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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 10, 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. 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 ✠

JESUS' INCARNATION SECURES FOR US LIFE, FORGIVENESS, AND HEALING

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10-17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (Matt. 9:1-8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22-28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen. 28:17)

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART (LSB 708)

Martin Schalling's hymn is one of the most loved among confessional Lutherans today because it places the Christian's praise squarely in the midst of the struggle between the Spirit and the flesh that rages on in us. Jesus teaches us the greatest commandment, which is to love God with all our heart. How can we do this? Only through faith in Christ, and not by our natural powers. There is nothing greater than the first commandment. It contains all theology in it, and Schalling does a masterful job showing how a Christian should meditate on this commandment.

✠ 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 84 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (October 17, 2021)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 55:1-9**—God's ways are higher than ours—He gives a rich feast of salvation.

Psalm: **Psalm 27:1-9**—"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:15-21**—Walking as wise people, singing God's Word, thanking God, and submitting to one another.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 22:1-14**—God's invitation to the wedding feast of His Son.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY WE RECEIVE Dean and Lorna Larson into membership at Hope. Dean and Lorna are transferring in from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. We thank our Lord Jesus for bringing them to our Hope family!

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, October 17, 24, and 31. Vases are \$21 each and are yours to take home after the service. You can take an envelope by the calendar to put your payment in or call Carol, 752-0525 or 691-3619 to reserve a date.

REFORMATION ORGAN VESPERS will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 pm. The service will be led by organist Jacob Weber and guest preacher Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker. Jacob Weber is the associate editor for music/worship at Concordia Publishing House and a published composer of organ and choral works. Rev. Vieker is the recently installed Dean of the Chapel at Concordia Seminary. Organ Vespers services feature extended organ leadership of the congregational liturgy and hymnody. See the new season of *Music in a Sacred Space* on the postcards available in the rear of the sanctuary.

A BOOK GROUP MEETS AT DIANA FROST'S HOUSE EVERY MONTH. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please email or call Diana at dianafrost@sbcglobal.net or (636) 692-8159.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, October 10: **Ephesians 4:24 - "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."** The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man, which is created in the image of God. Our sanctification - our growth in godliness - is a growth into God's image. We do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything with love, kindness, and self-giving generosity.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Christians & Governing Authorities in the Lutheran Confessions; What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Members Knew about Classical Christian Creeds; Pastoral Leadership; Old Testament Matriarch Esther and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the opening of a special exhibit of fine art related to Martin Luther, Katharina von Bora, Philipp Melanchthon, and Frederick the Wise on Friday, November 12, 2021 at Concordia Historical Institute, 804 Seminary Place in Saint Louis. Hours are 9:00AM - 3:00PM The exhibit will remain in place until July 1, 2022. Pieces in the exhibit will include an original print by Albrecht Dürer as well as German and Dutch original oil paintings from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. Re-discover the artistic treasures of the Lutheran Reformation at Concordia Historical Institute.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ September

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 83

FINANCIAL

	<i>September</i>		<i>Year-to-date through September</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$24,927	\$24,327	\$210,196	\$218,897
Expense:	\$23,881	\$26,360	\$190,559	\$219,246

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 10, 2021

SCHEDULE

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl
10:15 - Coffee Hour
10:30 - Bible Study/ Sunday School
11:30 - Schola rehearsal
11:45 - Youth Catechism Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

2nd Floor:
Early Childhood Sunday School

Basement:
Primary - Junior High Sunday School

Basement Auditorium:
"Contend for the Faith: 2 Peter & Jude"
Pastor Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY
7:00 Church Council

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal

THURSDAY
6:00 ThriVe Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off