



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.*

*May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
“Mothers’ Day”  
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.**

## Divine Service - Setting Four LSB 203


### Opening Hymn

#### 837 Lift High the Cross


*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till




all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

*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, 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 Your word is a lamp to my feet

C **and a light to my path.**

P Forever, O LORD, your word

C **is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C **you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

P By your appointment they stand this day,

C **for all things are your servants.**

P If your law had not been my delight,

C **I would have perished in my affliction.**

P I will never forget your precepts,

C **for by them you have given me life.**

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 Your word is a lamp to my feet

C **and a light to my path.**

### Kyrie

LSB 204



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



**C** 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 God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

## CHOIR ANTHEM

## “You Are My All In All”

### Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

*Stand*

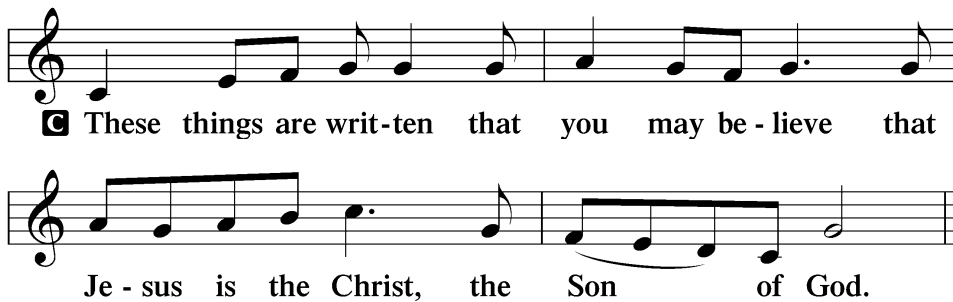
## Alleluia and Verse

### Alleluia

LSB 205







**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that  
Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## Alleluia



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

## Holy Gospel

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

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

<sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to 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.**

*Sit*

## Sermon Hymn

### 833 Listen, God Is Calling

*Refrain*  
Leader All




Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,



Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.


Leader All



1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news



2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.




3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



That He came to save us \_\_\_\_ And set us free.



In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.



Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, \_\_\_\_ Led by Your Word.

## 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.**

## **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.

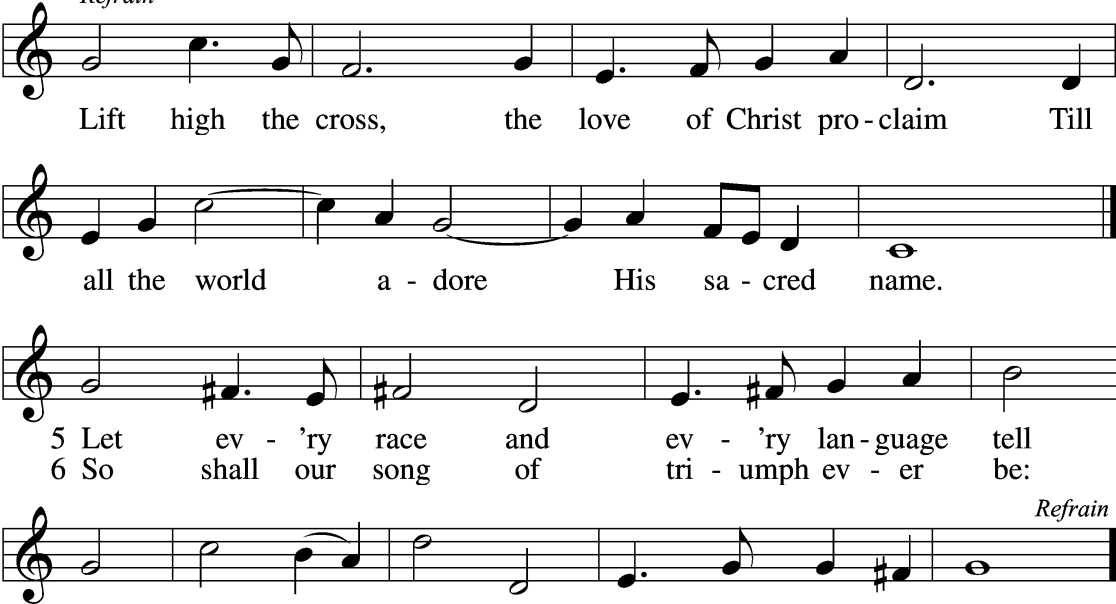
C **Amen.**

*Sit*

Closing Hymn

837 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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* Acts 1:12-26

*Second Reading* 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

*Holy Gospel:* John 17:1-11

## **SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY**

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Frank Moore**

Ushers:

Greeters:

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Louise Lazzarino**

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 **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:** *Art Clough, Rev. Roger Aumann, Mark Hogan, Jasen Wohn, Henry Siegling*

**Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: Members:** *Chris Flores*

**Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: Members:** *Jan Smith*

**Friends:** *Chris Flores,*

**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 the following: Members:** *Dave Lauria--Cancer Free Diagnosis* **Friends:**

**Those with difficult life challenges: Members:** *Drew Stegis*

**Those in the Military Service: Members:** *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:**

16<sup>th</sup>-Doug Sherman

18<sup>th</sup>-Harry McGee

20<sup>th</sup>-George Fenton

## **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.

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

**NOISY OFFERING:** Noisy Offering for May and June will go to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

**DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE** On Sunday, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>

**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.

## **THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

<b>May 14</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
10:20am	Choir Practice
11am	Worship Service w/ Noisy Offering
	Mother's Day
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
9:30 am	Bible Study
10:30am	LWML Quilting
1pm	Ladies Bible Study
6:30-8pm	Cub Scouts
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
9-10:30am	Council Meeting
	<b><u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u></b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
9:30am	Youth/Young Adult Bible Study
11am	Worship Service w/ Communion
	Potluck-Council

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Elder: **Jack Owens**

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Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Martha Pregler**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study: