

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023



What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head!

LSB 561:3

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: “X marks the spot” is a reminder that a cross, whether on a treasure map or on a police investigation site outline, has a special meaning. It indicates what is at the center and is of greatest importance. In the Small Catechism, Dr. Martin Luther directs Christian people to make the sign of the cross to begin their day, as he writes, “In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross” (*LSB*, p. 327). He commends the same sacred action at the close of the day, writing, “In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross” (*LSB*, p. 327). The purpose of making the sign of the cross, whether at home or in conjunction with our worship, is to indicate that all our lives are marked by the redeeming action of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross for us and for our salvation. It is a most blessed sign!

(Please stand)

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *LSB 656 verses 1 & 2*

**A mighty fortress is our God,
 A trusty shield and weapon
 He helps us free from ev’ry need
 That hath us now o’er-taken
 The old evil foe
 Now means deadly woe**

Deep guile and great might
 Are his dread arms in fight
 On earth is not his equal

With might of ours can naught be done
 Soon were our loss effected
 But for us fights the valiant One
 Whom God Himself elected
 Ask ye Who is this
 Jesus Christ it is
 Of Sabaoth Lord
 And there's none other God
 He holds the field forever

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:3–4, 5b; 61:1–2a*

Pastor: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;

**People: from the end of the earth I call to You when my
 heart is faint.**

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead
 me;

**People: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your
 dwelling!**

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my
 exceeding joy,

**People: and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my
 God.**

Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

People: my salvation and my God.

(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 heavenly Father.

People: Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our daily lives we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

People: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

Women: *With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.*

Men: *Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.*

Women: *For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

Men: *You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.*

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.

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

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

“The Lamb” LSB 547 vs 1-4

**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!**

**He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.**

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

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 3:1–21 ESV*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman,

“What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field ;on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Just as I am, Lord”

Duet: Marie & Dave Brown

EPISTLE *Romans 5:12–19 ESV*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Ephesians 6:11; Hebrews 12:2*

People: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

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: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

(Please stand)

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1–11 ESV*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot

against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

“We Shall Overcome” *TFBF 213 vs 1, 2, 5*

We shall overcome,

We shall overcome

We shall overcome someday

Oh deep in our hearts

We do believe we shall overcome

We’ll walk hand in hand

We’ll walk hand in hand

We’ll walk hand in hand someday

Oh deep in our hearts we do believe

We’ll walk hand in hand someday

**We are not afraid
 We are not afraid
 We are not afraid today
 Oh deep in our hearts we do believe
 We are not afraid today**

++ SERMON ++

We Shall Overcome

Text: Romans 8:31–39

Theme of the Day: Nothing can separate us from God’s love.

Goal of the Message: To encourage confident trust in the grace of God in spite of life’s trials and tribulations.

CATECHISM *The Third Article*

Pastor: The Gospel appointed for the First Sunday in Lent begins by telling us that “Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1). These words remind us of the close interworking of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity all through the earthly life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we confess the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther’s Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

People: I 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. Amen.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we begin our observance of Lent, Lord, we pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Assure us that You are with us in every place, and defend us from the assaults of the evil one. Help us to treasure the cross in our hearts as it reveals Your loving purpose, and enable us to show our thankfulness for our full salvation in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Support and ever defend Your Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word that is able to make us wise unto salvation. Grant

us every blessing through the Holy Sacraments, making us perfect in love and in all good works, especially to those of the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office or discharge responsibility in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may be nurtured and Your kingdom increase. We pray for officers of congregations and all those who serve in groups and on committees and individually where the tasks completed are often visible only to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into a world that is dark and often hostile, send the light of Your truth. Raise up faithful and courageous servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home in urban, suburban, and rural settings, and also in distant lands around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead safe and peaceable lives. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve the people in their areas of responsibility according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bestow Your blessings on the schools of the Church and upon all seminaries, colleges, universities, and centers of research, and those who teach and work in them. Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Maintain our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents or other family caregivers to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless us in each season, Lord. Let Your blessing remain upon seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and rest, and the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity,
 ++++++ Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all with special needs a full measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Enable us to be instruments of care according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember with affection and gratitude those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [*especially* . . .]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

“CROSS” REFERENCE *Ap XXIV 56*

Pastor: There are numerous references to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Lutheran Confessions. These documents present the truth of our faith in Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice for sin that brings us reconciliation with God for time and eternity. In the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, a document that expands on previous expressions of the beliefs of Lutherans, it is written, “In the Old Testament, sacrifices did not merit reconciliation, except as a picture (for they merited civil reconciliation), but they illustrated the coming sacrifice. This means that Christ is the only sacrifice applied on behalf of the sins of others. Therefore, in the New Testament, no sacrifice is left to be applied for the sins of others, except the one sacrifice of Christ upon the cross.”

The cross of Jesus Christ is frequently called “the

tree” in Lenten hymns—as it is in “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted.” This classic Passiontide hymn, written in Ireland by writer Thomas Kelly in the nineteenth century, underscores the theme of the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf.

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HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” *LSB* 451 vs 1

**Stricken smitten and afflicted
See Him dying on the tree
‘Tis the Christ by man rejected
Yes my soul ‘tis He ‘tis He
‘Tis the long expected
Prophet David’s Son yet David’s Lord
Proofs I see sufficient of it
‘Tis the true and faithful Word**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

OFFERING HYMN

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” *LSB* 781 vs 1 & 2

**We give Thee but Thine own
What-e’er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee**

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first-fruits give**

(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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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: (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

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 HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” *LSB 437 vs 1-4*

**Alas and did my Savior bleed
 And did my sov'reign die
 Would He devote that sacred head
 For such a worm as I**

**Was it for crimes that I had done
 He groaned upon the tree
 Amazing pity grace unknown
 And love beyond degree**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide
 And shut its glories in
 When God the mighty maker died
 For His own creatures' sin**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face
 While His dear cross appears
 Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
 And melt my eyes to tears**

(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.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father and King eternal, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we may live with purpose, confidently resist temptation, and through acts of mercy share Your blessings. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me” *TFBF 249*

Jesus loves me!

This I know,

for the Bible tells me so

Little ones to him belong

They are weak but he is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes Jesus loves me

The Bible tells me so

**Jesus loves me!
He who died
heaven's gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so**

**Jesus loves me!
Loves me still
Through I'm very weak and ill
From his shining throne on high
Comes to watch me where I lie**

**Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so**

**Jesus loves me!
He will stay
Close beside me all the way
When at last I come to die
He will take me home on high**

**Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so**

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

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Wanna stuff eggs? Please see Frances

Questions ask Frances or Pastor

Circuit Youth Group Meeting

Hosted by Mt. Hope

March 19th

2pm to 4pm

All 6th – 12th Graders Welcome!

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 15th & 29th**Quilting**March 16th & 30th**Attendance**Sunday February 19th 9:30 am 45**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**Marie Brown – March 10th**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**Albert Glueck, at home***For Those Who Are Sick or Healing****Albert Glueck**, health issues**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



It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the death of our Classroom 1 teacher, friend and coworker, Jacqueline Jones (Miss Jackie), who passed away on Sunday February 26, 2023 after a short illness. Miss Jackie will forever be remembered by all the preschool students she taught in her long career as a teacher. She was a dedicated teacher and very special person. We know she is home with the Lord. We will all miss her more than words can express.

To help you prepare for next Sunday

Lessons: Genesis 12:1–9; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

This is the way

Text: John 3:1–17

Theme: This is the way God loved the world.

Goal: That all listening, though knowing they will die, yet believe God saves the world by way of Jesus' death.

Outline

1. God conquered death through Moses and a bronze serpent.
2. Now God is conquering death through Jesus. This Is the Way God Loved the World.
3. Thus the suffering and death we endure will not endure.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday March 5	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday March 8	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday March 9	Office Closed
Friday March 10	Office Open 8:30am to 1:30pm
Sunday March 12	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service



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