FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Good Kind of Head Coaled September 3, 2023



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

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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 the Bible speaks of "enemies," the language typically is not very pleasant. Positive thoughts and joyful emotions are not the natural responses to these discussions. At first glance, Romans 12:20 is one such passage. Paul points out that when we show love and kindness toward those who have done us wrong, we "heap burning coals" on their heads. Quite the mental picture! But wait! Look more closely! This kind of "head coaled" is actually a good thing! Along with every rebel who engages in warfare with God, we, too, deserve the heat of His wrath. Our sin merits His anger. Yet in Christ Jesus, the "coal" that has touched our lips and atoned for our rebellion is nothing less than the precious blood of Christ, by whose cross God converts His enemies to friends and gives them new life in His presence. If God loves us like this in Jesus, when we take up our cross to follow Him, we will love others, even our enemies. Why? It is because of the "head coaled" we have—the one by which enemies are loved and evil is overcome because our God is so very good.

(Please stand)

▼ PREPARATION ▼

HYMN

"Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" LSB 660 vs 2 & 3

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.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

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

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

"This is the Day" TFBF 262
This is the day
This is the day that the Lord has made
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
We will rejoice and be glad in it
And be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day that the lord has made
This is the day

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross to redeem His enemies and make them His friends.

People: Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads;

Pastor: 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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 15:15–21 ESV

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but

they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

PSALM

Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8

Pastor: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house **People: and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

People: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

Pastor: For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

People: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

Pastor: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

People: I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O Lord,

Pastor: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

People: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

People: in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

Pastor: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

People: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord. 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: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house **People: and the place where Your glory dwells.**

GRADUAL Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Pastor: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **People: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE Romans 12:9–21 ESV

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do

what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it [c] to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

(Please stand)

VERSE Matthew 16:25

Pastor: Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it, People: but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:21–28 ESV

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of

God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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 1-4
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

Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

++ SERMON ++

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

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 kneel, as you are able, for the prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Remember the call of God through Paul in Romans 12:12:

People: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Pastor: Rejoicing in God's promise to hear our prayers, we delight ourselves in Him, even in the difficulties of life. Together let us give voice to our constant prayers. Heavenly Father, You alone

have the power to redeem Your enemies and make them friends. In the mercy of Jesus, who has claimed us as His own, enable us to show love to our enemies, heaping Your grace upon them. As You have loved us even though we never deserve it, help us to do the same to others in our lives. In Your love, O Lord,

People: help us to love as You have first loved us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, our hearts delight in Your goodness despite the evil of this fallen world. You entered into our midst because of Your mission to seek and save the lost. We join with You in this mission, Lord, commissioned by Your Gospel to make known among the nations what You have done. Restore us, renew us, and lead us! We delight in the new life You have given to all who trust in You. In Your joy, O Lord,

People: help us to rejoice in all things.

Pastor: Spirit of truth, You resuscitate what is dead, mend what is broken, and overcome what is evil with the goodness found only in You. Turn us again and again to Your mercy that we, having received it from You, may then extend it to others. Work mightily through each of us in our vocations at church, home, work, and society. Fill the hearts and minds of all who need Your wisdom and discernment, equipping them for the challenges they face. Through it all, instill in us Your peace to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. In Your peace, O Lord,

People: help us to be peacemakers.

Pastor: Be near to those who are broken in heart, body, and mind. Comfort the lonely and renew the spirit of those who despair. Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. Let those who walk through the desert of difficulty discover the oasis of Your living water. Hear the prayers we offer for those in our family of faith who need Your healing mercies, Your caring love for us is genuine and eternal. In Your care, O Lord,

People: help us to care for others.

Pastor: To You, gracious Father, be all the glory, honor, and praise, in Christ Jesus and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OFFERTORY HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783 vs 1-4

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

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

(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 delivers us from the enemies of sin and death so that we may live in Your victory and overcome evil with good. 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 the victory that is ours in Christ. You have defeated our enemies of sin, death, and the devil by His sacrifice upon the cross. Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we here receive Your perfect love, which overcomes the evil of our world and replaces it with Your goodness. Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we ask You to heap upon us Your mercy so that we may delight in You and then extend to others what we here receive. Hear us now as we pray in Jesus' name and in the words He has taught us:

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.

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."

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

"Jesus Loves Me" TFBF 249 vs 1-3

Jesus loves me!

This I know,

for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong

They are weak but he is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me Yes Jesus loves me The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me!

He who died
heaven's gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in

Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so
Jesus loves me!
Loves me still
Through I'm very weak and ill
From his shining throne on high
Comes to watch me where I lie

Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me Yes Jesus loves me The Bible tells me so (Please stand)

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.

O God the Father, the source of all goodness, who in perfect love sent Your only begotten Son into this world to save and deliver us, we delight in the mercy we have unworthily received. We praise You for the sacred sharing of Jesus' body and blood and for the victory over the enemies of death and the grave that You offer to all who trust in Him. As we have received, so may we give, extending to others the grace the whole world needs; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES Based on Romans 12:9–21

Pastor: Let your love be genuine. Turn from what is evil and hold fast to what is good.

People: Let us see one another as brothers and sisters in Christ!

Pastor: Delight yourself in the Lord even when life is difficult. Hold fast to Jesus. Rejoice in Him!

People: Let us overcome evil with good as we go forth in Jesus' name.

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

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" TFBF 298
O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness:

America! America!

God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:

America! America!

May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

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
Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader
Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday Bible Study

Starts back September 10th

Wednesday Bible Study

Starts back September 13th

BINGO!

September 13th & 27th

Quilting

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

Sunday August 27th

9:30 am 40

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

David Hamilton – September 6th

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

Sheila Weed, Val Mason's cousin, speedy recoveryAmanda Bacckus, Glenn Cairns' Niece, Medical TestsA.C Roche, Glenn Cairns' Co-worker, Recovering after surgery

Janie, Sandy Cairns' Patient, Placed on hospice Mary Fererelli, Frank Pignanelli's sister Nancy Dajos

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday September 10	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study After Service
Friday September 8	Office Closed
Thursday September 7	Quilting 10am to 2pm
Wednesday September 6	Mt. Hope Preschool Starts!
Monday September 4	
Sunday September 3	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC

