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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 24, 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 ✠

GOD DECLARES US RIGHTEOUS UNSHEATHING HIS WORD AGAINST ALL EVIL

"Let there be light, and there was light" (Gen. 1:1–2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father's creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, "Go; your son will live" (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

A *VERSIFIED SUMMARY* of Psalm 130 by Martin Luther, the text of *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee* (LSB 607) has some additions. The psalm begins, "Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord," which the hymn retains, but also states that all Christians endure tribulation in this life. The Christian cries for mercy, for without mercy God would not deign to help. Only His mercy, grace, and love avail; even the Christian's holiest works fail to conquer sin. Only the blood of Christ crucified cancels sin. Therefore, the Christian does not have a wishful hope but a sure and strong hope. The Lord will send the needed aid, even though sometimes he delays until the best time. When Christians sing of Israel, they sing about the Israel from above—the Church. Thus, the line, "O Israel, trust in God your Lord," sings about the Church, "Born of the Spirit and the Word" (cf. Romans 9:6; Galatians 4). Though great is our sin, far greater is the mercy of our Lord who hears our cries (Romans 5:20–21) and frees us from our direst enemy, sin. (from logia.org)

✠ 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 8 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 607*, "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

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 FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION (October 31, 2021) – *THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL*

First Reading: **Revelation 14:6-7** – An angel proclaims the eternal gospel.

Psalm: **Psalm 46** – "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Second Reading: **Romans 3:21-28** – God's righteousness comes by Christ's death and resurrection and is received through faith.

Holy Gospel: **John 8:31-36** – "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, October 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 again today, October 24, for a FREE community concert 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 24: **Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."** Many studies report that atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist – and if we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution – then we get to make our own rules, and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Since there is indeed a Creator, though, then obviously He knows best, and we try our best to follow His commands. Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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>	
Income:	\$16,651	\$11,115	Income: \$210,196
Expense:	\$10,352	\$11,175	Expense: \$190,559
			\$218,897
			\$219,246

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 24, 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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal

THURSDAY
6:00 ThriVe Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off