



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ❖ March 28, 2021

### ❖ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ❖

WELCOME! We are happy that you are worshipping with us. As Psalm 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Here in the Lord's House our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in His Word and Sacrament to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We continue to follow appropriate social distancing and hygienic protocols as noted in the service folder. The Sunday Divine Service is also being live-streamed on Hope's [Facebook page](#) and the service folder (bulletin) may be [accessed here](#). "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

### ❖ THE WORD FOR TODAY ❖

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

### ❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

This Sunday, our celebration of Palm Sunday, is a mixture of emotions. We begin celebrating Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem with the crowds in the streets (Matthew 21, John 12). Our opening hymn, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (LSB 443), echoes those shouts of celebration and makes for a joyous beginning. Through the service we turn our minds from that triumphal entry to the path toward the cross. Our closing hymn, *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* (LSB 441) wraps up all the emotions nicely. Stanza one begins, "Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry." The stanzas continue on, outlining the emotional rollercoaster that is Holy Week. Finally, stanza five ends with the Resurrection promise, "Then take, O God, Thy power and reign." We know how the story ends, and it ends in our salvation through Jesus' death on the cross, defeat of sin, death, and the devil, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

### ❖ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ❖

- *PREPARE* to receive the Lord's Supper by reviewing "Christian Questions and Their Answers" beginning on 329 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *REFLECT* on Psalm 118 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 442*, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*HOLY COMMUNION* is celebrated at each Sunday morning Divine Service, with both chalice and individual cup offered. Members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may partake of the Sacrament trusting that in this Holy Meal the Lord Jesus Christ is present and gives His Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Guests are asked to speak with the pastor prior to communing. Those who have a health concern with the alcohol in the cup are asked to speak with the pastor. If you are taking Communion, please fill out the attendance card by marking an "X" in the box by the names of those communing, and hand the card to an usher as you go to the Lord's Table.

### ❖ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ❖

*THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER SUNDAY* (April 4, 2021)

*Jesus rises victorious from the dead!*

- Old Testament: **Isaiah 25:6-9**—God will swallow up death forever.  
Psalm: **Psalm 118**—"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!"  
Epistle: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**—Witnesses of the Resurrection.  
Holy Gospel: **John 20:1-18**—The Resurrection of Jesus!



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

IN KEEPING WITH THE ST. LOUIS CITY "REOPENING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES," we are conducting in-person public worship with proper hygienic and social-distancing measures. Effective Sunday, September 13, we resume our regular Sunday morning schedule to include Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Class. We are also offering a second Divine Service opportunity on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning September 16. For more details, see the most recent (7/29/20) [Pastoral Letter](#) on our [website](#).

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS from the "Roschke-Stohlmann Lutheran Vocations and Education Fund" are now being accepted. Scholarships shall be granted based on motivation, financial and scholarship needs of the applicant as evaluated by the Board of Finance. Scholarships shall be awarded in the following order of priority: 1. Seminary training; 2. Pre-seminary training; 3. Full-time rostered church work training (teacher, DCE, DCO, Deaconess, etc.); 4. Lutheran elementary education; 5. Lutheran high school education. Application must be received by **Monday, May 10, 2021**. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

THE 2021 CIRCUIT TRE ORE SERVICE will be held here at Hope, 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 2. Pastors from the St. Louis South Circuit rotate in leading the service as we meditate on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross – 20-minute segments for each word from the cross. During the service you may come and go as you need. The service will also be broadcast on KFUE 850 AM and streamed on Hope's Facebook page.

EASTER SERVICE SIGN-UP IS AVAILABLE on our Hope Lutheran website if you have not received an email with a link to sign up. For Easter Sunday only we will celebrate with two Divine Services, one at 8:00 a.m. and the second at 10:30 a.m. Please go to [www.hopelutheranstl.org](http://www.hopelutheranstl.org) to sign up!

EASTER DAY PRE-SERVICE MUSIC will be a mini-recital of organ music by Kantor Janssen for the festival of Easter. Come early to enjoy this musical offering at our first Easter service since 2017 with a pipe organ! The music will begin 20 minutes before both services.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, March 28: **Zechariah 9:9** - "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life and to make us His own people. And He also does all this to show us an example of self-giving love for us to follow.

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ March 7-20**

**ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday: 77

**FINANCIAL**

March 7-20		Year-to-date through February	
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income: \$12,771	\$10,986	Income: \$41,163	\$48,638
Expense: \$ 9,451	\$11,904	Expense: \$41,624	\$46,717

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ March 28, 2021**

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE  
Live stream at  
[www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl](http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl)  
10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study  
11:45 - Youth Catechism Class

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS**

**Nursery:**  
2nd Floor -  
**Sanctuary:**  
"Eighth Day Images of Hope"  
Pastor Randy Asburry

**WEEK'S CALENDAR**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY  
Holy Thursday Divine Service- 7 pm

FRIDAY  
Circuit Tre Ore 12 noon-3 pm  
The Passion of Christ 7 pm

SATURDAY  
Easter Vigil - 8 pm