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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ November 14, 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 STRENGTH OF THE LORD IS OUR SALVATION FROM SIN, DEATH, AND THE DARKNESS
A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us "to share in the inheritance of the saints of light" delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9-14). "I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand,...You are my people" (Is. 51:9-16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, "your faith has made you well" (Matt. 9:18-26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

ENTRUST YOUR DAYS AND BURDENS (LSB 754) You have most likely heard this hymn tune and text a few times over the past several weeks. Today the congregation gets their chance to sing it! This new-to-us hymn comes from the pen of the great hymnist Paul Gerhardt. In the original German the hymn title is an acrostic of Psalm 37:5. Of the original 12 stanzas, LSB includes 6 of them. The text is also used in Johann Sebastian Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*. Bach uses the hymn to say, in light of what our Lord has done for us, that we can now entrust our days and burdens to Him who is God. The original tune, while not well known in North America, is still sung in Germany. In our previous hymnal, *Lutheran Worship*, the text was paired with the tune associated with "O Sacred Head Now Wounded". In *Lutheran Service Book* the hymn is paired with a new tune by modern composer Stephen Johnston. According to the composer the tune name, SUFFICIENTIA, "is a word that seems to echo the sufficiency of God's guidance in Gerhardt's text."

❖ 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 126 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "In the Very Midst of Life"

❖ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ❖

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (November 21, 2021)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 65:17-25** – Isaiah proclaims and pictures the "new heavens and new earth."

Psalm: **Psalm 149** – "Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!"

Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** – The Lord will come like a thief in the night; therefore, we soberly watch for His return to save us.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13** – The kingdom is like ten virgins – five were unprepared for the Bridegroom and five were prepared.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, November 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.

TODAY-ORGAN RECITAL AT ZION MASCOUTAH. Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah, IL welcomes organist Benjamin Kolodziej for an afternoon recital on Sunday, November 14. The recital begins at 3:00 PM. Mr. Kolodziej, a member at Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Plano, Texas, is a frequent performer for concerts and hymn festivals. His venues have included St. Patrick’s Cathedral and St. Thomas Church in New York City, Washington National Cathedral, and St. Philip’s Cathedral in Atlanta. In addition to performing on organ, Mr. Kolodziej is a published composer. His organ compositions are published by Concordia Publishing House, GIA, and Augsburg Fortress. He maintains a scholarly interest in theological, liturgical, and historical topics, and has written for several journals. Active in the Lutheran Church, he has written for the Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns and recently served as the Carl Schalk Scholar in Church Music at Concordia University – Chicago. Mark your calendar now to attend this organ recital on Sunday, November 14 at 3:00 PM. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 101 S. Railway Street in Mascoutah, IL. Tickets are not needed and a free will offering will be taken to help cover the costs of this recital.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, November 14: **Colossians 1:10 - "... so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."** Living a godly life really is its own reward. Does the life St. Paul, describes here, sound more enjoyable than a life of worry, self-aggrandizement, and self-centeredness? God wants us to walk closely to our Lord and imitate Him for a reason – so we will be blessed and happy.

PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You’ll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October 24 – November 6

ATTENDANCE Sunday: 92	FINANCIAL			
	Oct 24 – Nov 6		Year-to-date through September	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$9,832	\$11,140	\$210,196	\$218,897
Expense:	\$12,759	\$10,700	\$190,559	\$219,246

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ November 14, 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
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
NO Kantorei rehearsal
THURSDAY
6:00 ThriVe Parent University
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
Pastor’s Day Off