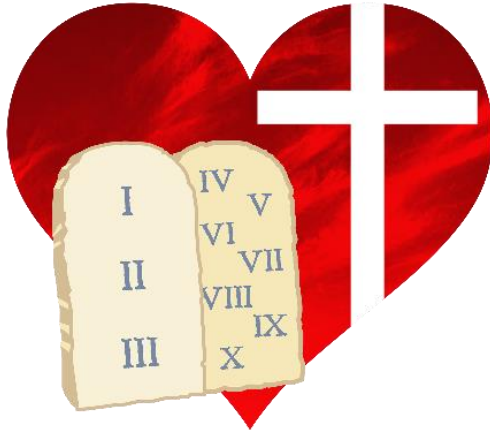


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Abiding in Christ's Love

May 5, 2024



[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” *John 15:9–10*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: A treasured children’s song, “I Love to Tell the Story, has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: “I love to tell the story; ’Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.” The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word “love” either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus’ words heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love that compels us to love one another—and the “others” beyond our circles of family, friends, and other close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the “old, old story of Jesus and His love” anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Jesus Thy blood and righteousness” *LSB* 563 vs 1-4

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

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

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

**Lord I believe were sinners more
 Than sands upon the ocean shore
 Thou hast for all a ransom paid
 For all a full atonement made**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 146:1–2, 5, 10*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have
 my being.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
 to all generations.

People: Praise the LORD!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

Pastor: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

**People: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the
glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of
His praise be heard,

**People: who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my
prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

**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.**

Pastor: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will
tell what He has done for my soul.

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: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another that we may abide in Your grace and may bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–48* ESV

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all

Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 98*

People: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Women: *The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

Men: *He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Women: *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

Men: *With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

Women: *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.*

Men: *He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

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.

EPISTLE *1 John 5:1–8* ESV

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

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

People: Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9–17 ESV*

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *LSB 702*

My faith looks up to Thee

Thou Lamb of Calvary

Savior divine

Now hear me while I pray

Take all my guilt away

O let me from this day

Be wholly Thine

May Thy rich grace impart

Strength to my fainting heart

My zeal inspire

As Thou hast died for me

Oh may my love to Thee

Pure warm and changeless be

A living fire

While life's dark maze I tread

And griefs around me spread

Be Thou my guide

Bid darkness turn to day

Wipe sorrow's tears away

Nor let me ever stray

From Thee aside

**When ends life's transient dream
 When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall over me roll
 Blest Savior then in love
 Fear and distrust remove
 O bear me safe above
 A ransomed soul**

++ SERMON ++

Abiding in Christ's love

(Please stand)

CREED *The Third Article*

Pastor: The First Reading today tells how the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Gentiles as well as to Jews—which includes all the peoples of the world. Sharing words of faith confessed around the world, we speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity and then express our confession of its meaning in the Small Catechism words of Martin Luther.

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 for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We thank God for the Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Also, we pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 784 vs 1-4*

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of Thy Love

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee

**Take my voice and let me sing
 Always only for my King
 Take my lips and let them be
 Filled with messages from Thee**

**Take my silver and my gold
 Not a mite would I withhold
 Take my intellect and use
 Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose**

✠ 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.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, whom to know is everlasting life, we are granted all good things and are directed in ways of peace. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your benediction that we may abide in Your love, sharing that wondrous love in all our words and deeds throughout our life's journey on earth. Together with angels and archangels and with all

that rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS *(we sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He, Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth.

We bless You now for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to give us assurance of Your fatherly care, knowing that all of our days are spent in God's sight. Directed by Your Holy Spirit and reflecting Your limitless love toward us, grant that we abide in Christ's love, awaiting the fulfilled promise of eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels gather around Your throne in glory everlasting.

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: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: 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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *LSB 770*

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

Oh, what peace we often forfeit;

Oh, what needless pain we bear

**All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!**

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.**

(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 COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, once again You have welcomed us at Your Table of grace. Grant that this Sacrament that we have now received may strengthen us so that we may abide in loving service day by day. As we have shared in the blessings of Your Table, grant that we live each day as Your people who see people around us as You see them and love them as You love them. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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

“I Love to Tell the Story” *CW 562, AGPS 128*

**I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story, Because I know it’s true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.**

**I love to tell the story; ’Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
 Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
 And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
 'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
 To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

Text: Arabella Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911, alt. Public domain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

More information to come

Looking for Volunteers to help pass out flyers & put posters up. Speak with Pastor or Frances

BINGO!

May 15th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday April 28th

9:30 am 52

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

Kelly & Jon Corona – May 11th

Birthdays

Bill Switter – May 6th

Janet Witte – May 8th

Linda Hurst – May 9th

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

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday May 5	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday May 8	10:30 am Bible Study
Thursday May 9	10am Quilting
Friday May 10	Office Closed
Saturday May 11	5pm Service w/HC
Sunday May 12	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service

