

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I've Got a Secret
October 15, 2023



At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

LSB 813:6

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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Allen Park, MI 48101

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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: Living in the ups and downs of this mortal life, in a world opposed to Christ and His purposes, it may seem like peace is a secret that must be found to be enjoyed. There is no secret, as it were, but the peace that passes understanding is hidden—hidden in Christ. This peace is not some relative calm against the upset of the world but knowing Christ and living in His strength, comfort, forgiveness, joy, and peace amid every circumstance of life. This is not to be confused with happiness, which is hard to find and ever harder to define. No, this gift of peace means knowing with contentment the steadfast love and mercy of God given to us in Christ Jesus, His Son.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790 vs 1 & 5

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation

**O my soul praise Him for He is your health and
salvation**

Let all who hear

Now to His temple draw near

Joining in glad adoration

**Praise to the Lord
 who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
 And as on wings of an eagle uplifting sustaining
 Have you not seen
 All that is needful has been
 Sent by His gracious ordaining**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10*

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

People: my soul shall exult in my God,

Pastor: for He has clothed me with the garments of
 salvation;

**People: He has covered me with the robe of
 righteousness.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

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

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by
 nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against
 You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
 done and by what we have left undone. We have
 not loved You with our whole heart; we have not
 loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve**

Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE p. 204 in hymnal

**People: Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Glory Be to God on High” *LSB 947 vs 1*

**All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all his favor
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace the world to fill
All strife at last has ended**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Father, in Your mercy You have visited us with Your Son that we might know the joy of His salvation. Grant that this joy we know in Christ may be with us in every circumstance and be fulfilled in us when we are delivered through death into everlasting life; 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 Isaiah 25:6–9 ESV

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 91:11; 103:1

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

EPISTLE Philippians 4:4–13 ESV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard

your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

VERSE *Revelation 22:17*

Pastor: Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”

Let the one who hears say, “Come.” Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1–14 ESV*

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” LSB 707

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will**

**Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere
Let sin have no dominion, Lord
But keep my conscience clear**

**Assist my soul too apt to stray
A stricter watch to keep
And should I e'er forget Thy way
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep**

**Make me to walk in Thy commands
'Tis a delightful road
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God**

(Please be seated)

++ SERMON ++

I got a secret

Text: Philippians 4:4-13

(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

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. In Your abundance, O Lord, You have supplied us with the rich food of the great feast in this blessed Eucharist and with the daily food that nourishes our bodies. Grant us grace so that we may receive these gifts with joy and respond with thanksgiving for the mighty acts by which Your Son has saved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have hidden the secret of contentment and the peace that surpasses all understanding. Give us this peace always and help us to learn contentment and joy by abiding in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In Your Church, dear Father, You have brought together all nations and united us in the confession of Christ and the fellowship of His gifts. Keep us from presuming our worthiness, and help us to depend upon Your grace and to proclaim the Lord's welcome to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In Your wisdom, O Lord, You have set apart those who lead the nations and warned them of Your judgment. Awaken faith within our leaders so that they may serve us faithfully in Your name, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and encourage us to use its freedom for the holy purposes of honoring You

and serving our neighbor in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In Your compassion, merciful Father, You behold the plight of all people, whether in the suffering of their bodies or in their troubled minds. Give to them healing and peace according to Your will, and comfort the grieving with Your promise of the resurrection and life to all who die in Christ,
..... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the grace of this communion, O Lord, Your Son has given us an invitation and a place. Keep us from esteeming anything more important than this blessed Holy Communion in His body and blood, and fill us with repentance so that no sin may harm us as we approach His altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the mercies daily and richly supplied, O Lord, You have granted us all things needful for this body and this life and supplied us with an abundance with which to aid our neighbor in need. Receive also the tithes and offerings we bring before You in gratitude for all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Recalling the saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we pray You, Father, to bring us at last with them into the joy of Your presence and into the blessed marriage feast of the Lamb, which knows no end. Help us to fight the

good fight and keep the faith so that we may look forward with joy to the reunion with all those who have gone before through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom, with whom, and by whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 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*

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 good and right, our duty and our delight, to offer You praise and thanksgiving at all times and in all places, O holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who redeemed us by His blood, restored us to You as Your own sons and daughters, and is now working in us to finish what You have begun, that we might receive the prize of everlasting salvation, through the merits and mercy of Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, with patriarchs and prophets, with apostles and evangelists and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name and join their unending hymn, 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: Holy and mighty Lord, we give You thanks for having made all things and for Your patient mercy in dealing with us sinners who deserved nothing of Your kindness. Grant us grace in Christ that all our sins be forgiven and that we be covered with the righteousness of Christ and may worthily approach the Table of our Lord today and in eternity be welcomed into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom without end.

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 \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

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: Guard us as Your own possession and preserve us as the people whom You have redeemed and set apart to be Your own. Having in remembrance all that our Savior has accomplished by His obedient life, His suffering upon the cross, His life-giving death, His triumphant resurrection, and His glorious ascension to Your right hand, we stand before You this day, covered in His own righteousness and marked by Your own baptismal grace, praying You to finish what You have begun in us and to bring us at last to the eternal place prepared for us in Christ, our Lord, in whose name we are bold 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**

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 107:1*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, to You we give thanks and praise for
having rescued us from sin and death and having
raised us up from the pit of despair to the holy joy of
Your presence and peace. Keep us in this holy joy all
the days of our lives until at last we know You face
to face in the marriage feast of the Lamb on high;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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*

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

“God Bless Our Native Land” LSB 965

**God Bless our native land;
 Firm may she ever stand
 Through storm and night.
 When the wild tempests rave,
 Ruler of wind and wave,
 Do Thou our country save
 By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise
 To God above the skies,
 On Him we wait.
 Thou who art ever nigh,
 Guarding with watchful eye,
 To Thee aloud we cry:
 God save the state!**

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

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dajos New Phone Number

313-254-2437

Voter's Meeting

November 12th right after service

Announcements

If you need an announcement to be made after our services, please call our Church Office Secretary, April, so she can print the announcement in the Bulletin ahead of time. She would need this announcement no later than the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Wyandotte invites you to

Reformation Vespers, the first installment of the 2023-24 Music at Trinity series,
October 29 at 5pm.

The service will follow the theme, "God is our Refuge and Strength," based on the words of Psalm 46 and Martin Luther's hymn A Mighty Fortress. A special Joint-Choir and other ensembles will feature musicians from Lutheran Churches in the Downriver Circuit and throughout Metro-Detroit. Rev. James Hill, Senior Pastor

of Family of God and St Stephen Lutheran Churches in
Detroit, will be preaching.

Trunk-Or-Treat

See flyer in back of bulletin.
Sign up for cars in the narthex.

BINGO!

October 25th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday October 8th 9:30 am 28

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

Paul Pollatz – October 15th
Patricia Gebbink – October 20th
Diane Walker – October 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

Ed Sawicki, Pam Benford friend, Injured knee

Bill Switter, continued improvements

Mack Mayfield, Severe Hip pain

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday October 8	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after service
Wednesday October 11	10:30am Bible Study 6pm BINGO
Thursday October 12	10:00am Quilting
Friday October 13	Office Closed
Saturday October 14	5:00pm Church Service
Sunday October 15	9:30am – 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