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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 31, 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 ✠

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

ON THIS CELEBRATION OF THE 504th anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation today's service takes on a distinctive nature. Our Divine Service setting is what is known as the *Deutsche Messe*, or German Mass. Designed by Martin Luther as a way to give the congregation ownership of the sung parts of the service, he incorporates what were common tunes to pair with texts in German (as opposed to the Latin sung in the Roman Catholic church of the time). Today we make use of those same chorale-based hymns translated into our native language. Today's choral music features Lutheran composers from the entirety of Lutheranism. The choral prelude this morning is a setting of Martin Luther's *Morning Prayer* by Carl Schalk, the Choral Alleluia is set by Kantor Janssen, the choral offertory is a setting by Jacob Weber, and the communion anthem is an extended setting of *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* by Dietrich Buxtehude. Organ settings of *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* are by Charles Ore, Michael Costello, Jeffrey Blersch, John Behnke, and (Lutheran by association) Max Reger.

✠ 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 46 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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 ✠

ALL SAINTS' DAY (November 7, 2021) – **GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH**

Old Testament: **Revelation 7:2-17** – The heavenly hymn of praise sung by God's holy people.

Psalm: **Psalm 149** – "The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation."

Epistle: **1 John 3:1-3** – God makes us His children and we will be like Him when He appears.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12** – Jesus preaches the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, 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.

THE VOTERS ASSEMBLY meets today at 11:45 a.m. in the Basement Auditorium. The chief item of business will be the 2022 congregational budget and we will hear an update on the Basement Renovation project as well as the results of our recent CADDs survey for the Re:Vitality process. Please join us!

REFORMATION ORGAN VESPERS will be celebrated TODAY 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, October 31: Romans 3:20 - "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." The Law of God is good - it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light - as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in 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.

HYMN SING AT LACLEDE GROVES! Gabe and Nathan Maichel are organizing a joint hymn sing with Hope and Ascension Lutheran at Laclede Groves! We will be singing in the spacious Laclede chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, and residents will be able to come and listen. For those interested, there will be a lunch beforehand at 12:30 at Hope for fellowship and warm-up. If meeting directly at Laclede Groves, the address is 723 S Laclede Station Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119. Check in will be in the lobby of building 723. To attend, please RSVP to nathanmaichel@protonmail.com. Let Nathan know total number in your party, number of people over 10 years old, and if you are interested in the lunch beforehand or not.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October 3 - 16

ATTENDANCE Sunday: 53	FINANCIAL			
	October 3 - 16		Year-to-date through September	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$14,020	\$10,983	\$210,196	\$218,897
Expense:	\$16,119	\$10,550	\$190,559	\$219,246

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 31, 2021

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 - Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary - Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 - Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: "Contend for the Faith: 2 Peter & Jude" Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
11:45 - Voters' Assembly		THURSDAY 6:00 ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off