#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I Forgive You September 17, 2023



Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:21-22

#### Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

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: This weekend on the Church calendar (September 16), the bishop Cyprian of Carthage is remembered. As a Church leader in the third century, a time of Roman persecution, Cyprian had to deal with the problem of Christians who denied the faith under persecution but later wanted to be restored to the fellowship of the Lord. Cyprian helped craft a response to the situation that was based on forgiveness, allowing a lapsed Christian to be reinstated after a time in which they lived out their restored faithful confession. His own faithfulness unto death was fully demonstrated as he was executed by Roman authorities for his Christian beliefs in AD 258. Speaking words of forgiveness and living them out can come with a price—but is Christlike in every way!

(Please stand)

#### **▼ PREPARATION ▼**

#### **HYMN**

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915 vs 1-3

Today your mercy calls us

To wash away our sin.

However great our trespass,

Whatever we have been,

However long from mercy

Our hearts have turned away,

Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

Today your gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n, A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us: His Holy Spirit waits; His blessed angels gather Around the heavn'ly gates. No question will be asked us, How often we have come: Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the \(\mathbb{E}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 8

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your

deeds! . . .

People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to

You; they sing praises to Your name."

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

People: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples;

People: let the sound of His praise be heard.

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

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: O most gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have been unforgiving and loveless and careless in the stewardship of Your creation. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, 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 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Pastor: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

People: I have fled to You for refuge!

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People: In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Pastor: Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

People: for no one living is righteous before You.

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.

Pastor: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

People: I have fled to You for refuge!

KYRIE p. 204 in hymnal

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

#### **HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790 vs 1

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

#### **SALUTATION**

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You are always ready to hear the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may with all boldness and courage bring to You our petitions with the assurance that for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ You will hear them, forgiving our trespasses and granting us Your guidance in this life and every blessing in the life to come. This we ask through the same 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** Genesis 50:15–21 ESV

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790 vs 2-4
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

Praise to the Lord
who has fearfully wondrously made you
Health has bestowed and when heedlessly falling has
stayed you
What need or grief

What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief
Wings of His mercy did shade you

Praise to the Lord who
will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you

#### **EPISTLE** Romans 14:1–12 ESV

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to guarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of

us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

(Please Stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.; Matthew 6:14

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. If you forgive others their trespasses,

People: your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

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

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

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 18:21–35 ESV

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every

one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (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**

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611 vs 1,2 & 5
Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me-wondrous thoughtFound me when I sought Him not

O my Savior help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word
When my wayward heart would stray
Keep me in the narrow way
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die

#### ++ **SERMON** ++

I Forgive you
Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21

(Please Stand)

#### **CATECHISM** The Second Article

Pastor: In the Second Article of the Creed, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises and brings us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. 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 Church, that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Grant that humility and mutual service be the hallmarks of our lives together.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel may have free course in every land. We bless You for the dedicated service of missionaries and deployed church workers in so many places around the globe. Grant that their service may meet with success and be filled with joy.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we be always ready to listen to others and to grant our forgiveness when it is needed. As we live in community together, grant that we never take others for granted but rather that we encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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Pastor: Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. We thank You for the times when forgiveness, offered by others, has blessed and sustained us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant's way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated)

## 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)

#### **▼ 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, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we are granted all good things by You in countless ways. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all that rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name.

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 of heaven and earth. We bless You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness and to assure us of Your fatherly care. Through lives of faith and forgiveness that are directed by Your Holy Spirit, grant that we give evidence of our thankfulness as with joy we anticipate eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels gather around Your throne expressing their gratitude in endless praise.

People: Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night
when He was betrayed, took bread, and
when He had given thanks, He broke it and
gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat;
this is My ♣ body, which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

People: Our Father who art in

heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is

the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

always.

People: Amen.

#### **AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing" LSB 635 vs 1-3
O gracious Lord I firmly am believing
Your boundless love will bless each faithful soul
As from this altar we are here receiving
Your body and Your blood to make us whole
Your body and Your blood to make us whole

Lord, I have sinned a thousand times offending
My thankless thoughts and words and deeds erase
To me Your hand of mercy now extending
O God my Savior I implore Your grace
O God my Savior I implore Your grace

You see my sin yet seat me at Your table
Lord as a guest I surely am the least
Unclean, unfit of worth deeds unable
My heart prepare for this most holy feast
My heart prepare for this most holy feast

#### 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.

Grant, O Lord, that this Sacrament that we have now received strengthen us in faith, faith demonstrated in loving service to one another and marked by forgiveness and care. As we have shared in the hospitality of Your Table, enable us to live

each day as Your people who are given to hospitality, charity, and service in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

People: Amen.

#### **HYMN**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

Guide me O Thou great Redeemer

Pilgrim through this barren land

I am weak but Thou art mighty

Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand

Bread of heaven bread of heaven

Feed me till I want no more

Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliv'rer strong deliv'rer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

#### **ANNOUNCMENTS**

Special in-person invitation – St. John in Taylor

#### **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
Frank Pignanelli, Elder
Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Circuit Youth Group at Mt. Hope**

Next week September 24<sup>th</sup>
2pm to 4pm
Grades 6-12 Welcome

#### **Trunk-Or-Treat**

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

#### **BINGO!**

September 27th

#### Quilting

**Every** Thursday from 10am to 2pm

#### **Attendance**

Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am 38

#### **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**

Mack Mayfield – September 17<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Switter – September 17<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
The Family of James Brophy, called to glory
Kathrine Pollatz- Bailey, Pollatz daughter, Health
Concerns

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

| 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC   |
|---------------------------|
| Bible Study After Service |
|                           |
| 10:30am Bible Study       |
| Quilting                  |
| 10am to 2pm               |
|                           |
| Office Closed             |
|                           |
| Saturday Church 5pm       |
|                           |
| 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC   |
| Bible Study After Service |
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## Mt. Hope Church 12th Annual



### AND



## Saturday, October 21, 2022 4:00-6:00 pm

5323 Southfield Rd. (Service Drive)
Allen Park, MI 48101

# 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