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever  
watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him  
with joy and enter with Him into the marriage  
feast of the lamb in His kingdom, which shall have  
no end.

*Alexandra & Ivory are welcomed with the following:*

Pastor: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made  
you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in  
the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We

receive you in Jesus' name as our brother and sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**People: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

(Please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarged Your family and have granted **Alexandra Lori Lee Aubrey** and **Ivory Rose-Addison Wilson** the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

Pastor: Peace be with you.

**People: (spoken) Amen**

(All return to their places and please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**People: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our 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.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, You are a gift and a blessing. You call us from death and despair to faith and faithfulness and assure of resurrection and life in Christ, who has brought about our atonement. Enlighten our hearts that we may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your presence in and among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1–14 ESV*

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews

upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### “The Mystery”

by Marie & Dave Brown

#### **EPISTLE** *Romans 8:1–11 ESV*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

**GRADUAL AND VERSE** *John 11:25, Hebrews 12:2*

**People:** I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

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

**Men:** 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:** I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eleventh chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 11:17–27, 38–53 ESV*

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said



to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do

you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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**

“There Is a Fountain” *TFFB 78 vs 1 & 3*

**There is a fountain filled with blood  
drawn from Immanuel's veins  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains  
lose all their guilty stains  
lose all their guilty stains  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains**

Thou dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
 shall never lose its pow'r  
 till all the ransomed church of God  
 be saved, to sin no more  
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## ++ SERMON ++

### **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.

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the Prayer of the Church)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus  
 Christ and for all people according to their needs.  
 We pray for all Christians around the world that, as  
 people united in faith, we may witness to the Good  
 News that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.  
 We beseech You, O Lord,

**People:** (spoken) **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

Pastor: We pray for all nations of the earth, that in all places on earth there may be times of peace. We pray for people in lands where there has been upset and strife. And we pray for our own nation that it may know safety and the people may be joyful in their daily lives. We beseech You, O Lord,

**People:** (spoken) **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

Pastor: We pray for all those whose labor serves us, especially those in the military, our police personnel, medical workers, and all those whose efforts support the common good. We beseech You, O Lord,

**People:** (spoken) **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

Pastor: We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes. We beseech You, O Lord,

**People:** (spoken) **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

Pastor: In this time of prayer, we remember all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and now rest from their labors. Lord, inspire us by the witness of the faithful from all generations that we may complete our earthly journeys with confidence in Your gracious promises as they did in their lifetimes. We beseech You, O Lord,

**People:** (spoken) **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## OFFERING IS RECEIVED

### HYMN

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”

*LSB 560 vs 1&2*

**Drawn to the cross which Thou has blessed**

**With healing gifts for souls distressed**

**To find in Thee my life my rest**

**Christ crucified**

**I come**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears**

**Thy grace abused my misspent years**

**Yet now to Thee with contrite tears**

**Christ crucified**

**I come**

### ✠ 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we bless You that in Jesus Christ, our perfect Substitute, You have shown us Your plan for us to live forever. As Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life," we find in Him the fullness of Your forgiving and limitless love. By the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to grow in faith, remaining steadfast in hope as we await the joys of heaven where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving You unending praise, 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, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for the ministry of our Lord Jesus, who brought healing and hope to those whose lives He touched. We rejoice that by His sacrificial death as our substitute and His glorious resurrection we know Him to be the source of everlasting life. Grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. By Your Spirit's power and presence, grant that we gratefully share the fellowship of Your Table, which extends into heaven with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## **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 HYMN**

*"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628 vs 1,3,& 6*

**Your table I approach**

**Dear Savior hear my prayer**

**Let not an unrepentant heart**

**Prove hurtful to me there**

**Your body and Your blood**

**Once slain and shed for me**

**Are taken at Your table Lord**

**In blest reality**



**Oh may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood  
O God my peace and light**

(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,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your great  
love for us is beyond comprehension. We thank  
You for granting us peace, pardon, and comfort at  
Your blessed Table where we find refreshment

and renewal. Strengthen us through what we have here received and keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth, bringing us to the eternal banquet in Your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“On A Hill Far Away” *TFBF 77 vs 1 & 2*

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
the emblem of suffering and shame  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
and exchange it some day for a crown**

**Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world  
has a wondrous attraction for me  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
and exchange it some day for a crown

## 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

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Newsletter Deadline

April, May, June Due by 3/28

### Easter Lilies!

\$10 per plant

Sign up this week & Next week.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> at 12pm

Egg hunt, Refreshments & Magician!

All Children in area are invited!!

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> & April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Quilting**

**Every** Thursday from 10am to 2pm

**Attendance**

Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>                      9:30 am    44

**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

**Marie Zowie**, upcoming hip surgery

**Eric Cairns**, thanksgiving for positive test results and continued healing/improvement

**Sandy Cairns**, hip pain/treatment for hip pain

**Barnet Martin**, recovering from stroke

**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

**Gail Abke**, Friend of Pam Benford, Pancreatic Cancer

**Phyllis Witte**, continuing rehabilitation at Aerius in Riverview

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday March 26	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday March 29	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday March 30	10am Quilting
Friday March 31	Office Closed
Saturday April 1	12pm Easter Egg Hung
Sunday April 2	Palm Sunday 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service