SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Greater Testimony May 12, 2024



[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one." John 17:11b

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

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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: This Sunday is a bridge between the
Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. Upon the
Lord's Ascension, the disciples were not left alone.
They had the Word of the Lord and the promise of
the Spirit to make known to them all that Jesus
said and did. With the testimony of God's Word
and the witnesses to the Lord's resurrection and
ascension, the Church learned to trust in what the
Lord had accomplished for their salvation and to
be bold in witness to the truth of this Gospel. The
Lord is still working in us through the testimony of
His Word so that we may be His witnesses
emboldened by the Spirit.

(Please stand)

₩ PREPARATION ₩

HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901 vs 1, 3 & 5

Open now Thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him, who answers prayer,
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace.

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed; May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

People: I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship

and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. But for the promise of Christ, I would have no hope. Because of Christ's promise, I am made bold to ask for mercy. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7 Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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. 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.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

People: glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy spirt; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly

King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten
Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the
heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind
and continually dwell there with Him, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You have given us Your Word and with it Your Spirit, that by the testimony of the prophets and evangelists, we may know the truth that sets us free from sin and fear. Guard Your Word within us, that by this faithful testimony we may be made bold in witness and faithful in service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING Acts 1:12–26 ESV

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessed Assurance"
Sung by Jim Bumgarner

EPISTLE 1 John 5:9–15 ESV

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that

you have eternal life. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GRADUAL adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

VERSE Romans 6:9; John 14:18

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:11b–19 ESV

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LSB 493 vs 1, 2 & 4

A hymn of glory let us sing
New hymns throughout
the world shall ring
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His faithful followers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

"You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Here after Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

++ **SERMON** ++

The Greater Testimony

Text: 1 John 5:9-15 the Epistle Lesson

Because the Father given us his testimony in his son, we testify to the life we have in Christ by the spirt.

(Please stand)

Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ¥ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In Your great mercy, O Lord, You have accomplished all things for our salvation and bore upon Your Son the cost of our redemption. Deliver us from doubt and fear that we may know with courage the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and be made bold to confess this truth before the world. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In Your mercy You sustained Your church in the time of waiting for the promise of the Spirit to be fulfilled. Sustain us in our wait for the completion of all that Christ began by His death and resurrection that we not grow weary of trusting You nor betray the hope You planted in us in our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Guide Your church, O Lord, that we be united in faith and proclaim with one voice Him whose death, resurrection, and ascension have delivered us from sin and its death. Make us of one mind and one heart that we serve our neighbor with joy to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver us from war and violence, and bless us with good and honest leaders who will hear the voice of Your Word and act on our behalf that we may live holy, upright, and godly lives in this place. Bless those who protect us here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the midst of temptation, make us strong, and in the midst of trials help us endure with patience and conviction the days of trouble. Bless especially those who suffer illness or infirmity, grief, or pain, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Keep Your church and the work of the Kingdom ever before us that we may daily pray to the Father even as our Lord continues to intercede on our behalf. Uplift us in hope that what we pray for we may be willing to work toward, until that day when all our enemies and trials shall end and we shall be united with the saints who went before us, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Prepare our hearts, O Lord, that we may approach Your altar with repentance and the confession of Your body and blood and here receive to our blessing the very body and blood of Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need we pray You to grant us for the sake of and in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

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

▼ SACRAMENT ▼

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Please stand)

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is good, right, and our very duty to praise You, almighty Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose death and resurrection have borne the good fruit of salvation for all who believe. Having shown to us His mercy, clothing us in His righteousness, grant that we be faithful in witness and fervent in love toward those who do not yet know Him. Bring us

at last with all the saints of old and all the heavenly host, so that we may join their unending hymn, praising Your holy name and saying:

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, blessed are You. In Your goodness You made all things and You created us to be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom without end. We give You thanks that our Lord Jesus Christ has rescued. us from sin and its death and delivered us into Your kingdom so that we might live now to the praise of Your glory and at last be joined with the faithful who have gone before us and now rest from their labors. Grant us grace that as we are instructed in the doctrine of the blessed apostles and evangelists we may be united in faith, devoted to prayer, and bold in mission and service. Help us that by this Holy Communion we may be nourished and strengthened in faith and in the confession of Your holy name.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ♣ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Giving thanks for our Savior's

incarnation and holy life, passion and death, resurrection and ascension, and looking forward to His coming again, we praise You for Your goodness toward us. In this foretaste of the eternal feast, we pray that You will bring to completion all that You have begun in us, and, at last, deliver us to everlasting life through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Come O Savior to Your Table" LSB 618 vs 1 & 2

I Come O Savior to Thy table For weak and weary is my soul Thou Bread of Life alone art able To satisfy and make me whole Lord may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who Lord to Thee in faith are turning
So I a sinner come to Thee

Lord may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good

(Please stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) Amen

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Lord, mighty God, everlasting Father, You spoke through the apostles and prophets to make known Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the salvation He has accomplished for us. Speak hope and courage into our hearts that we may boldly proclaim Jesus Christ and His work for our salvation. Prepare the hearts of those who hear that the Spirit may bring forth in them the faith to acknowledge all His goodness for our redemption; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

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

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832 vs 1, 2, & 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Does its successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head; His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Ken Kosmalski, Elder
Carolyn Kimbrough, Reader
Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Saturday Church May 18th

Save the Date

June 2nd at 9:30am
Salam Ayagri will be joining us from Africa
Potluck to follow, please sign up in Narthex

Save the Date

Circuit Youth are invited here to Mount Hope on May 19th, 4-6 P.M.

Voter's Meeting JUNE 9th

Spots Open for Nominations:

Secretary
Director of Fellowship
Director of Trustee

VBS is Coming....

Monday May 20- Thursday May 23 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm We need volunteers, please see Pastor or Frances.

BINGO!

May 15th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday May 5th

9:30 am 31

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary Birthdays

Jon Corona - May 12th Laurie Pignanelli - May 15th

For the Shut-Ins

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons
Dorothy MacTavish, at home
Camell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at rehab
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

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

Bill Switter, praise for good test results

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

Peggy Rankin, Illness

Rhonda Janzewski, friend of Lisa trout, Called to glory

Gabe Melendez, Graduating High School

Cameron Driscoll, Graduating High School

The Family of Bev Kero, who was called to glory

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

Emma, Eric Cairns friend, recovering from Surgery **Pat Manno**, Dave & Sis Hamilton's friend, Hospitalized

Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
May 12	Bible Study after Service
Tuesday	6:30pm Elder Mtg
May 14	7:00pm Council Mtg
Wednesday May 15	10:30 am Bible Study 6pm BINGO
Thursday May 16	10am Quilting
Friday May 17	Office Closed
Saturday May 18	NO SATURDAY CHURCH
Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
May 19	Bible Study after Service