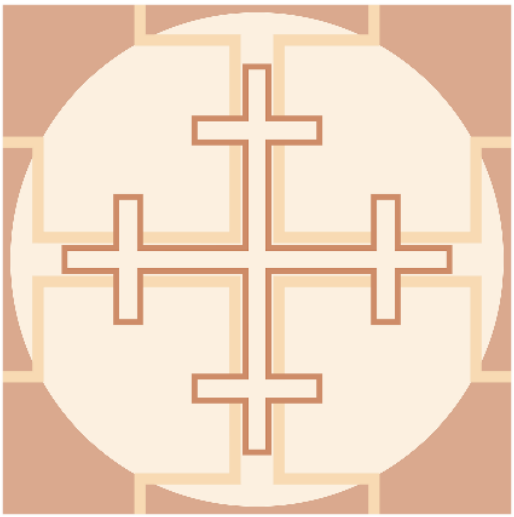
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Joy at the Crossroads

August 16, 2026



The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered.” Isaiah 56:8

Mount Hope Lutheran Church (313) 565- 9445

Sunday Service - 9:30am 5323 Southfield

Sunday Bible Study – after Service Allen Park, MI 48101

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

Rev. Paul Pollatz (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
WORDS OF WELCOME
PREPARATION

Pastor: In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, ***"Lord, help me"*** (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring **"foreigners"** to His **"house of prayer for all peoples"** (Isaiah 56:6–7). Here He gives **"many blessings even though we are undeserving" (Prayer of the Day**). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all ***people "that He may have mercy on all"*** (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

(Please Stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" *LSB* 901

Open now Thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him, who answers prayer,
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be,
To my heart, oh, enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep Thy gift divine;
How-so-e'er temptations thicken,
May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

People: Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Confess of Sins and Absolution.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.” Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.

People: Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed. To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

KYRIE *(p. 152 & 153)*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord

People: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790 vs 1 & 5

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

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

> Lord God, almighty Father, Your mercy has been published throughout the world, calling all people to repentance and faith in Your Son. Grant us a lively faith that we may proclaim Christ to all nations for the gathering of all people into Your house of prayer; 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 *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.
"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant these I will

bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
"I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

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

PSALM *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 5*
Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you! May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*
I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God

against Israel? Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

(Please Stand)

VERSE *Psalm 147:2–3*

Pastor: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21–28*

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS AND ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day. Guests are to fill out one side of the yellow cards and members the other side.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" *LSB* 809 vs 1 & 2

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

++ SERMON ++

Jesus stands at the crossroads of faith . . .



Annibale Carracci (1560–1609),
Christ and the Canaanite Woman (1594–95)

JOY AT THE CROSSROADS

Text: Matthew 15:21–28
Theme: Jesus stands at the crossroads of faith in astonished joy.
Goal: That everyone listening may be encouraged in the task of witnessing to those outside the faith.

(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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs. Almighty and everlasting God, You have established Your church as a house of prayer for all people. Receive our prayer this day as our sacrifice of praise for Your mercy in accepting us into the family of those You have called to faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that many of all nations and nationalities be drawn by Your Spirit to the salvation You have provided by the sacrifice of Jesus for the sin of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give strength and confidence to all pastors and called servants of Your church, that they may proclaim boldly Your desire to gather all by Your mercy into the family of the redeemed. Bless Your Word they preach to the joy and edifying of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless all those gathered here in Your presence with an increase of faith and steadfastness in Your Word, that they may continually look to You for

the salvation of their souls and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear our prayer especially for all who are in any need, those who are sick or hospitalized, those who are in trouble or suffer any need, those who are considered outcasts of society, and all who we name in our hearts before You. Grant to them healing, help, and deliverance from their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and are with You, mercifully admit us into the fellowship of all Your saints, not counting our merits but on account of Your own mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"The church's one foundation" LSB 644 vs 1

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

(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 commissioned His church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the triune name and teaching them all things He has commanded. 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 *(we sing) LSB 161*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 *LSB PAGE 163*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" *LSB* 571 vs 1 & 5

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive

If you are sick if death is near
This truth your troubled heart can cheer
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death
That is the firmest ground of faith

(Please Stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (we sing) 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 COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have gathered us into Your house of prayer and fed us with the gift of Your mercy in this Sacrament. Enable us now to welcome all who join us by Your calling into the joyful fellowship of faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

"Jesus Shall Reign" *LSB* 832 vs 1,2 & 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated for Announcements)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Frank Pignanelli, Elder
Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
Glenn Cairns, Ken Kosmalski & Jim Smith, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Service Opportunity

Donations of Cereal boxes for Blessed Hope Food Pantry. Please place them in grey box by mailboxes.

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Saturday August 8th	5:00pm	3
Sunday August 9th	9:30 am	26

Prayer List If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Donna McCall at (313) 389-9626. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Ruth & Paul Pollatz – August 21st

Birthdays

Lucy Stamp – August 21st
Timothy Vanhampler – August 21st

For the Shut-Ins

Mack Mayfield, at home
Louis Bigliardi, Assistant Living
Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons

Carmell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at Aerius Health Center
Lynn Mayfield, at home
Joy Mead, Ashford Court
Bill Switter, at home

For Those Who Are Sick / Healing / Special Circumstances

Bethany Hagelstein, thanksgiving for her safe travel to Chicago, and especially for her wedding engagement! Congratulations to you Bethany!

Ava Kay Mylenek, born August 1, 2026, Elsie and Pam Brophy, her great grandmother, and great grand aunt respectively!!

Bill Switter, home from being hospitalized

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday August 16	9:30am – Worship w/HC
Monday August 17	Office Open 9am – 1pm
Tuesday August 18	Office Closed
Wednesday August 19	Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday August 20	Office Open 10am – 3pm Quilting 10am - 2pm
Friday August 21	Office Closed
Saturday August 22	Saturday Night Church 5pm
Sunday August 23	9:30am – Worship w/HC

Nifty Fifty's

Taste The Memories

Join us August 22, 2026
at 2pm
for Nifty Fifty's Party!
Please dress to impress or come as you are but make sure your there for the wonderful Food, Music & Fellowship






Did you participate in a Fundraiser?
Did you pray for the youth groups?
No matter HOW you supported the Youth Group

You're Invited
Thank You Dinner Hosted by

DOWNRIVER Youth

Come hear about the High School Youth Trip to Mackinac Island and the Jr, High Trip to Frankenmuth

Christ the King Lutheran Church
15600 Trenton Road
Southgate, MI
Sunday, August 16 @ 5:00 PM

RSVP to Frances by
Text / Call or In-person by
August 11th





In preparation for



Join us Sunday, September 13th

9:30am Service

&

10:45 Quilt Square Building along with

Ice Cream Social

(free will donations will go to the youth for National Gatherings)