



Welcome to
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*By the love of Christ,
our vision is to work together,
reaching out to all people,
through the Gospel,
in our various activities and events.
As we encourage each other to worship
and grow in God's Word,
we will be a Christian influence
in our community.*

*April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter
Preacher: Rev. Ken Bernthal*

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping “squirmly” kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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GREETING

P Peace be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Divine Service - Setting Four LSB 203

Opening Hymn

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

sts. 1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on



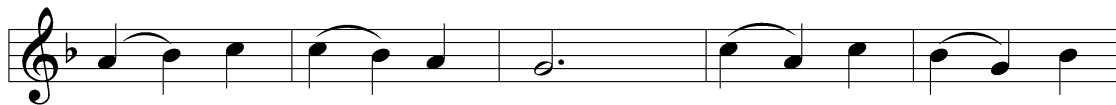
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Prayer for Forgiveness

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is

C **when brothers dwell in unity!**

P It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

C **running down on the collar of his robes!**

P It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

C **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

A **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.**

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is

C **when brothers dwell in unity!**

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

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^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B-flat4, and a quarter note G4. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B-flat4, and a quarter note G4. The final phrase consists of a quarter rest, a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B-flat4, and a quarter note G4.

Verse

LSB 205



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

The musical notation is on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Alleluia

LSB 205



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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

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

**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.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

sts. 1-4

1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your

A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es,
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Prayer Response

After each segment:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

After prayers:

P In Your Name we pray

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

sts. 4-5



4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Jack Owens**

Ushers:

Greeters: **Judi Riske**

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Susie Moore**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

PRAYERS

*Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks** before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Lynn informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.*

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: *Members: Friends:* Mark Hogan, Jasen Wohn, Arthur Clough, Pastor Roger Aumann, Ethel Stevenson, Evelyn Albright,

Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: *Members: Friends:* Chris Flores

Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: *Members:* Dave Lauria

Friends: Amber Hodgson

Those with health concerns: *Members:* Alyssa Wohn, Bill Richmond, Ruth

Stocker ***Friends:*** Lisa Willis, Kendra Daschner, Jill Damon, Lynn's friend, Lakos family's Mother, Reggie Riehl

Those diagnosed with Cancer: *Members:* Dave Lauria, Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb

Mauro ***Friends:*** Don Kernstock

We celebrate the following: *Members:* Caroline Belt--healthy boy ***Friends:*** Sara Mendoza--healthy triplets

In Military Service: *Members: Friends:* Christopher Dysinger, Kevein Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Travor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

BIRTHDAYS:

Elaine Jansen ~28th

ANNIVERSARIES:

MESSAGES

MEMBER & GUEST CARDS: If you have not filled out a member/guest card, please take the time to fill one out and place it in the plate behind the back pews in our sanctuary.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, the Tuesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Schneider meets from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU *to the musicians for their contribution to the service*

If you have a 7th-12th grade student (or know of one) who is interested in the **occupation of serving the church**, please contact Pastor Paul for educational opportunities.

If anyone is interested in **ushering, greeting or doing coffee hour**, please contact Pastor Paul. He will provide the information and training you need.

NOISY OFFERING: Noisy Offering for April, May and June will go to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE On the Sundays of May 7th and 21st, there will be two tables in the narthex and fellowship hall where people can check all of their information that we use to communicate with you (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) Please take a look and make any changes please!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: has reconvened - 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will continue on Tuesday, 4/25.

YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY for April will be held on Sunday' 4/30 at 9:30 a.m.

FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS: The Family Receipts are no longer being collected due to the program being cancelled.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!: Adopt-A-Highway starts again for 2023. The first pick up will be Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 A.M. We will meet at the church. In case of rain, we will meet right after church service on the following day, the 30th.

UPCOMING FOOD TRUCKS-May 6th. June 10th, July 22nd, September 23rd, October 7th

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- There will be a special congregational meeting May 7th, 2023 for the purpose of presenting the comtronics security system proposal.

HELP NEEDED: Mt. Hope is seeking an individual to serve as our representative to the Christian Help Center Board. Meetings are on Monday morning, every other month. Duration 1 1/2 hours (9 hours per year). What a great opportunity to help those in need and to serve our Lord! Contact David Jansen , Elder, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<i>April 23</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
11am	Worship Service
<i>April 24</i>	<i>Monday</i>
<i>April 25</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
9:30 am	Bible Study
10:30am	LWML Quilting
1pm	Ladies Bible Study
6:30-8pm	Cub Scouts
<i>April 26</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>April 27</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>April 28</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>April 29</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
10am	Adopt A Highway Pickup
<i>April 30</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
9:30am	Young Adult/Youth Bible Study
11am	Worship Service w/ Communion

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