

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may row up into salvation.

1 Peter 2:2

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

Liturgist: As we continue through the Joyful Season of Easter, we should remember there is more to our future lives than what we experience here on earth. The future for all Christians is to spend an Eternity in Heave with our Crucified and Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. This should be the goal for all people. This can only me accomplished through faith in our risen Savior and the power of the Holy Spirit. May God bless our worship this morning.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” *LSB 480 vs 1-3*

**He's risen He's risen Christ Jesus the Lord
He opened death's prison the incarnate true Word
Break forth hosts of heaven in jubilant song
And earth sea and mountain their praises prolong**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer
For Jesus was slain whom the evil ones fear**

**But short was their triumph the Savior arose
 And death hell and Satan He vanquished His foes
 The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high
 He lives yes He lives and will nevermore die**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgist: In a little while you will see me no more.

People: And then after a little while you will see me.

Liturgist: I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

People: No one come to the Father except through Me.

Liturgist: I will praise the Lord all of my life

People: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Liturgist: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.

People: Whose hope is in the Lord his God.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor,
 miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and
 iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and
 justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal
 punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and**

sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Liturgist: upon this our confession and because of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross and His Victorious Resurrection from the dead, we know our sins are forgiven in the Name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen, We are forgiven. Our souls are restored in Christ.

(Please seated)

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” LSB 480 vs 4 & 5

**O where is your sting death we fear you no more
Christ rose and now open is fair Eden's door
For all our transgressions His blood does atone
Redeemed and forgiven we now are His own**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice
Proclaim the best tidings that all may rejoice
Laud honor and praise to the Lamb that was slain
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist: Let us pray.

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore, grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 6:1-7 ESV*

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the

disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:2-10 ESV*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Liturgist: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the
Fourteenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14: 1-14 ESV*

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Liturgist: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives” LSB 468

**I am content! My Jesus ever lives
In whom my heart is pleased
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,
God’s wrath He has appeased
Since He in death could perish never
I also shall not die forever
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! My Jesus is my head
His member I shall be
He bowed His head when on the cross
He died with cries of agony
Now death is brought into subjection
For me by Jesus’ resurrection
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! My Jesus is my light
My radiant sun of grace
His cheering rays beam blessing forth for all
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace
This Easter sun has brought salvation
And everlasting exultation
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! At length I shall be free
Awakened from the dead
Arising glorious evermore to be
with you my living head
The chains that hold my body, sever
Then shall my soul rejoice forever
I am content! I am content!**

++ SERMON ++

Based on the Gospel

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith in the words of
the Nicene creed)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Incorporating LSB 709:6*

Liturgist: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.
Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Liturgist: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Liturgist: Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore you to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered from it or are in doubt through the corruption of Your truth. Mercifully visit and restore them that in gladness of heart they may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Liturgist: Almighty God, because of Your tender love toward us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Liturgist: Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, +++++. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus, where You will prepare a table before us, and we shall dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Liturgist: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, +++++. Have mercy upon them, and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Liturgist: Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on Bill Switter, Janet Witte, Linda Hurst and Jon Corona as they celebrate their birthday. Grant that they continue to grow in wisdom and grace through Your Holy Word all the days of their lives. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Liturgist: Heavenly Father, we commend to You all for who we pray, trusting in Your promises, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

(Please be seated as the offering is being received)

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

OFFERING HYMN

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” *LSB 781 vs 1 – 3*

**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**

**Oh hearts are bruised and dead
And homes are bare and cold
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

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

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Liturgist: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the Good Shepherd who leads us to the green pastures and still waters of Your Word and Sacraments.

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

Liturgist: 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 lead us in paths of righteousness and to restore our souls through Your forgiveness and life. Grant us faithfully to eat Christ's 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

Liturgist: 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 \times 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

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

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Liturgist: 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

Liturgist: 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 HYMNS

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 Oh, may I then in Him be found,
 Clothed in His righteousness alone,
 Redeemed to stand before the throne!
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing,
 followed by the Post-Communion Canticle THE NUNC DIMITTIS)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Liturgist: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 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

Liturgist: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You
 have led us to the green pastures and still waters
 of this Meal, and we pray that You would continue

to lead us on the paths of righteousness, devoted wholly to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Liturgist: 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

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB 461 vs 1, 2, 7 & 8*

I Know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my everliving head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;

He lives eternally to save;

He lives all glorious in the sky

He lives exalted there on high

He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives, and I shall conquer death;

He lives my mansion to prepare;

He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives my Jesus still the same
 Oh the sweet joy this sentence gives
 I know that my Redeemer lives

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Ken Kosmalski, Liturgist
 Marie Brown, Organist
 Bill Switter, Elder
 Jim Bumgarner, Reader
 Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Karen Bumgarner

Thank you for all the prayers.

Looking for a Treasurer

The position is open coming this June.

If you're interested, See Jim Bumgarner or an Elder

BINGO!

May 10th & 24th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday April 30th 9:30 am 31

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

Kelley & Jon Corona – May 11th

Birthdays

Bill Switter – May 6th

Janet Witte – May 8th

Linda Hurst – May 9th

Jon Corona – May 12th

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at Aerius

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Pastor & Ruth, COVID/ Quarantine

Kris Morrison, sister-in-law of Glenn Cairns, passed away April 30th

The Family of Butch Allen, friends of Dave & Sis Hamilton, passed away

Leann Gibbs, Pat Bates daughter, Accident

Liturgist David Burgess, who preceded Liturgist Griffin at St. Philips, at home and on rehab;

Phyllis Dasher, hospitalized

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

Katie Berry, Nancy Dajos' sister – Hospice

Jacob Shane, Son of Glenn Cairns, Health issues

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday May 7	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service
Tuesday May 9	6:30pm Elder 7:00pm Council
Wednesday May 10	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday May 11	10am Quilting
Friday May 12	Office Closed
Sunday May 14	Mother's Day 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service