TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Coming... Really! November 12, 2023



Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. *Matthew 25:13*

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

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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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 RINGING OF THE BELLS PREPARATION

Pastor: What do you do when you wait? What do others do? Whether sitting in the lobby of a doctor's office, or stuck behind a mile of cars in traffic, or counting down the days until an exciting event—what is done while waiting? Some seek distraction through technology to pass the time, others watch the time slowly pass, and still others wait impatiently, made known through verbal and nonverbal ways. How about when it comes to Jesus? What do we do while we wait for Him? Rather than seeking distractions to pass the time or feverishly looking at a clock while growing impatient, we are instead called to wait for Him in faith. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we wait in faith with more than oil in our lamps faith in our hearts and on our lips until we meet the Bridegroom at the marriage feast.

▼ PREPARATION

(Please stand)

HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" LSB 905 vs 1
Come Thou almighty King
Help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious
O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us
Ancient of Days

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10
Pastor: Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?

People: Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

Pastor: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

People: For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

Pastor: At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

People: The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" LSB 905 vs 2
Come Thou incarnate Word
Gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13 Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when

Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.

People: We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.

Pastor: As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.

People: We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.

People: We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.

Pastor: But let justice roll down like waters,

People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Pastor: And so we will always be with the Lord.

People: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to "watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD

INTROIT Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Pastor: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

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 God, we do not know the day nor the hour of the coming in glory of the Bridegroom, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: As we wait, continue to nourish our faith until we enter the eternal wedding feast,

Pastor: through 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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 5:18–24 ESV

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, **People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 ESV

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE Matthew 25:13

Pastor: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1–13 ESV

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" LSB 516 vs 1
Wake, awake, for night is flying
The watchmen on the heights are crying
Awake, Jerusalem, arise
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices
Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise
The Bridegroom comes, awake
Your lamps with gladness take
Alleluia
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near

(Please be seated)

++ **SERMON** ++

The Lord is Coming....Really!
Text: Matthew 25:1-13 Gospel Lesson

(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 knee, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with "Amen." Derived from a Hebrew verb, amen means "certainty" or "to confirm." As Martin Luther put it, amen means, "Yes, yes, it shall be so." As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" We, in our wait, come to our Lord in

prayer, proclaim our "amens," and confidently invite Him to come. Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

" Amazing Grace " LSB 744 vs 1-3

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
His grace has brought me safe thus far
His grace will lead me home

(Please stand)

▼ 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who alone knows the day and the hour of the last day to once and for all redeem Your creation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we wait on Him, we receive Him now as He comes to us in His body and blood, for He has prepared this feast through His death and resurrection and will prepare the eternal wedding feast when the Son of Man comes. 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 (sing) LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He Blessed is He
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory,

honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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 the bridegroom 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 HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy 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.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) 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

Psalm 136:1

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, **People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that in our waiting upon You, we have been gathered

together in fellowship at Your Table with sins forgiven and faith nourished. We thank You for the foretaste of the wedding feast to come when the Son of Man comes and we will live with You who lives and reigns Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSE

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20-21

Pastor: But let justice roll down like waters,

People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Pastor: And so we will always be with the Lord.

People: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: Watch therefore,

People: for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I

am coming soon."

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

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

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus" LSB 919 vs 1-3
Abide O dearest Jesus
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place

Abide O dear Redeemer
Among us with Your Word
And thus now and here-after
True peace and joy afford

Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us precious Light
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night

ANNOUNCMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Now until December 12th
Accepting new, unwrapped toys & games for all ages.
Please place them in box under the coat rack.

BINGO!

November 22nd

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday November 5th

9:30 am 33

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

Amy, Frank & Laurie's daughter Bonnie Reeck – November 13th Barb Coble – November 15th

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home
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

Robin Wilson, Lori Wilson's Sister, Traveling Home
Denis Glueck, recovering from surgery
The Family of Clavin Vincent, Glen Cairns co- worker,
passed away.

Delores Kucharczyk, friend of Pam Benford, healing from hip replacement

A.C Roche, Glenn Cairns Co-worker, recovering from Treatments

Friend of The Pignanelli's, Pancreatic cancer **Amanda Mardigean**, friend of Pignanelli's, back surgery **Melvin Kimbrough**, Prayers of thanksgiving for God's

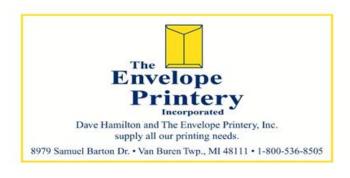
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Kathy Rusko, Neighbor of Trout's, prayers for treatment and upcoming surgery

John Maceroni, Nephew of Frank & Laurie, Heart Attack Ed Sawicki, Pam Benford friend, Injured knee Bill Switter, continued improvements Mack Mayfield, Severe Hip pain

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
November 12	Bible Study after service
Wednesday	10:30am Bible Study
November 15	
Thursday	10:00am Quilting
November 16	
Friday	Office Closed
November 17	
Saturday	5:00pm Church Service
November 18	Sidopini dilateni del vide
Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
November 19	Bible Study after service





Dates:

October 16 to December 15, 2023

Contact:

Lori @ 734-326-4979 OR lew@wowway.com Donna @ 313-739-3616 OR sidgridyoung@yahoo.com Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

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