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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ November 7, 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 ❖

SAINTS ARE BLESSED IN THE ETERNAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

FOR ALL THE SAINTS (LSB 677)

"For All the Saints" comforts us regarding those who have died in Christ and encourages us to share bravely their confession. It is a commentary on Christ's one church, here militant, there in glory. It was written off of the text "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ..."

It is an example of liturgy and hymnody teaching the faith and comforting in the face of death and every lonely day thereafter. When sung many tears are on cheeks, with words such as "Oh blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine..." "And when the fight is fierce the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song..." Who cannot help but give thanks to God in Christ Jesus for grandfathers and grandmothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, children and friends who have died in Christ Jesus? Who cannot be encouraged with God's sung Word to be brave that they might participate with them and join them once more?

The hymn was written by an Anglican bishop, William How. Among other things he was a higher critic and evolutionist. Yet in death, his best words remain and through song become our own. Through the ages hymns and liturgy have sanctified many wayward preachers and preserved faith in those who sing Christ's song. With its short stanzas and refrain, even small children can be encouraged, happily singing Alleluia time and again. There is no theology of glory here, but instead the truth that to be a Christian is a lifelong struggle that ends with yet more glorious days indeed the victor's crown of gold. (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 149 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "For All the Saints"

❖ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ❖

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (November 14, 2021)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 51:9-16**— The LORD will give gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Psalm: **Psalm 126**— "Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!"

Epistle: **Colossians 1:9-14**— Jesus has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints of light.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 9:18-26**— By faith we are made well by the Lord of life.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWERS at the altar are placed to the praise and glory of God by Deaconess Grace Rao in memory of all the saints who have gone to their eternal rest; and in loving memory of her parents, Devavara and Charlotte Battu Rao, her grandparents, Benjamin and Manoramma Daniell, her godparents, John and Preethi Huns, her older brother, Dev Battu Rao, her sisters, Malini Reddy and Nirmala Rao.

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 FAITH ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS... 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 subjects include: The Persecution of Finnish Lutheran Leaders, 16th Century Lutheran Reformer Martin Chemnitz, Christian Satire, Children's Choirs and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, November 7: "With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ..." (Service of the Sacrament, Proper Preface). When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House, we pray and praise God with "all the company of heaven." Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us - they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day, everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away - everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

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 17 - 30

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 85

FINANCIAL

		October 17 - 30		Year-to-date through September	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$10,382	\$10,983	Income: \$210,196	\$218,897
Expense:		\$13,063	\$10,550	Expense: \$190,559	\$219,246

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ November 7, 2021

SCHEDULE

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

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 Board of Elders

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal

THURSDAY
6:00 ThriVe Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off