

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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August 18, 2024



Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8b–10

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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(734) 765–3468

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
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: Living in a world of empty promises and fake offers, we can easily become jaded to the things of God. In our skepticism, the temptation is to treat the invitation of God the same way we meet the scams that fill our emails and text messages. But the Lord does not speak empty words nor does He give promises He will not keep. Faith rejoices in Him who is genuine and who genuinely supplies what we need. Because of this, we build our lives upon the firm ground of this hope.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

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 ✠
 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 *Psalm 34:8–10*

Pastor: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints;

**People: those who seek the LORD lack no good
 thing. Blessed is the man who takes refuge
 in Him!**

Silence for self-examination

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

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the
 whole company of heaven and to you, my
 brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in
 thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own
 fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore
 I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,**

forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. He sent redemption to His people; He has

commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

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. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying,, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

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 have revealed Your truth to all in the person of Your Son and have bound Yourself to what He accomplished upon the cross. Give to us faith to trust in Your mercy and confidence to walk in His way to eternal life; 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 *Proverbs 9:1–10*

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 34:12–22; antiphon: v. 11*

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help,

the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:6–21*

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the

Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *John 6:68*

Pastor: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**People: You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:51–69*

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living

Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” LSB 526

You are the way; through You alone

Can we the Father find

In You, O Christ, has God revealed

His heart and will and mind

You are the truth Your Word alone

True wisdom can impart

You only can inform the mind

And purify the heart

You are the life; the empty tomb

Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm

And those who put their trust in You

Not death nor hell shall harm

You are the way, the truth, the life

Grant us that way to know

That truth to keep, that life to win

Whose joys eternal flow

++ SERMON ++

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Text: Proverbs 9:1–10

Theme: We have all grown skeptical from constant invitations that turn out to be scams, but God invites us to come in and receive a gift that is life giving and life changing.

Goal: That hearers will recognize the invitation from God to take and eat and know him.

Outline

- I. Just knowing Wisdom, the Son of God, as famous sayings you might memorize doesn't mean you're wise.
- II. Jesus invites more: to enter into his house and receive his wise actions in a book, at a font, in bread and wine.

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the

Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer

before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your Commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every

situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB* 655

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done**

**Lord Jesus Christ Your pow'r make known
For You are Lord of lords alone
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally**

**O Comforter of priceless worth
Send peace and unity on earth
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life**

✠ 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.

(Please stand)

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: You are holy and merciful, Lord God of our fathers, for You have manifested to us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, and He has accomplished our salvation by His suffering in the flesh and the blood He shed upon the cross. As He has fulfilled His promise and accomplished all things by His death and resurrection, so now keep us in Him until the day of His coming, when, with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, the whole host of heaven rejoices to stand before You and join their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS *(we 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: Holy and mighty, holy and merciful Lord, from the beginning You held forth the hope of redemption that the people lost to You because of sin might be returned to You by means of the Savior long promised. Now having fulfilled all things for our salvation by the offering of His flesh for the life of the world and His blood to atone for our sin, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we whom He has bidden may come in confidence to receive all that He has promised. Now, by His own bidding, we come in His name to His Supper, that we may be strengthened in body and soul upon the food of His flesh and blood.

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: Having rejoiced to know the salvation accomplished for us in Christ and having confidence in the Word of His accomplished redemption, we await His coming in glory to finish all things. Keep us that we may rejoice to confess before You His holy incarnation and life, His life-giving suffering and death, His rest in the tomb, His resurrection from the dead, His coming again in glory as judge of all, and His coming again in glory to finish all that He began. As He has taught us, so we are bold 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 HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” *LSB 702 vs 1-3*

My faith looks up to Thee

Thou Lamb of Calvary

Savior divine

Now hear me while I pray

Take all my guilt away

O let me from this day

Be wholly Thine

May Thy rich grace impart

Strength to my fainting heart

My zeal inspire

As Thou hast died for me

Oh may my love to Thee

Pure warm and changeless be

A living fire

**While life's dark maze I tread
 And griefs around me spread
 Be Thou my guide
 Bid darkness turn to day
 Wipe sorrow's tears away
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Of Your goodness, O Lord, You have bestowed
 upon us the bread that nourishes our bodies and
 the bread of life that nurtures us to life
 everlasting. Grant that what You have begun in us
 You may also bring to fulfillment on that day when
 distance shall no longer divide us and we shall be
 one people in Your presence forevermore;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
 and forever.

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

“Draw Us to Thee” *LSB 701 vs 1-3*

**Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.**

**Draw us to Thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.**

**Draw us to Thee,
O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong ,Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Downriver Circuit Youth Group

Car Wash & Bake Sale

at ST. John in Taylor

13115 Telegraph Taylor, MI 48180

Saturday August 24th 11am to 3pm

Free Will Donations

Proceeds go towards the

2025 LCMS Youth Gathering

July 19-23, 2025 In New Orleans, LA

Looking for small quantity items for the bake sale. Please see Frances for details.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

MISSION STATEMENT: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

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Since 1942, LWML has supported worldwide missions through mite offerings.

Please note LWML mite boxes are available in the narthex. Mite boxes may be turned in on LWML Sunday, October 6th.

BINGO!

Will resume in September

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday August 4th

9:30 am 33

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Ruth & Paul Pollatz – August 21st

Linda & Steve Hurst – August 24th

Birthdays

Timothy Vanhampler – August 21st

Kim Jones - August 23rd

Mike Vanhampler – August 24th

For the Shut-Ins

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at Aerius Health Center

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

The family of Drewsilla Huddleston, who was called to glory

Melvin Kimbrough, ill at home

Frank and Laurie Pignanelli, on their wedding anniversary

Morgan Stamp, on her graduation

Pat Ricken, Linda Panich's Friend, recovering from cancer surgery & prayers for they got all the caner removed.

Mack Mayfield, prayers for healing & recovery

Tonya, Kevin, Mick, Carson, for faith, trust,
understanding and their continued safety

Bill Fults, Jackie Fults' Husband, several health
Issues and upcoming surgeries.

Claudia Wilson, injured/ healing

Debbie Pomposelli, Frank & Laurie Pignanelli,
Recovery from surgery

Brenda Miller, Friend of Glenn Cairns, Illness


Avery Wilson, we pray for peace of mind, faith,
and wellness

Andy Pignanelli, Frank's Brother, seriously ill

Kent Jones, nephew of Linda Panich , for
healing of foot infections

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

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| Sunday August 18 | 9:30am – Worship w/HC |
| Thursday August 22 | Quilting 10 – 2pm |
| Friday August 23 | Office Closed |
| Saturday August 24 | 5pm Worship w/HC |
| Sunday August 25 | 9:30am – Worship w/HC |



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