## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel? Not Me! September 10, 2023



#### 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 word *mentor* can be both a noun describing a trusted counselor or a verb meaning to guide someone in new learning. The word originally was the name of a person from classical literature: Mentor was a friend of the Greek hero Odysseus who was entrusted with the education of his son Telemachus. You may have had special mentors throughout your life. We are reminded that Jesus our Lord is our best and most devoted mentor. A well-loved hymn by German writer Sigismund von Birken begins with these words: "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure" (LSB 685:1). Jesus is our merciful mentor who gently leads us day by day along the path that leads to eternal life. We follow gladly in His footsteps! In today's Old Testament Reading, we are challenged to hear words of warning from the prophet, who is mentoring God's people in captivity. His message for them is an admonition to us that deserves our most careful attention.

(Please stand)

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#### HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LSB 902 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow. Your Spirit send with light divine, And let Your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise In endless hymns through all our days; Increase our faith and light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O holy, holy Lord Most High!" And in the light of that blest place We then shall see You face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the 
<sup>I</sup> Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### People: Amen.

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

#### **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm* 65:1–4

Pastor: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, People: and to You shall vows be performed.

- Pastor: O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come.
- People: When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.
- Pastor: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!
- People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Jeremiah 15:20b

Pastor: Since we are gathered to delight ourselves in the Word of God and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

(We pause for a moment of silent prayer and confession.)

Pastor: O Lord our God, hear us as we pray:

People: We confess that we have not walked in Your faithfulness, turning away from You when we should be turning toward You.

Pastor: Father, forgive us.

People: Our love has not been genuine. We have not overcome evil with good.

Pastor: Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

People: The grace You tell us to share with both our friends and our enemies is the mercy we also need.

Pastor: Renew us, Spirit of truth.

People: Remove our transgressions from us so that we may live as those who have been called by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to us in Christ. Amen.

Pastor: "I am with you to save you and deliver you," declares the Lord. Through Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—you have been delivered from your enemies of sin, death, and the devil. Keep His saving, steadfast love before your eyes and walk by faith in His promises. As one called to be your pastor and commissioned by Jesus to deliver the delight of His Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

## 🕸 WORD 🕸

**INTROIT** *Psalm* 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Pastor: Delight yourself in the Lord,

People: and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Pastor: Commit your way to the Lord; People: trust in Him, and He will act.

Pastor: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

People: and your justice as the noonday.

Pastor: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;

People: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! 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: Delight yourself in the Lord, People: and He will give you the desires of your heart.

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, have mercy.** 

Pastor: For the peace of the Lord to be delivered to troubled homes and hearts, for friendship to replace warfare, and for His people to choose love instead of hate, let us pray to the Lord.

## People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For evil to be overcome and victory in Christ to be known, both here in this holy house and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, let us pray to the Lord.

## People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For salvation, deliverance, and forgiveness for all, including our enemies, that we may walk in the steadfast love of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

## People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Heal us! Bless us! Renew us, gracious Lord! People: Amen.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB 528 vs 1 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His grace

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You guide us and prepare us to be Your witnesses in the world to share Your love for us in Jesus Christ.
People: Grant us hearts made right by the working of the Holy Spirit within us that we may joyfully offer to You our service in whatever way You design for our lives. This we ask through Jesus, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen.

(Please be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ezekiel 33:7–9 ESV* "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"HE" Sung by Jim Bumgarner

## EPISTLE Romans 13:1–10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the

commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

(Please stand)

**GRADUAL AND VERSE** *Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.; Matthew 5:3* 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. Blessed are the poor in spirit, People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1–20 ESV

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives

me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eve causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on

earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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

(Please be seated)

## **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, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB 722 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way Direct, protect and feed me from day to day Without Your grace and favor I go astray So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend So take my hand and lead me Unto the end

## ++ SERMON ++

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed)

## **CREED CATECHISM** The First Article

Pastor: Frequently in His ministry, Jesus spoke of His Father in heaven. In today's Gospel, we heard Him referring to "the face of My Father who is in heaven" and sharing with the disciples what He knew to be "the will of My Father." In the words of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning, we focus our confession of faith in the loving work of God the Father for us. He has created us, and in His grace He preserves us day by day and season by season.

# People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

(Please be seated or kneel, 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. We pray for the whole Church, that through it the goodness of God may be shared. And we pray for those who lead the Church, that, mentored by Your mercy, they do so with devotion and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, asking that voices that call for peace be heard and that the rich bounty of creation be carefully nurtured and thoughtfully shared. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our families and everyone in them. Remove any sense of envy from among all of us, Lord, that we rejoice in the gifts You have given to each of us. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those whose work is dangerous and for those who feel that what they are doing is not noticed by others. Grant a sense of satisfaction to all people in their various vocations, that together we rejoice in times of prosperity and, in times of adversity, be of support to one another. Bless those engaged in works of Christian mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those whose lives know burdens and challenges, whose petitions are joined with ours. This day we commend to Your care [*names*, and] all Your children who are in need of prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray that our offerings given here this day be sacrifices acceptable to You, O Lord, and that, with Your blessing, they find holy usage to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: With gratitude, we remember those who have completed their earthly journeys and who by faith now rejoice in Your presence. Grant that their memory among us be blessed. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These things and whatsoever else we should have asked of You, grant us by Your mercy, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

# People: Amen.

# OFFERING OFFERTORY HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" *LSB 783 vs 1&2* 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 hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy Love Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee

(Please stand)

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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, merciful Father, for in Your goodness You have given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Through the guidance of Your Spirit, lead us to offer sacrifices that are acceptable to You as did the prophets and apostles of old. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your heavenly kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

### People: Amen.

## HYMN

## "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507 vs 1 & 2 Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Bless us and our worship this day through the working of the Holy Spirit that as we gather to receive the holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior we may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy.

## People: Amen.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

# **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.** 

## HYMN

"Lamb of God" LSB 550

Your only Son no sin to hide But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God O wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your Gift of love they crucified They laughed and scorned Him as He died The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God O wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God O wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Children of the Heavenly Father" *LSB* 725 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given

God His own doth tend and nourish In His holy courts they flourish From all evil things He spares them In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever Unto them His grace He showeth And their sorrows all He knoweth Though He giveth or He taketh God His children ne'er forsaketh His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy

## **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**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, giver of every good gift, You are worthy to receive the devotion of our hearts and the dedication of our lives. We thank You for having refreshed us at Your Table. By the working of Your Holy Spirit within us, lead us to be people who faithfully offer to You the best of all that we have and all that we are with thankfulness and joy. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our loving Savior.

### 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

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" LSB 826 Hark the voice of Jesus crying Who will go and work today Fields are white and harvests waiting Who will bear the sheaves away Loud and long the Master calleth Rich reward He offers thee Who will answer gladly saying Here am I send me send me

Let none hear you idly saying There is nothing I can do While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you Take the task He gives you gladly Let His work your pleasure be Answer quickly when He calleth Here am I send me send me

## ANNOUNCMENTS

## 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 Bill Switter, Elder Jim Bumgarner, Reader Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Don't forget to grab goodies before going to bible study.

Located in the Narthex. All are welcome to grab some!

## **Sunday Bible Study**

Starts back TODAY

## Wednesday Bible Study

Starts back THIS week, September 13th

## **BINGO!**

September 13th & 27th

# Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

#### Attendance

Sunday September 3rd

9:30 am 35

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**

## **Birthdays**

Elsie Brophy – September 11<sup>th</sup> Bev Kero – September 11<sup>th</sup> Nancy Dajos – September 14<sup>th</sup>

## 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

Pat Bates, Health Concerns
Paul Utica, Health Concerns
James Brophy, recovering after surgery
Kathrine Pollatz- Bailey, Pollatz daughter, Health Concerns
Sheila Weed, Val Mason's cousin, speedy recovery
Amanda Bacckus, Glenn Cairns' Niece, Medical Tests
A.C Roche, Glenn Cairns' Co-worker, Recovering after surgery
Janie, Sandy Cairns' Patient, Placed on hospice
Mary Fererelli, Frank Pignanelli's sister, Health Concerns

# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
September 10	Bible Study After Service
Tuesday	6:30pm Elders Mtg
September 12	7:00pm Council Mtg
Wednesday September 13	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday	Quilting
September 14	10am to 2pm
Friday September 15	Office Closed
Saturday September 16	Saturday Church 5pm
Sunday	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
September 17	Bible Study After Service

