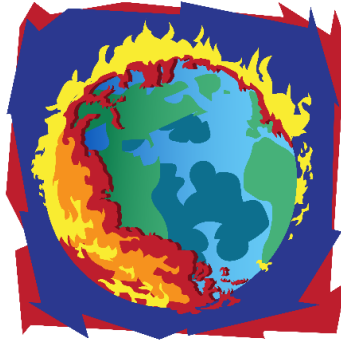


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The End-Time Life, Part 1: A Gospel-Centered Life
November 19, 2023



Day of wrath, O day of mourning! See fulfilled the
prophet's warning, Heav'n and earth in ashes burning.
To the rest Thou didst prepare me On Thy cross; O
Christ, upbear me! Spare, O God, in mercy spare me!
TLH 607:1, 19

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
RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: This Sunday and next we will consider how we should live between now and the Last Day. Our preparation for it is not a matter of simply believing correctly, for that would make our faith to be a good work. Rather, we are living in the end times, and by grace the Lord has already consecrated His guests. A Gospel-centered life means letting the Good News affect how we live in love today. Paul says we should “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We are very much like the servants in the Gospel, using the treasure our master has entrusted to us. We dare not keep our talents hidden, for they belong to God and should be invested! The Good News—that our Savior will return on that Day—is reason enough to take risks, investing our faith in loving the people around us.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Please stand)

HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *LSB* 338

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus
 Born to set Thy people free
 From our fears and sins release us
 Let us find our rest in Thee
 Israel’s strength and consolation
 Hope of all the earth Thou art
 Dear desire of ev’ry nation
 Joy of ev’ry longing heart**

**Born Thy people to deliver
 Born a child and yet a king
 Born to reign in us forever
 Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
 By Thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone
 By Thine all sufficient merit
 Raise us to Thy glorious throne**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29a

Pastor: The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

People: and consecrated His guests.

Pastor: Encourage one another

People: and build one another up.

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

People: and he will have an abundance.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17

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 in all honesty hear His Word again and
confess our sins. The Lord has consecrated His
guests,

**People: but we have been more attentive to the things
of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God
be upon us.**

Pastor: Build one another up,

**People: but we are used to the darkness of this world
and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let
the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

**People: but we seldom recognize the abilities and
opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the
Lord our God be upon us.**

Pastor: The favor of the Lord is on you! 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 ✠

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. Heavenly Father, Your Son died for the sins of the whole world.

People: Embolden us to share His love with everyone we meet until the day we hear His gracious blessing, “Well done, good and faithful servant”;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, 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 *Zephaniah 1:7–16 ESV*

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice “I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. “On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.”

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Give Thanks”

Sung by Choir

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 ESV*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a

helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 25:29a*

Pastor: Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,

People: and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14–30 ESV*

Pastor: [Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came

forward, bringing five talents more,
saying,

People: 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

Pastor: His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying,

People: 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

Pastor: His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying,

People: 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

Pastor: But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be

taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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

“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness” *LSB 563 vs 1-5*

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

**When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies
 This then shall be my only plea
 Jesus hath lived and died for me**

(Please be seated)

++ SERMON ++

The End-Time life, Part 1: A Gospel – Centered Life

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Theme: God desires that we take the riches of the Gospel into the world and “put it to work.”

Goal: that everyone listening think of the Gospel not as something to hide away and protect for themselves but put it to work to extend the kingdom of Christ.

(Please stand)

HYMN

“We All Believe in One True God” LSB 953

**We all believe in one true God
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost
 Ever present help in need
 Praised by all the heav'nly host
 All He made His love enfolds
 All creation He upholds**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ
 Son of God and Mary's son
 Who descended from His throne
 And for us salvation won
 By whose cross and death are we
 Rescued from all misery**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost
Who from both in truth proceeds
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs
Blest and holy Trinity
Praise forever be to Thee**

(Please be seated or knee, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves in this place, for people in positions of authority, for families, and for all in need. Guide and protect Your Church, Lord Jesus, as it endeavors to share the Gospel in the many circumstances of this sin-ridden world. Embolden leaders to speak Your Word with conviction, open the ears of those who hear the Good News in all circumstances, and grant increase of faith and numbers wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, strengthen this congregation so that we are a beacon of Your gracious love, calling one and all to join us to celebrate the Good News shining in this darkened world.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Lord over all, guide and protect the officers of nations; armed forces deployed and police at home; leaders of large corporations; those who work in the media; those who grow, tend, and distribute food; and all who respond in emergencies, that together they work for the common good.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, grant peace and love in families, give wisdom to parents and willingness to learn to children, and provide faithful congregations, caring friends, and extended relatives to support them through all the changes in life.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: Lord our God, hear the prayers of Your people near and dear to us, as well as those known only to You. As fits Your gracious plans for them, give healing, relief, and comfort, so that they may live out each day in peace and joy.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783 vs 1, 4, & 6*

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

**Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee**

(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 offer thanks and
praise to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, whose obedient death and glorious resurrection have opened eternal life to us and who is with us that we may share His love until His second coming. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

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 and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Gathered in His name we ask 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 in these last days. Gather us together, we pray, with all who have heard the Gospel and have come to faith, who with us shall receive Your "well done" commendation. 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 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 HYMNS*"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628 vs 1-4***Your table I approach****Dear Savior hear my prayer****Let not an unrepentant heart****Prove hurtful to me there**

**Lord I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands**

**Your body and Your blood
Once slain and shed for me
Are taken at Your table Lord
In blest reality**

**Search not how this takes place
This wondrous mystery
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be**

(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

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have assured us of sins forgiven,

People: so that with joy we may share Your love each day until Your Son returns to usher us into Your eternal presence;

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.

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

“Now Thank We All Our God” *LSB 895 vs 1 & 3*

**Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today**

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heav'n adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader
Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Ladies Christmas Goodies

The ladies group is again accepting gently used or new items for the gift table in the narthex. There are many new items this year. Please browse & find that extra Christmas gift. One table has a suggested \$3-\$5 and the rest of the items are free will offering.

Large Quilts - \$45, Small Quilts - \$25.

The proceeds are used to replenish battings for the quilts. Some of the proceeds go to LWML Mite Box and also to Mt. Hope Lutheran.

Any questions, please speak to Bev or Ruth, or Sally. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the ladies of Mt. Hope and all goes for the Glory of God.

BINGO!

November 22nd & December 6th

Quilting

NO QUILTING THIS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23rd

Attendance

Sunday November 12th 9:30 am 39

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

Samantha McNeil – November 20th

Coraline Stover – November 21st

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

Nancy Rogers, Pam Benford's friend, lung surgery
Melvin Kimbrough, hospitalized but transferred to Vibra
 for rehab, improving
Kevin, Tonya, Mick, Carson & Alex, peace, & health
 while traveling.
The Family of Troy Assemany, called to glory
Denis Glueck, recovering from surgery
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
John Maceroni, Nephew of Frank & Laurie, Heart Attack

Important Dates

December 2nd – Decorating the Church at 9am

December 3rd – Advent Christmas Party with Mt. Hope
Preschool luncheon after Service

December 24th- Sunday Service 9:30am

- Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

December 25th – No Service on Christmas Day

January 7th – (Epiphany Sunday) Church Un-decorating
after church or possibly after Sunday morning
bible study.

Bible Studies:**Wednesday Morning**

No Classes – Nov 22, Dec. 20, Dec. 27

Sunday Morning

No Classes Nov. 26 & Dec. 3

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday November 19	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after service
Wednesday November 22	NO Bible Study
Thursday November 23	Office Closed No Quilting
Friday November 24	Office Closed
Saturday November 25	5:00pm Church Service
Sunday November 26	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after service



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Dates:

October 16 to December 15, 2023

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