

Welcome to Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

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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.

> May 21, 2023 Seventh 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 "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

<u>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.</u>

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.

Opening Hymn

907 God Himself Is Present



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, 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.

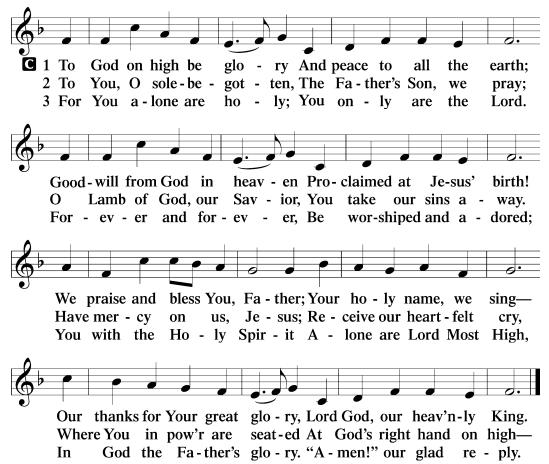
Service of the Word

Introit

- P I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
- C to you, O LORD, I will make music.
- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- C Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- P Know that the LORD, he is God!
- C It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
- C Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- P For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
- C and his faithfulness to all generations.
- 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 I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
- C to you, O LORD, I will make music.



Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Sit

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mou th of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved,

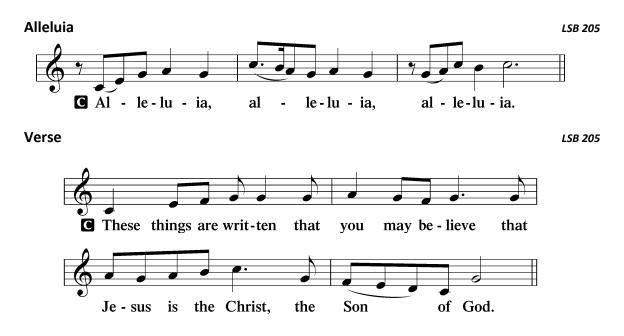
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good....

^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Alleluia



John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter. Ρ

Glory to You, O Lord. С

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

^{5:6}"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

- Ρ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- С Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

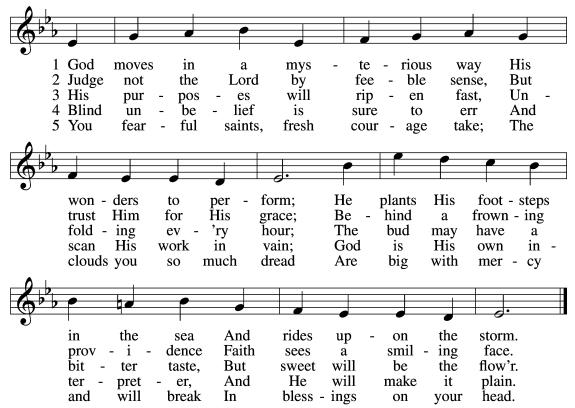
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way



Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Prayer Response

After each segment:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

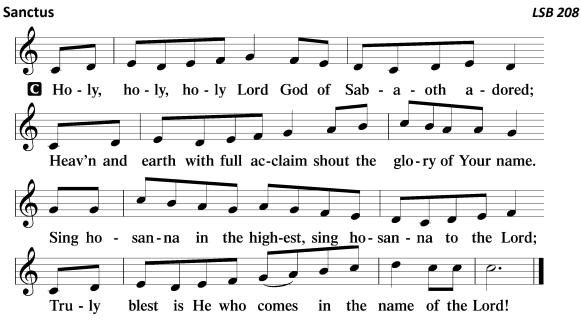
After prayers:

- P In the name of Jesus we pray.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

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

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

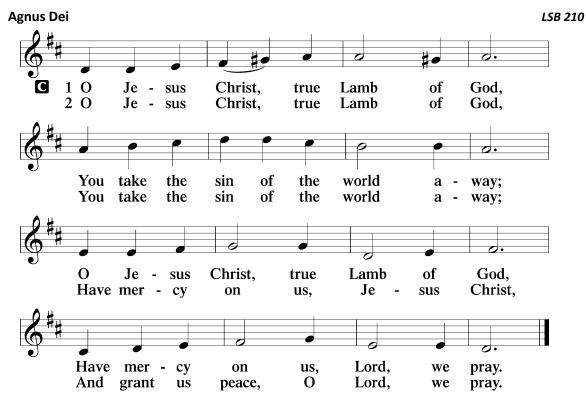
The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

Pax Domini

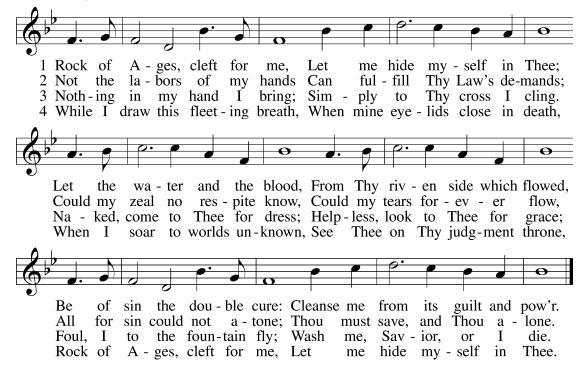
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Sit

Distribution Hymns

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



752 Be Still, My Soul 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is your side: Bear pa - tienton 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take guide the To 3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de - part And all is 4 Be still, my soul; hour is the has - t'ning on When we shall lv the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God or - der to fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let Then you will bet - ter know His dark-ened in this vale of tears; for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and be and pro - vide; ev - 'ry change He faith - ful In will re noth - ing All now mys - te rious shall be shake: bright at love, His heart. Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and vour Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est fear are gone, joys re best, your heav'n - ly main. Be still, my soul; Friend your Be still, my soul; waves and winds still last. the know Be still, my soul; fears. vour Je - sus can re pay Be still, my soul; when change and stored. tears are past, Through thorn - y joy - ful end. leads ways to a His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low. From His full own ness all He takes a - way. A11 safe and bless _ ed we shall meet last. at

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

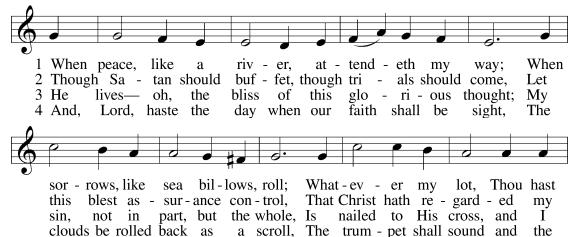
Benediction

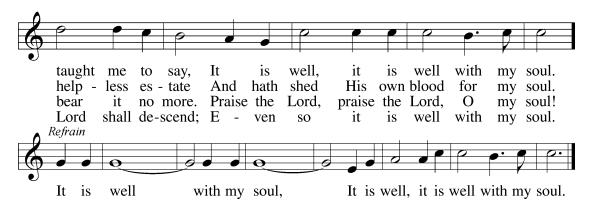
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

763 When Peace, like a River





Closing Statement

- P We go to live for Jesus.
- C We go to share His love.

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading Numbers: 11:24-30 *Second Reading* Acts 2:1-21 *Holy Gospel:* John 7:37-39

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal Elder: Jack Owens Ushers: Greeters: C. Belt Coffee: Counters: Altar Care: Martha Pregler 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 <u>4 weeks</u> 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, Henry Siegling, Maryon Warner

Those with upcoming surgery and medical conditions: Members: Friends: Chris Flores Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: Members: Jan Smith Friends: Those with health concerns: Members: Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker, Friends: Joan Nugent, Lisa Willis, Kendra Daschner, Jill Damon, Lakos' Family's Mother, Lynn's friend Those diagnosed with Cancer: Members: Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, Friends: Don Kernstock

We celebrate with the following: Member: Dave Lauria--cancer free diagnosis Friends: Those with difficult life challenges: Members: Friends: Drew Stegis

Those in the 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:

ANNIVERSARIES;

21st-Charles Belt 25th-Bill Woodman



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

<u>NOISY OFFERING</u>: Noisy Offering for May and June will go to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE TODAY, May 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 – Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE: We have been invited to support the graduating class of 2023 at Grayling High School. Please see the bulletin board for more information on this service which is May 31st at 6pm at Grayling High School.



THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

May 21	Sunday
9:30am	Youth/Young Adult Bible Study
11am	Worship Service w/ Communion
	Potluck-Council
May 22	Monday
May 23	Tuesday
9:30 am	Bible Study
10:30am	LWML Quilting
1pm	Ladies Bible Study
6:30-8pm	Cub Scouts
May 24	Wednesday
May 25	Thursday
May 26	Friday
May 27	Saturday
May 28	Sunday
10:20	Choir Practive
11am	Worship Service

SERVING in GODS HOUSE NEXT WEEK 5/28/2023

Pastor: Rev. Ken Bernthal Elder: Jeff Pregler Ushers: Greeters: Coffee: Counters: Altar Care: Kathy Woodman Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright Bible Study: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

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Psalm 23:2-3, KJV