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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 17, 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 INVITES US TO HIS WEDDING FEAST TO RECEIVE ABUNDANT RIGHTEOUSNESS The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: "See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast" (Matt. 22:1-14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: "He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food." (Is. 55:1-9). Those rejecting the Spirit's work shall experience God's wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ's righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15-21).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

TODAY'S HYMN OF THE DAY IS *We Are Called to Stand Together* (LSB 828), written by Martin Leckebusch and sung to Henry Gerike's tune *Ascended Triumph* (which we use on Ascension Day each year). Leckebusch is an Oxford trained mathematician who currently works in IT and writes hymns as a hobby. This text reminds us that our voices extend beyond just the *here and now* and includes all those who have gone before us. This hymn also clearly states our pursuit of truth and the sharing of this truth with all who are around us. Gerike, the composer of the hymn tune, is currently the kantor of Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Affton. The music during the offering and the postlude are based on Gerike's tune and was composed by Robert Hobby, the director of music at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This hymn is a great example of contemporary music in the church; the author, the composer, and the arranger are all living today and currently serving the church.

✠ 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 27 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "We Are Called to Stand Together"

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 ✠

21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (October 24, 2021) - SPIRITUAL ARMOR

Old Testament: **Genesis 1:1-2:3**—God created the heavens and the earth and everything in them.
Psalm: **Psalm 8** -- "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
Epistle: **Ephesians 6:10-17**—Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand.
Holy Gospel: **John 4:46-54**—Jesus heals the nobleman's son by speaking His Word.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of John W. Bishop and William Yancey by Joyce Yancey; and in memory of loved ones by Carol Spyers.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, October 24, and 31 and November 14, 21, and 28. 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.

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS! Join us on October 23 & 24 for a set of FREE community concerts given by the Bach Society of Saint Louis Chorus and presented by Lutheran Church Extension Fund. The concert will showcase a range of musical styles and composers including J.S. Bach, Ola Gjeilo, Paul Simon, Alice Parker, and Moses Hogan. A tribute to those most impacted by the past year, we proudly proclaim "Ye Shall Have a Song" as we gather together once again to celebrate and honor our community. Advanced registration is strongly recommended due to limited capacity. Learn more and register today by visiting bachsociety.org/community21

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, October 17: **Isaiah 55:2 - "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"** What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places where "moth and rust destroy." Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about the way in which we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

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 26- October 9

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 83

FINANCIAL

<i>September 26-October 9</i>			<i>Year-to-date through September</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$16,651	\$11,115	Income: \$210,196	\$218,897
Expense:	\$10,352	\$11,175	Expense: \$190,559	\$219,246

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 17, 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 Asbury

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY
Pastor at MO District Pastors Conf.

TUESDAY
Pastor at MO District Pastors Conf.

WEDNESDAY
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal

THURSDAY
6:00 ThriVe Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off