



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.*

*July 23, 2023  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
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 “squirmy” kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

***Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices.***

**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 God 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. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:17-34). Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, who is in doubt, or who hold a confession different than God's Word and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desires to receive the sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor before taking communion. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from the Pastor, by crossing their arms over their chest.

Grape juice is offered in the center of the trays. Gluten-free wafers are available. For further study, see Matthew 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35, 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.


# Greeting

P Peace be with you.  
C And also with you


## Divine Service - Setting Four LSB 203

### Opening Hymn


#### 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord




1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,  
3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold,



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;  
Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;  
Dews of sum - mer, your song un - fold;



Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,  
Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,  
Light and dark - ness, you day and night,



Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:  
Heat and fire, you ice and snow:  
Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:

*Refrain*

Raise your voice - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Raise your voice - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!

*Stand*

## 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, 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** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
**C listen to my plea for grace.**
- P** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;  
**C unite my heart to fear your name.**
- P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C and I will glorify your name forever.**
- P** For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
**C you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

P O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C **and they do not set you before them.**

P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

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 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C **listen to my plea for grace.**

## Kyrie

**LSB 204**



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

**LSB 204**



**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, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

***Isaiah 44:6–8***

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.  
<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
And you are my witnesses!  
Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## *Romans 8:18–27*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Alleluia

LSB 205



## Verse

LSB 205



## Alleluia

LSB 205



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in

gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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

## 816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Stand on st. 3*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

### Prayer Response

**After each segment:**

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

**After prayers:**

P In the name of Jesus we pray.

C **Amen.**

## Benedicamus

**212**

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.

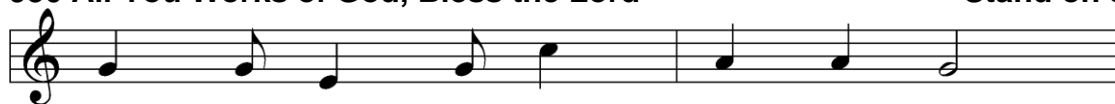
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

## 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

Stand on st. 6



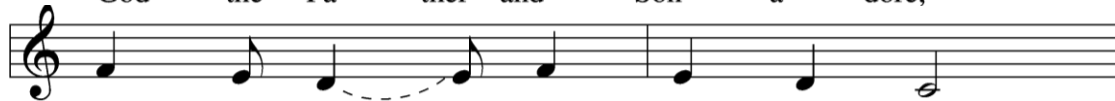
4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing His worth,  
5 Come, hu - man - i - ty, sing a - long,  
△ 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;



All you green things that grow on earth;  
Sing, you peo - ple of God, a song;  
All you hum - ble, His praise im - part;



Seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,  
Priests and ser - vants, your Lord now bless,  
God the Fa - ther and Son a - dore,



Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:  
Join, you spir - its and souls at rest:  
Bless the Spir - it for - ev - er - more!

*Refrain*



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!

## Closing Statement

P We go to live for Jesus.

C **We go to share His love.**

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## THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN

### SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Mike Shields**

Ushers:

Greeters: **Mike & Nicholas Wilkens**

Coffee: **Shirley Koch & Kristie Wilkens**

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:*** Family of Steve Koch ***Friends:*** Billy (Barb Mauro's brother) Bruce Lennon (friend of Hatfield's), Robert Howden (Vicki's husband), Larry Albrecht (former member), Tom Smith (son of Tom & Jan Smith), Kay Gregg (former Member), Kendra Daschner (daughter of Frank & Suzie Moore)

**Hospice-- *Members:*** Paul Musselman (Palliative Care) ***Friend:*** Joan Nugent (Shirley Koch's sister)

**Those with upcoming surgery, tests, and medical conditions: *Members:*** ***Friends:*** Kennedy (Judi Risk's Granddaughter), Chris Flores (upcoming surgery)

**Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures:**

***Members:*** Pastor Ken Bernthal ***Friends:*** Don Kernstock

**Those with health concerns: *Members:*** Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker

***Friends:*** Mike & Lisa Monofo, Pat Gray (dementia)

**Those diagnosed with Cancer: *Members:*** Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro ***Friends:*** Don Kernstock, Robyn--Barb Mauro's friend

**We celebrate the following: *Members: Friends:***

**Those with difficult life challenges: *Members: Friends:*** Drew Stirgis

**Those in Military Service: *Members: Friends:*** Chris Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

Judy McGee~19<sup>th</sup>

Abbi Drews~21<sup>st</sup>

David Lauria~26<sup>th</sup>

Stacey Crow~28<sup>th</sup>

## **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:** 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*

**HELP WANTED:** 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 July will go to Toys for Tots.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**UPCOMING FOOD TRUCKS:** Food Truck Saturdays for the rest of the year are: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>

**CRAWFORD COUNTY CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Items needed for kids: ***socks, underwear, pajamas, hats, gloves, hygiene items***. Items needed for household: ***cleaning supplies, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaners, sponges, etc*** Contact Terry Tody for more information.

**July 23**

9:30am

11am

**July 24****July 25**

9:30am

10:30am

1pm

**July 26**

9:30am-12pm

**July 27**

9:30am-12pm

**July 28**

9:30am-12pm

11am

**July 29****July 30**

11am

**Sunday**

“Wonderfully Made” Bible Study

Worship Service

**Monday****Tuesday**

Bible Study

Quilting

Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday**

VBS

**Thursday**

VBS

**Friday**

VBS

Family Picnic

**Saturday****Sunday**

Worship Service w/Communion

**SERVING in GODS HOUSE NEXT WEEK 7/23/2023**

Pastor: Rev. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Frank Moore**

Ushers:

Greeters: **David Hall**

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Louise Lazzarino**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

**VBS WANTS/NEEDS YOU!!!!**

**VBS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO: TEACHERS – PRE-K THRU 8 TH GRADE**

**MUSIC  
CRAFTS  
SNACKS  
OUTDOOR GAMES  
REGISTRATION**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!

Pick the place you feel more comfortable doing, the time and date you are available, your choice.

Dates:           Wednesday, July 26  
                      Thursday, July 27  
                      Friday, July 28

Time: 9:30am till 12pm each day with an 11am Family Picnic on the 28th

**PLEASE SIGN UP!**

*For more info contact either Jason Hartman, Salena Laskowski and/or Sharon Hopkins*



## **MT. Hope Lutheran Church VBS**

**July 26, 27 & 28th (Family Picnic @ 11am)**

**9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

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**Preschool and Up**

**Registration Required**