

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holding Fast to the Word of Life

October 1, 2023



O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O
Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed
page, A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to
age. *LSB 523:1*

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: The number of languages being spoken on our planet today is amazing. There are currently more than 6500 individual languages in use. The smallest group that speaks in a singular language is a tribe of indigenous people in Canada, about 50 in number, who speak a distinct dialect of the Tsuu T'ina tongue. The most widely spoken language on earth is English, with some 1.4 billion users, including a large group for whom English is not their native language. We are blessed by God to hear His Word in our own language. Through Moses, God said to His chosen people: "Lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, . . . as long as the heavens are above the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:18, 21). We continue to respond to that directive in our generation by holding fast the Word of life—and by sharing it as well!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" TFBF 242
Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
that calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief

and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless
and since he bids me seek his face
believe his word and trust his grace
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
may I thy consolation share
till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight
With joy I'll hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face
and gladly take my station there
thy promise gained, sweet hour of prayer

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 68:1, 3, 19–20, 34–35*

Pastor: God shall arise, His enemies shall be
scattered; and those who hate Him shall
flee before Him!

**People: But the righteous shall be glad; they
shall exult before God; they shall be
jubilant with joy!**

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

People: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Pastor: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

People: Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first and have too much followed the desires of our own hearts. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful

or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared in Jesus Christ, our Lord. The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*

Pastor: The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

People: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Pastor: He determines the number of the stars;
He gives to all of them their names.

People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. 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: The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.

Pastor: For peace from above in times of trial and weak faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.

Pastor: For peace in the world and the bold proclamation of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.

Pastor: For ourselves and all who join us to listen to God's Word and respond in worship and prayer, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live by faith.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of love, by Your grace we have come to hear Your Word. Grant that we may ever find in it our greatest treasure and hold fast to it as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32 ESV

The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away

from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 25:1–10*

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Women: *O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.*

Men: *Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

Women: *Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.*

Men: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Women: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Men: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Women: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Men: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. 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 *Philippians 2:1-18 ESV*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count

equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.; Matthew 28:18b*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those
who fear Him lack nothing!

**People: Many are the afflictions of the
righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of
them all.**

Pastor: Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to Me.

People: Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:23–32 ESV*

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but

afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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 the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" *LSB 655*

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word

Curb those who by deceit or sword

Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son

And bring to naught all He has done

Lord Jesus Christ Your pow'r make known

For You are Lord of lords alone

Defend Your holy Church that we

May sing Your praise eternally

O Comforter of priceless worth
Send peace and unity on earth
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life

++ SERMON ++

Holding fast to the word of life

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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

Pastor: Gathered as God's people in supplication, let us pray for the whole Church. Gracious Father, we beseech You for Your Holy Church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in need, supply it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is in conflict, heal its divisions. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for the world in which we live. Lord of all the worlds that are, Savior of mankind, we pray for the whole creation. Order the unruly powers, crush every tyranny, rebuke injustice, feed and satisfy the nations that we, laboring as Your people, may enjoy the good world that You have made and bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for the sick and the sorrowing. O God of all comfort, we commend to You all who are afflicted in any way, Grant them the consolations they need and assure them that nothing can separate them from Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for our students and all places of learning; let us also pray for friends and family. O God our Father, bless all our students and teachers and the places where they learn. Inspire and encourage teachers and school administrators with a sense of purpose and responsibility that all may grow in grace. Bless those whom we love and enable us to love those whom You have blessed, that, drawing close to You, we may be drawn closer to one another. With gratefulness, we remember the saints who have gone before us and now are in Your eternal care. Teach us to follow in their ways of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, since You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to You and have promised to hear us, fulfill our petitions as may be best for us according to Your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Pastor: We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the Biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.

All: We thank you, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talent with needles and thread.

Pastor: To you, Merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.

All: Lord, we ask your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.

Pastor: Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in school classrooms, members' homes and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the comforters."

All: We thank you for the quilters and ask you to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.

Pastor: Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that you shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, for sustaining life.

All: Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.

Pastor: Jesus, we ask that you continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Lutheran World Relief, and the Detroit Rescue Mission to whom quilts are sent.

All: Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to you.

Pastor: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

(Please stand for the LWML Pledge)

Pastor: LWML PLEDGE In fervent gratitude for The Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His

redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

(Those that have mites to offer, please come forward)

OFFERING

(after the mites have been offered, the regular church offering will be collected)

HYMN

“Serve the Lord with Gladness” *Tune: 662 LSB*
(as the offering is being received)

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

It is He alone

Who redeemed us sinners,

Guides us as His own

To enjoy the blessings

Of His love and grace,

Will at last in glory

Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

He gave us command

To proclaim His Gospel

Now in every land

So that fellow sinners

May, like us, be blest.
 Leading them to Jesus,
 We can serve Him best.
 Onward, then, for Jesus!
 Let this be our aim:
 “Serve the Lord with gladness!”
 Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
 There’s no greater joy
 Than to serve the Master,
 Work in His employ.
 As we build His kingdom
 Angels, too, rejoice
 Over every sinner
 Brought to hear His voice.
 Onward, then, for Jesus!
 Let this be our aim:
 “Serve the Lord with gladness!”
 Glorify His name!

✠ 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, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the Servant of all, You have shown Your saving love and have given us Your Word to bless and encourage us. Grant that, undeterred by persecution or scorn, we may live in humility and faithfulness, anticipating that time when Jesus, who is our host at this Holy Meal, serves in Your kingdom as the master of the great and eternal heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts.

People: Amen.

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, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, the Word Incarnate

who in true humility fulfilled Your will and completed the work of our salvation. With thankfulness we receive the blessings He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your Holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in Your Holy Church, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 2:19–20; 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

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured
Offered was He for greatest and for least
Himself the victim and Himself the priest**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here
O Lord our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

People: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal may be for us that life-giving food that sustains us as we hold fast the Word of Life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty—the Father, the ☩

Son, and the Holy Spirit—be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” *LSB* 917

Savior again to Thy dear name we raise

With one accord our parting hymn of praise

Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease

Then lowly bending wait Thy word of peace

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way

With Thee began with Thee shall end the day

Guard Thou the lips from sin the hearts from shame

That in this house have called upon Thy name

Grant us Thy peace Lord through the coming night

Turn Thou for us its darkness into light

From harm and danger keep Thy children free

For dark and light are both alike to Thee

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life

Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife

Then when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease

Call us O Lord to Thine eternal peace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

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

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Martin Luther's Evening Supper

October 22 from 5pm to 7pm

St. John's Lutheran Church, Taylor

A German- themed dinner to support the international radio ministry Martin Luther's Evening Prayer.

\$25.00 per person

Flyers in the Narthex with more information.

Trunk-Or-Treat

See flyer in back of bulletin.

Sign up for cars in the narthex.

BINGO!

October 11th & 24th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday September 24th 9:30 am 44

Prayer List

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

Anniversary

Marilyn & Bill Switter – October 4th

Birthdays

Eleanor Wirth – October 3rd

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

Bill Switter, continued improvements

Mack Mayfield, Sever Hip pain

Tammy Tortonisi, Sophia's Mother, Back Surgery

Amanda Bacckus, Glenn Cairns' Niece,

hospitalized with health problems/surgery

A.C Roche, Glenn Cairns' Co-worker, Recovering after surgery

Pat Bates, Health Concerns

Paul Utica, Health Concerns

The Family of James Brophy, called to glory

Kathrine Pollatz- Bailey, Pollatz daughter, Thanksgiving for much improvement

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday October 1	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study After Service
Wednesday October 4	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday October 5	Quilting 10am to 2pm
Friday October 6	Office Closed
Saturday October 7	Saturday Church 5pm
Sunday October 8	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study After Service

Mt. Hope Church 12th Annual

FALL FESTIVAL

AND



Saturday, October 21, 2023

4:00-6:00 pm

5323 Southfield Rd. (Service Drive)

Allen Park, MI 48101

CIDER, DONUTS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS & POP

FUN FOR ALL AGES.

COME JOIN US.

We need donations of hot dogs, chips, buns, pop and monetary. We are also looking for people to decorate your car with a biblical or fall harvest theme and provide candy to pass out.

Please arrive before 3:00 pm to secure a spot.

If you have any questions, please call Frances Ladach @ 313.333.6168