



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.*

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent
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.**

+ ORDER OF SERVICE +

(The liturgy is from Divine Service Setting four LSB pg. 203ff)

OPENING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 sts. 1-4



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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Please stand as able

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16

P My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

C **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

P To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

C **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

P The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

C **Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

P Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

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.**

C **My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

P Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

KYRIE

LSB 204



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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR DUET

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

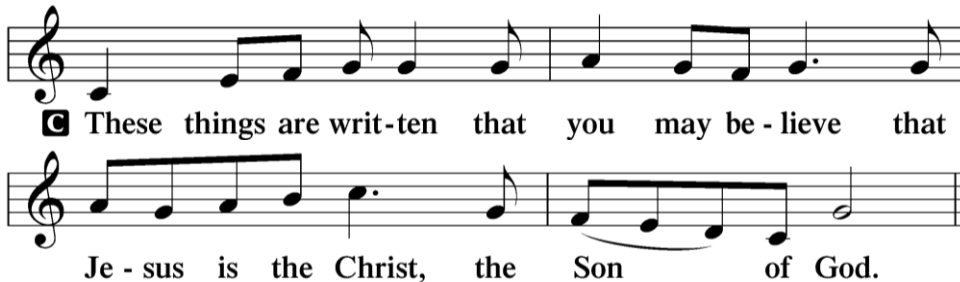
⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

VERSE



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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:28–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

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

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them

and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.” ³¹Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.

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.**

Please be seated

SERMON HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

SERMON

“PONTIUS PILATE, WERE YOU THERE?”

Please stand as able

PRAYER of the CHURCH

After each Segment:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

Final Segment:

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER

**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**

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 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.**

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 sts. 5–7



5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion, And hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows

might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,

Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy

soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

NOISY OFFERING-Please drop your coins in the bucket as you leave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS

P We go to live for Jesus!

C We go to share His love!

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading: Isaiah: 42:14-21

Second Reading: Ephesians: 5:8-14

Holy Gospel: Mark: 15:37-39

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: Jeff Pregler

Ushers:

Greeters:

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: Louise Lazzarino

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

Choir Duet: Claudia Albright and Joan Thompson

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:* Stevan

Koch ***Friends:*** Dave Sabin, Ellen Kitch, Tyke Golnick, Nancy Hoffman, Dale Melroy,

Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: *Member* David

Lauria, ***Friend:*** Chris Flores surgery (Richmond's friend)

Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: *Members:* Pete Albright, Bill Woodman, Evelyn Albright, Judi Riske, Sharon Hopkins ***Friends:***

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

Wohn, Terry Tody ***Friends:*** Taylor Moser, Karen Sperry

Those diagnosed with cancer: *Members:* David Lauria, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, Lynn Richmond; ***Friends:*** Bill Lucksted, Bill Burrick, Richard Lovell, Donna LaDuke, Don Kernstock, Mary K. LeBouradais

In Military Service: *Friends of Mt. Hope:* Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trever Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

BIRTHDAYS:

none

ANNIVERSARIES:

none

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.

NOISY OFFERING will continue through March and will go to Lutherans for Life of Michigan.

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*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall

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.

OUR MONTHLY POTLUCK, hosted by the Trustees, will be on March 12th, right after service. Always lots of food and conversation! Hope to see you there!

FAMILY NIGHT-Mark your calendar for the 2nd Monday of March! Family Night starts at 5:00 and runs until 7:00. Bring a friend(s) for games, pizza and fun!

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

Reminder about inclement weather and church functions: Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying. Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<i>March 12</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
11am	Worship Service w/Noisy Offering Potluck
<i>March 13</i>	<i>Monday</i>
5pm	Family Night
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
9:30am	Bible Study
10:30am	LWML Quilting
1pm	Ladies Bible Study
6:30pm-8pm	Cub Scouts
<i>March 15</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>March 16</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>March 17</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>March 18</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>March 19</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
11am	Worship Service w/Communion

SERVING in GODS HOUSE NEXT WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Dave Jansen**

Ushers:

Greeters:

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Marj Kelsey**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

EASTER LILLIES FOR THE ALTAR

We will be accepting orders for plants to beautify our altar on Easter, until Sunday, April 2nd. You can fill out the form and either place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office along with your payment.

Lily \$10.00

HOW MANY: _____

The plants may be picked up and taken home after the 11am Worship Service on Easter morning. Thank you for helping us to glorify our Risen Savior with the beauty of flowers.

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

