

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023



God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound  
of a trumpet. *Psalm 47:5*

## **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: We gather together to celebrate Christ the King taking His rightful seat of victory, in glory, honor, and authority at God the Father's right hand. With the ancient worshipers, who clapped their hands and shouted praises to God at the coronation of their king, we rejoice in the victory Jesus earned for us by His death for our sin and His resurrection over death's grave. Our praises keep rolling from our Easter celebration some forty days ago, all the way to today and even beyond, as we witness that Jesus' ascension is the capstone of His victory. Scepter in hand and seated upon His throne, Christ reigns over all things in heaven and on earth. We are honored to be in His presence this day and receive from our King the gifts He gracefully bestows.

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(Please stand)

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

## HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” *LSB 493 vs 1 & 2*

**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! 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!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## INVOCATION

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

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

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Based on Colossians 1:15–19*

Pastor: Let us come before our Lord and King in a time of  
confession so that we may receive assurance of  
His mercy and forgiveness.

*We take a moment of silence for personal prayers and reflection.*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**People: All things have been created by You: things in heaven and things on earth, visible and invisible.**

Pastor: All things are Yours, including us. We have been created by You and for Your glory.

**People: Yet our sinfulness separates us from You and Your will for our lives. By what we do and what we fail to do, we fall apart without You holding us together.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, in all things You reign supreme. You are the King of all, the Sovereign of our souls. God the Father dwells fully in You.

**People: By Your blood, You have reconciled us to the Father. By Your cross, grant us Your forgiveness and peace. Amen.**

Pastor: Our merciful God is pleased to have all His fullness dwell in His crucified, risen, and ascended Son, Jesus Christ. He alone is the image of God, and in Him all things hold together. Through faith in Christ, you and I have been reconciled to God and stand renewed in His presence. As a called and ordained servant of Christ the King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,

**People: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Pastor: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand,

**People: until I make Your enemies Your footstool."**

Pastor: The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

**People: The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,

**People: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**KYRIE** (spoken)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us**

**Christ, have mercy upon us**

**Lord, have mercy upon us**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" *LSB 493 vs 3*

**To them the shining angels cry,**

**"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is the Savior!" thus they say;**

**"This is His glorious triumph day."**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended to His throne of victory,

**People: grant that we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him,**

Pastor: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

(Please be seated)

## FIRST READING *Acts 1:1–11* ESV

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It

is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM** *Psalm 47*

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

Pastor: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**People: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**



Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

**People: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.**

Pastor: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**People: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted! 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.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 1:15–23 ESV*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

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

**People: Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 24:44–53 ESV*

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS –**

Please pass your requests & YELLOW attendance cards 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**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” *LSB 493 vs 4 & 6*

**"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!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(Please stand on verse 6)

**O risen Christ ascended Lord  
All praise to You let earth accord**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**You are while endless ages run  
With Father and with Spirit one**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

**++ SERMON ++****The Throne of Victory****Text:** Psalm 47**Theme:** Jesus ascending to his throne of honor shouts out that he has won the victory.**Goal:** That everyone listening recognize in Jesus' ascension that he is victor over sin, death, and the devil, that he therefore rules our lives with grace and mercy, and that he gives us the same victory by faith in him.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

**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: The King invites His people to boldly pray and seek His will for our lives.

Loving Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to bear our sins and to be our Savior. By His death, He has destroyed death. By His rising to new life, He has given to us the guarantee of life forever with You. By His ascension to heaven's glorious throne, He has proven that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **reign in our hearts.**

Pastor: Sovereign of all, we thank You that nothing is hidden from Your sight. In mercy, You have redeemed Your fallen creation by reconciling sinners to their Creator through the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross. Look with favor upon us and our families, our congregation and our community, guiding our steps in the way of peace. Grant boldness to all who bear Your name, raising up faithful men and women who serve in

positions of leadership among us, that we each may live out our callings under Your authority and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **reign in our hearts.**

Pastor: Restoring Redeemer, the brokenness of our lives bears witness to the fact that, without You holding us together, we are lost and hopeless. Rescue those who despair, and grant patience to those suffering in times of trial, anguish, and loss. Comfort those who are saddened by the death of those they love. Fill with perfect peace those who belong to You, ++++++Let all who hunger and thirst for what You alone can give find their solace and rest in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **reign in our hearts.**

Pastor: Crucified, risen, and exalted King, our Lord Jesus, with the ancient worshipers who clapped their hands and shouted their praises at the coronation of their sovereign, we rejoice in Your exaltation to the Father's glory and in Your promise to come again. Preserve us in faith until that coming, glorious, and awesome Day! Instill in us an ever-deepening reliance upon Your Word and Spirit. Create in us hearts that are ready to receive Your presence as You draw near to us again this day in Your body and blood. Make us one, Lord, even as You are one. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **reign in our hearts.**

Pastor: With confidence in the King who reigns supreme and governs all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of His people, we entrust our prayers into Your care, O gracious Father, for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

(Please be seated as the offering is being received)

## **OFFERING IS RECEIVED**

### **HYMN**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *LSB 425 vs 1,2 & 4*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a tribute far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all**

(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, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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, to humble Himself for our salvation and now reign at Your right hand on the throne of victory, where He rules over all things as King of kings and Lord of lords. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You 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: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who rescued us from sin and death, providing for us the way to life forever with You. We praise You for His resurrection victory and draw strength from His ascension to His glorious throne, where He now sits in authority at Your right hand. Gather Your people from every corner of the earth that we may sing Your praises and receive the mercy of our King. For to You alone, O God, we give our heartfelt thanks and endless praise. Hear us now as we pray in the name of Jesus, our King, and in the words 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.**

## **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.”

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

**AGNUS DEI** *(Sung) LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628 vs 1,3,& 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.

O God the Father, the One who reigns in glory  
with Your Son and is seated upon His throne of  
victory, we thank You that for His sake You have  
given us pardon and peace in this sacred sharing  
of His body and blood.

**People: Reign in us as we trust in You as King of kings  
and Lord of lords.**

Pastor: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord and King, 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 King invites us to trust in Him as He watches  
over us and blesses us. 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**

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” *LSB 917 vs 1 & 4*

**Savior again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease  
Then lowly bending wait Thy word of peace**

**Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife  
Then when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease  
Call us O Lord to Thine eternal peace**

### **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

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Voter's Meeting JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>*

Spots Open for nominations:

Executive Director

Treasurer

Chairman of Board of Elders

Caring & Fellowship

Youth Ministry

*BINGO!*

May 24<sup>th</sup>

*Quilting*

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

### Attendance

Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am 61

### Prayer List

**If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-982-7417.** Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### Anniversary

### **Birthdays**

Kim Kosmalski – May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Jennifer Wilson – May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Eric Cairns – May 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Frances Ladach – May 26<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Judy Ohannasian, at home*  
*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*  
*Camell Faulk, at home*  
*Phyllis Witte, at Home*  
*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*  
*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**The Family of Phyllis Dasher**, passed away May 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Mary Bigliardi**, Prayers for good test results  
**Molly Nigro**, Glenn Carins' Friend's Daughter,  
 Hospitalized  
**Chevy Pratt**, Friend of Glenn Cairns, Recovering from  
 surgery  
**Leann Gibbs**, Pat Bates daughter, Accident  
**Mason Laffaltha**, Paul Utcai;s Nephew, hospitalized;  
**Shena**, the granddaughter of Nancy Dajos. Pray for  
 comfort for Shena and her entire family;  
**Pat Beckett**, massive stroke  
**Gail Abke**, Friend of Pam Benford, Pancreatic Cancer

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday May 21	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday May 24	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday May 25	10am Quilting
Friday May 26	Office Closed
Sunday May 28	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service