



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.*

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
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!*

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904 Stand on v.4



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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, 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

Psalm 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2

- P The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**
- P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- C He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**
- 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 The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

KYRIE

LSB 204



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

HYMN OF PRAISE
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



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 Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“You Are My All In All”

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

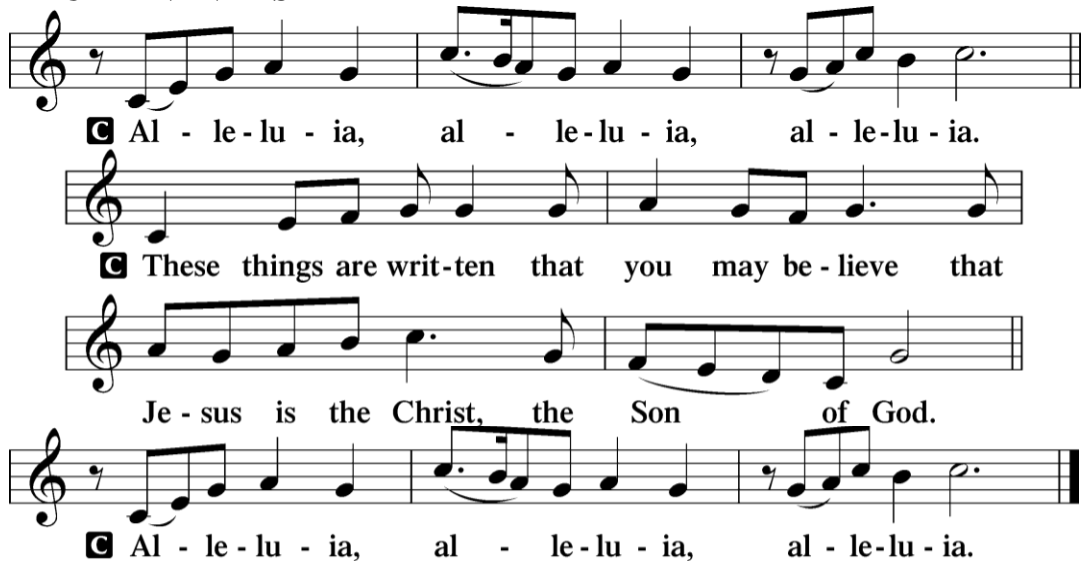
¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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

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

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

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

The musical score is written on four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing rests.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38–48

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

³⁸[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

- 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

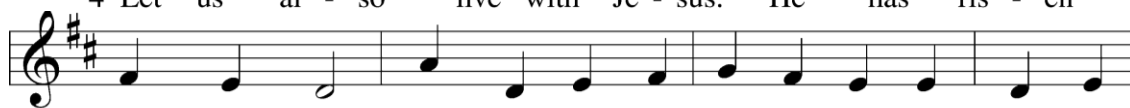
SERMON HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB Let us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

SERMON

Please stand as able

PRAYER of the CHURCH

After each Segment:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

After 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

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966



2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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: Exodus 24:8-18

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Jack Owens**

Ushers: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul)

Greeters: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul)

Coffee: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul)

Counters: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul)

Altar Care: **Martha Pregler**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul)

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 Nicole 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: Janice Knoellinger Family (Lee Sperry's sister), (Rev Paul and Karen's uncle) William Mertz, Member Louise Lazzarino Family (for her brother), Member--Mike Nowak Family, Terry Marsh Family (Paul & Judi Mesack's friend)

Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: **Members** David Lauria; **Friend:** Terry Lynn Davis

Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: **Members:** Tom Smith, Judi Riske, Sharon Hopkins, Dave Mauro, **Friends:** Annette Vittiglio, Bill Lucksted, Brody Robison

Those with health concerns: **Members:** Jan Smith, Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker, Alyssa Wohn, **Friends of Mt. Hope:** Weston Davis, Kendra Dasher, Bill Lucksted, Mary Vess, Gabriel Schlak, Dalton Miron, Sue Pierce, Devon Kacher, Chris McMannamon, Scott Ferguson, Joan Reisch, Weston Davis.

Those diagnosed with cancer: **Members:** David Lauria, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, Steve Koch, Lynn Richmond; **Friends of Mt. Hope:** Bill Lucksted, Bill Burrick, Sue Rebandt, Richard Lovell, Donna LaDuke, Jim Dugdale, Don Kernstock, Mary K. LeBouradais

Those under Hospice Home Care: **Member** Steve Koch

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:

Andrea Flowers~15th
Ken Bendick~18th

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.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS: Doug & Terry Sherman

NOISY OFFERING for the months of Jan-March will go to Lutherans for Life of Michigan.

FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS: There is a basket on the table in the narthex for these receipts. We are collecting them for the Day Care. If you have questions, please talk to Terry Tody.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 9:30am in the fellowship hall with Pastor Paul Schneider. Please join in as you are able! We are studying the Gospel of John.

Thank you to the musicians for their contribution to the service

Ash Wednesday service will be 5pm on February 22nd.

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.

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!

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<i>February 12</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
10:20am	Choir Practice
11am	Worship Service with Noisy Offering
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Monday</i>
5pm	Family Game Night with Pizza
<i>February 14</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
9:30am	Bible Study
10:30am	LWML Quilting
6:30pm-8pm	Cub Scouts
<i>February 15</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>February 16</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>February 17</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>February 18</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>February 19</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
10:20am	Choir Practice
11am	Worship Service with Communion
	Potluck

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Jesus
Loves
YOU

The graphic is a black and white design. The word 'Jesus' is in a tall, condensed, sans-serif font. Below it, 'Loves' is written in a fluid, cursive script. The word 'YOU' is in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font. A cross is positioned behind the 'YOU', with its vertical beam extending downwards. To the left of the cross, there are several curved, overlapping lines that sweep upwards and to the right, partially obscuring the cross and the word 'YOU'.