

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.

July 16, 2023 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Preacher: Rev. Paul Schneider

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.

<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 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.

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Greeting

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

Divine Service - Setting Four LSB 203

Opening Hymn

497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



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 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
- C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P As for man, his days are like grass;
- C the flourishes like a flower of the field;
- P for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
- C and its place knows it no more.
- P But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
- C and his righteousness to children's children,
- P to those who keep his covenant
- C and remember to do his commandments.
- P The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
- C and his kingdom rules over all.
 - 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 is merciful and gracious,
- C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Kyrie LSB 204



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

Gloria in Excelsis



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-shiped 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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 Ezekiel 3:16–21

¹⁶At the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁷"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ¹⁸If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ²⁰Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. ²¹But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul."

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

Epistle Romans 8:1–17

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those

who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

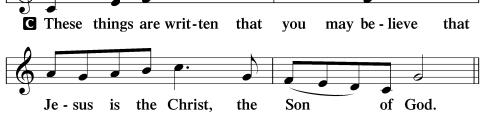
¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





Alleluia LSB 205



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C 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 I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

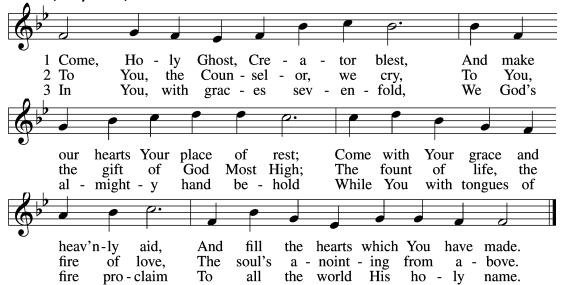
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the

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





Sermon

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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 208

- 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:

Sanctus LSB 208



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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in 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

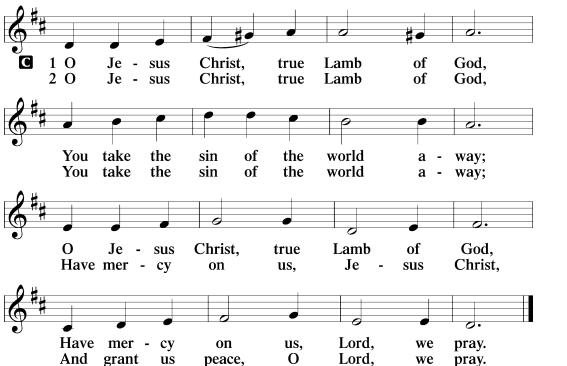
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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.

Agnus Dei LSB 210



Sit

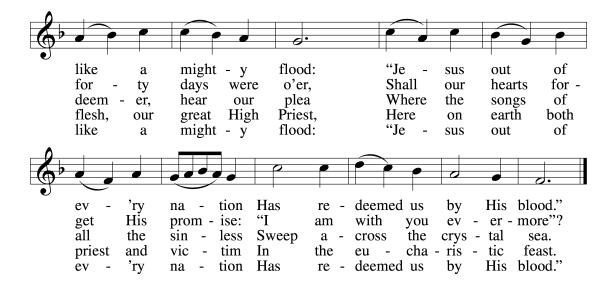
Distribution Hymns

905 Come, Thou Almighty King



821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus





Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211



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.

BAPTISM CEREMONY

John Nicholas Belt

Parents Charles Belt III and Caroline Belt

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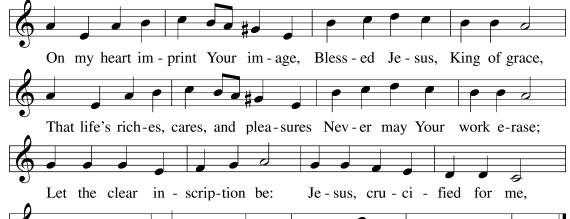
- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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.

Sit

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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. Paul Schneider

Elder: Jeff Pregler

Ushers: Greeters: 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:* Steve Koch (funeral 6/25/23) *Friends:* Robert Howden (death 5/27/23--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:* Pastor Ken Bernthal--surgery, Kennedy surgery(Judi Risk's Granddaughter), Brody Robison (Cari's husband), Carl's Niece's baby, Angie DeVries, Marilyn Welti, Chris Flores (upcoming surgery)

Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: Members: Roxie

Chumack *Friends:* Don Kernstock (hand/finger injury)

Those with health concerns: Members: Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker Friends: Mike & Lisa

Monofo, Patrick Lewis-- Terry Tody's nephew

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:* Pat Gray (Shirley Koch's brother) who has improved and returned to all activities

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:

ANNIVERSARIES;

Paul Musselman~11th Sandy Micolo~12th

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.

<u>TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:</u> 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 <u>ushering</u>, <u>greeting or doing coffee hour</u>, 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.

<u>UPCOMING FOOD TRUCKS</u>: Food Truck Saturdays for the rest of the year are: July 22nd, September 23rd, October 7th

<u>CRAWFORD COUNTY CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</u>: 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 16	Sunday
9:30am	Young Adult Bible Study/Youth Bible Study
10:20am	Choir Warmup
11am	Worship Service w/ Communion
July 17	Monday
July 18	Tuesday
9:30am	Bible Study
10:30am	Quilting
1pm	Ladies Bible Study
July 19	Wednesday
9-10:30am	Council Meeting
6pm	Movie Night "The Chosen"
	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
July 20	Thursday
July 21	Friday
July 22	Saturday
10am	Food Truck
July 23	Sunday
9:30am	"Wonderfully Made" Bible Study
11am	Worship Service

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SERVING in GODS HOUSE NEXT WEEK 7/23/2023

Pastor: Rev. Ken Bernthal

Elder: Mike Shields

Ushers: Greeters: Coffee: Counters:

Altar Care: Susie Moore

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