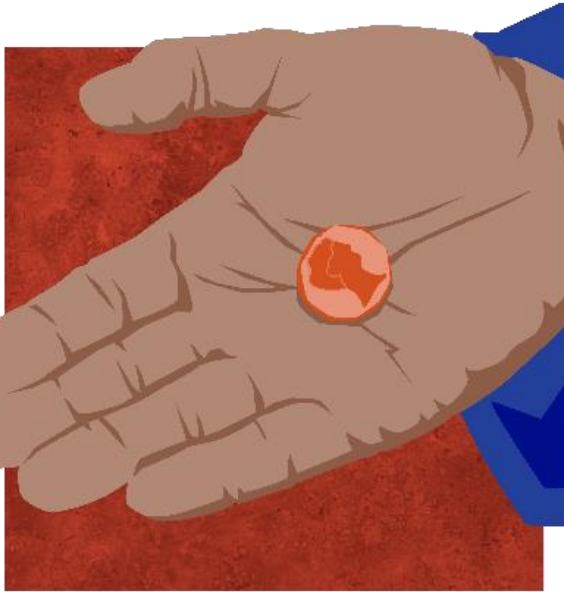


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Trusting against All Odds

October 22, 2023



Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to
God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:21

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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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 most profound comfort lies in the assurance that God is always working out His purpose no matter the circumstances or the people. God’s saving purpose cannot be thwarted. Isaiah lived in an age of bad news and despair, but he was confident that God could overcome them all. In the short term, this redemption came through an unlikely messianic figure named Cyrus. At the appointed time, however, the true Messiah would come and save Israel and all who trust in Him. God is in charge—not just of the ups and downs of this world’s good and bad news but for the sake of His saving work. Jesus’ power is greater than every other power, and His saving purpose will prevail. This is our comfort.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB 851 vs 1-2*

Lord of glory You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand

Grant us hearts dear Lord to give You
 Gladly freely of Your own
 With the sunshine of Your goodness
 Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures
 Warmed by You at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed
 'Tis to give than to receive

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 121:2, 7*

Pastor: My help comes from the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

People: He will keep your life.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of
 God and of one another.

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the
 whole company of heaven and to you, my
 brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in
 thought, word, and deed by my fault, by
 my own fault, by my own most grievous
 fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to
 have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins,
 and bring me to everlasting life. 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 *Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8*

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

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: 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.

Almighty God, Your Word and will are Accomplished despite the enemies of Your purpose and through the unlikely means of those indifferent to You. Encourage us

when we are quick to judge and slow to believe, that we may never forget the triumph of Your saving purpose in Your Son; 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 (sermon text)

Isaiah 45:1–7 ESV

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

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 *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 ESV*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Colossians 2:10*

Pastor: Alleluia. You have been filled in Him,
who is the head of all rule and authority. Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15–22 ESV

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” LSB 741 vs 1-2

**Jesus Christ my sure defense
And my Savior now is living
Knowing this my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought**

**Jesus my Redeemer lives
Likewise I to life shall waken
He will bring me where He is
Shall my courage then be shaken
Shall I fear or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead**

(Please be seated)

++ SERMON ++

Trusting against all odds
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 45:1–7 ESV

(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. Give to Your Church, O Lord, Your Word and Your Spirit, that we hear Your voice and follow where You lead, proclaiming Your Gospel to every corner of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to the nations good and faithful leaders who will work under the guidance of Your Word to lead the peoples with equity and justice, fostering freedom so that we may worship You and love our neighbor, living in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to homes wisdom and love, that they be places of blessing and peace, bound together by forgiveness, and nurtured by the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to all people respect for the gift of life, courage to stand against those who would disdain the child in the womb or the aged, and encourage husbands and wives, parents and children in their life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to the sick and those who suffer every blessing of Your presence and healing in accordance with Your will, that they be supported in their afflictions and granted patience until the day when perfect healing reigns. *Hear us* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to all who approach Your altar repentant hearts and a trusting faith, that they receive the body and blood of our Lord for their good and that this Holy Communion may confirm the unity of their confession and witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to us eyes to see Your goodness and the gifts of Your mercy that crown all our days, and give to our hearts gratitude that we use Your gifts for Your glory, for the good of our neighbors in need, and for the support of the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things, heavenly Father, for which we pray, grant to us according to Your mercy, providing to us all things needful and beneficial and keeping from us all things as may prove harmful to our faith;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

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

“Amazing Grace” LSB 744 1-2

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

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

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, ruler of all, graciously regard those who have been set in positions of authority among us that, guided by Your Spirit, they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution, and unwavering in duty, and that Your Church be blessed equally with wise and faithful leaders who will accomplish all things as You command for our temporal blessing and for our eternal good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

“I’m But a Stranger Here” *LSB 748 vs 1-2*

I’m but a stranger here

Heav’n is my home

Earth is a desert drear

Heav’n is my home

Danger and sorrow stand

Round me on ev’ry hand

Heav’n is my fatherland

Heav’n is my home

What though the tempest rage

Heav’n is my home

Short is my pilgrimage

Heav’n is my home

And time’s wild wintry blast

Soon shall be over-past

I shall reach home at last

Heav’n is my home

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 Hamilton, Elder & Reader
 Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voter's Meeting

November 12th right after service
 No bible study

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.

BINGO!

October 25th & November 8th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday October 15th 9:30 am 34

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

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

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 October 22	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after service
Wednesday October 25	10:30am Bible Study 6pm BINGO
Thursday October 26	10:00am Quilting
Friday October 27	Office Closed
Saturday October 28	5:00pm Church Service
Sunday October 29	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after service