

# 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.

*February 5, 2023 Fifth 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!* 

# <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

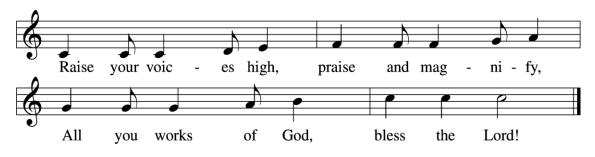
- P Peace be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

## + ORDER OF SERVICE +

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

#### **OPENING HYMN**





**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION** 

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

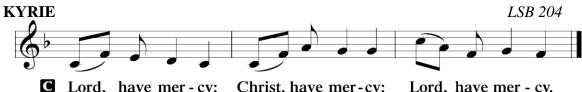
- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we 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

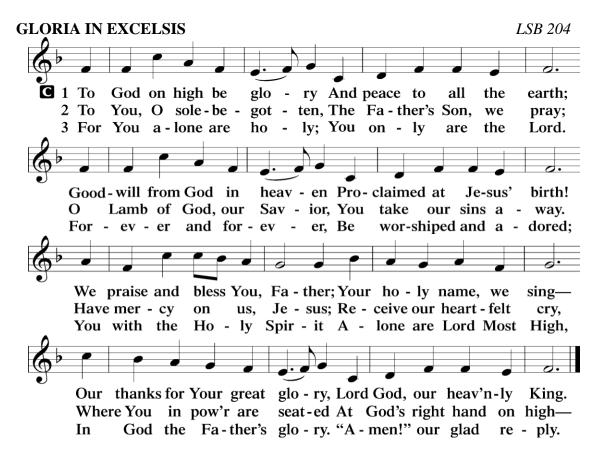
Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

- P Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!
- C How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
- P With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
- C I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- P Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!
- C With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.
- P In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
- **C** I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
- P I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
- 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 Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!



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

#### HYMN OF PRAISE



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 58:3–9a

<sup>3</sup>"Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,

and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

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

#### **EPISTLE**

#### 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"-

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

- This is the Word of the Lord. Ρ
- С Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



#### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

#### HOLY GOSPEL

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

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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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.

Please be seated

#### SERMON HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory LSB 850 of grace of 1 God God glo - ry, On Your peo - ple and the hosts 2 Lo, of vil Scorn the Christ, as e round us dren's war - ring Bend our pride 3 Cure Your chil mad - ness; \_ to res - ig 4 Save us from То the weak na - tion e - vils Crown Your an cient Church's Your pow'r; pour \_ sto - ry; His ways! From the fears long sail that have bound us con - trol; Shame self - ish Your our wan ton, glad - ness, de - plore; the gift Your sal of va - tion we Let -Bring its glo - rious flow'r. bud Grant wis - dom, to us and praise. wis - dom, Free our hearts to faith Grant us Rich in things and soul. Grant wis - dom, poor in us Be our glo ry ev er - more. Grant us wis - dom, this For the fac ing of grant us cour age liv - ing For the of these grant cour age us -Lest miss Your king - dom's we grant us cour age You Serv whom grant us cour age, ing we a hour. For the fac ing of this hour. ing days, For the liv of these days. miss Your king - dom's goal, Lest we goal. You dore, Serv ing whom we dore. a -

#### 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

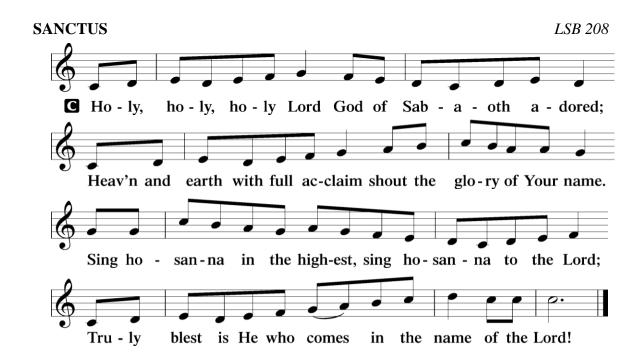
Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those Who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom And the power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen

#### 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.

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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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

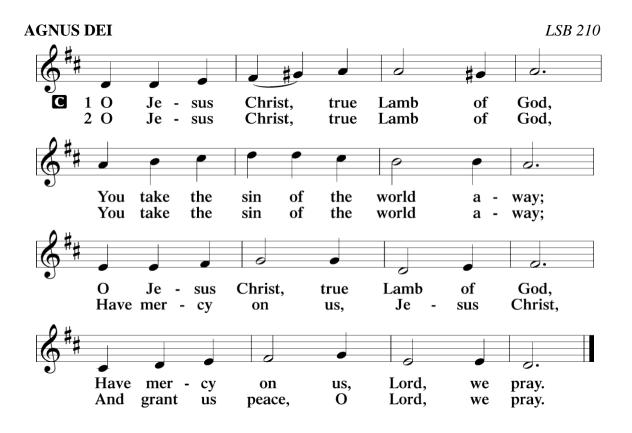
## THE WORDS of our LORD

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**

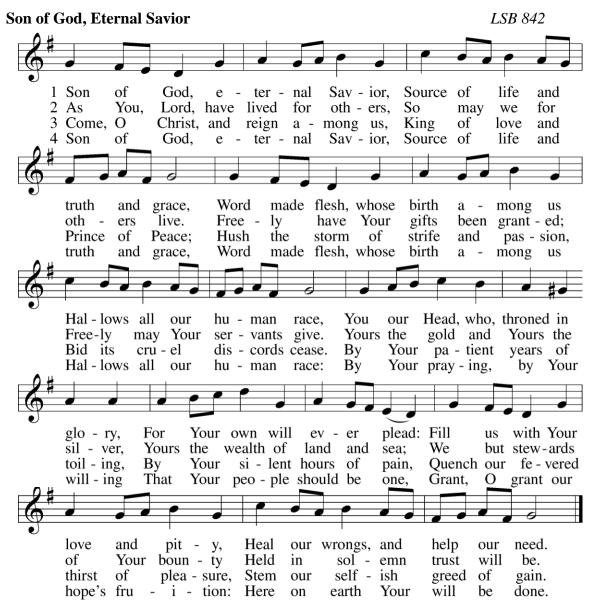
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### Please be Seated

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, then Communion will be served at the rail. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply request either when you come forward to receive Communion.

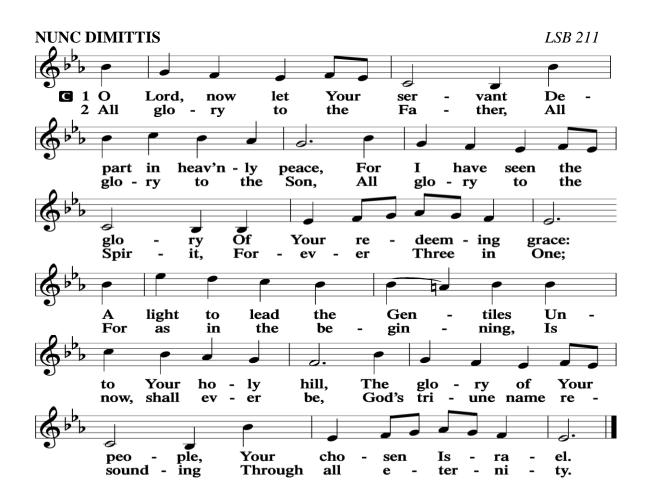
#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**



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## 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

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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.

Please be seated



### 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:* Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Second Reading:* 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 *Gospel:* Matthew 5:38-48

## SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal Elder: Frank Moore Ushers: (volunteers needed-How about you?) Greeters: Pete Albright Coffee: (volunteers needed-please sign up) Counters: (volunteers needed-How about you?) Altar Care: Louise Lazzarino Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright Bible Study: (volunteers needed-please sign up) Sunday School: (volunteers needed-please sign up)

## **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 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), William Mertz Family (Rev. Paul and Karen's uncle), Louise Lazzarino Family (for her brother), Mike Nowak Family

<u>Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures:</u> David Lauria, Dave Mauro, Judi Riske

<u>Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures:</u> Dave Mauro, Sharon Hopkins, Annette Vittiglio, Bill Lucksted

<u>Those with health concerns</u>: Brody Robison, Sharon Hopkins, Weston Davis, Kendra Daschner, Billy Lucksted, Mary Vess, Alyssa Wohn, Terry Davis, Jan Smith, Bill Richmond, Judi Riske, Ruth Stocker, Gabriel Schlak, Dalton Miron, Sue Pierce, Devon Kacher, Chris McMannamon, Scot Ferguson, Joan Reisch

<u>Those diagnosed with cancer</u>: David Lauria, Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, Steve Koch, Mary Kay LeBourdais, Bill Lucksted, Bill Burrick, Sue Rebandt, Richard Lovell, Donna LaDuke, Jim Dugdale, Don Kernstock

Those under Hospice Home Care: Steve Koch

In Military Service: Christopher 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;**

## **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.

**SUPER BOWL SUB SALE**: Get your orders in!!! Super Bowl Sub Sale February 12, 2023 again will made by LWML Trinity Lutheran all proceeds will go to the Lion's Den Food Pantry. **Orders need to be in by February 5<sup>th</sup>** so that we can order the product and have it to make the Subs on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Terry at 989-344-1734

Thank you to the musicians for their contribution to the service

Ash Wednesday service will be 5pm on February  $22^{nd}$ .

**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

February 5	Sunday
11am	Worship Service with Communion
February 6	Monday
February 7	Tuesday
9:30am	Bible Study
10:30am	LWML Quilting
February 8	Wednesday
February 9	Thursday
February 10	Friday
February 11	Saturday
February 12	Sunday
11am	Worship Service with Noisy Offering

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