SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

My Imprisonment Is for Christ September 24, 2023



I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:12-13, 21

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: When Paul wrote to his co-worker

Timothy that he was "bound with chains as a criminal" (2 Timothy 2:9), he knew well the situation he was in. Acts 16 relates the time that he was thrown in jail in Philippi without benefit of a trial. He was later jailed in Jerusalem and then Caesarea and finally at Rome, where he was under a type of house arrest for two years. The final chapter of Acts finds Paul as a captive one more time, accepting this imprisonment as a prelude to his death. He writes to Timothy "the time of my departure has come" (2 Timothy 4:6). In the

centuries since Paul gave his prison witness, countless Christian men and women have been

imprisoned for their Gospel witness. We are

encouraged to be faithful witnesses in our time by Paul, who writes to his young associate Timothy: "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:11–12a). Paul's words from prison are good instruction for every situation!

(Please stand)

▼ PREPARATION ▼

HYMN

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" LSB 827 vs 1-3

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling

Who will go and work today

Fields are white and harvest 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

Some take up His task in morning
To their Lord responding soon
Some are called in heat of midday
Others late in afternoon
Even as the sun is setting
Some are sent into the fields
There to gather in the bounty
That God's Word so richly yields

For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil
Causing them to bud and flower
Giving bread to those who toil
So the Lord sends forth His promise
Words of life and joy and peace
Never void to Him returning
Bearing fruit with great increase

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 67:1–5, 7

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

People: that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

People: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins and hear the words of absolution that assure us of God's forgiveness. The section on "Confession" in the Small Catechism written by Dr. Martin Luther instructs and directs us with these words:

People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your lives reflect His forgiveness. Be at peace!

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT *Psalm* 116:12–13, 15–16

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

KYRIE p. 204 in hymnal

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

HYMN

"Oh, That I had a Thousand Voices" LSB 811 vs 1
Oh that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues
My heart which in the Lord rejoices
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all wherever I might be
What great things God has done for me

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our strength and support in all situations, grant us the power and presence of Your Holy Spirit that we may be strong and steadfast in all situations, joyfully witnessing to the power of Your love and continually learning of You in every season; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:6–9 ESV

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 27:1–9*

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

EPISTLE Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30 ESV

to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

(Please stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE Ephesians 2:8

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Pastor: by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1–16 ESV

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

"Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" LSB 660 vs 1 & 2

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Ye soldiers of the cross.

Lift high His royal banner;

It must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead

Till ev'y foe is vanquished

And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

(Please be seated)

++ **SERMON** ++

My Imprisonment Is for Christ Text: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Theme: Paul invites us to join him in saying, "My imprisonment is for Christ."

Goal: that everyone listening sees St. Paul as an example that when trial or persecution comes, it is for the extension of Christ's kingdom and the saving message of the Gospel.

(Please stand)

CATECHISM The Third Article

Pastor: The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed outlines the work of the Holy Spirit and presents the ways in which the Spirit commends the love of God to us and for us and in us in this world and in the one that is to come.

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on

earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB, p. 215

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 continually strengthen us with Your abiding presence as we witness to You in word and deed, and rejoice in Your promise to receive our prayers and petitions.

Continue to bless Your people in Your Holy Church that we may know the truth that is found in Christ alone. Unite our praises with those of all the faithful and join them with the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

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, our God, King of all creation, for You graciously invite us to call upon You with all boldness and confidence. Gathered at Your Table, grant that we receive Your body and blood, and through this sacred eating and drinking be strengthened for lives of witness and service. Unite us with thankful hearts in the unending praise of Your glory and grant us in this blessed Sacrament a foretaste of the feast to come.

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

"Your T able I Approach" LSB 628 vs 1-4
Your table I approach
Dear Savior hear my prayer
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there

Lord I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands

Your body and Your blood
Once slain and shed for me
Are taken at Your table Lord
In blest reality

Search not how this takes place
This wondrous mystery
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be

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.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same, especially in times of challenge or persecution, and grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

the love of God and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LSB 924 Lord dismiss us with Your blessing Fill our hearts with joy and peace Let us each Your love possessing Triumph in redeeming grace O refresh us O refresh us Trav'ling through this wilderness

> Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound Ever faithful ever faithful To Your truth may we be found

Savior when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way Let not fear of death appall us Glad Your summons to obey May we ever may we ever Reign with You in endless day

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
Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader
Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Martin Luther's Evening Supper

October 22 from 5pm to 7pm
St. John's Lutheran Church, Taylor
A German- themed dinner to support the international radio ministry Martin Luther's Evening Prayer.
\$25.00 per person
Flyers in the Narthex with more information.

Trunk-Or-Treat

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

BINGO!

September 27th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday September 17th

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

Karl Dasher – September 24th

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home
Dorothy MacTavish, at home
Camell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at rehab
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Bill Switter, continued improvements
Mack Mayfield, Sever Hip pain
Sherm & Sally Trout, Continued health
improvements

Tammy Tortonisi, Sophia's Mother, Back Surgery

Amanda Bacckus, Glenn Cairns' Niece, hospitalized with health problems/ surgery

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

Pat Bates, Health Concerns Paul Utica, Health Concerns

The Family of James Brophy, called to glory Kathrine Pollatz- Bailey, Pollatz daughter, Thanksgiving for much improvement

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday September 24	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study After Service 2pm Circuit Youth Mtg
Wednesday September 27	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday September 28	Quilting 10am to 2pm
Friday September 29	Office Closed
Saturday September 30	Saturday Church 5pm
Sunday October 1	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study After Service

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