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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ November 28, 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 LORD JESUS COMES IN HUMILITY TO REDEEM US

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

Happy New Year! Today we welcome the new church year, and the beginning of Advent. We hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, foreshadowing his second Triumphant Entry when he returns on the last day. Our Hymn of the Day, *Savior of the Nations, Come* (LSB 332) was written by Ambrose of Milan (the father of Latin hymnody). Ambrose's hymns are characterized by their simplicity and were written for congregational use. The tune NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, is adapted from a plainsong melody that accompanied the original Latin 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 24 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 332, "Savior of the Nations, Come"

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 ❖

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - "People of Zion" (December 5, 2021)

Old Testament: **Malachi 4:1-6**—The great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Psalm: **Psalm 50**—"The Mighty One, God the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down."

Epistle: **Romans 15:4-13**—The God of patience, comfort, and hope.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 21:25-36**—Your redemption draws near.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Robert Moffatt in thanksgiving and in memory of the loved ones we have had in our lives.

POINSETTIA PLANTS will be placed in the altar area during the Christmas season. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 752-0525 or 691-3619, **before December 15**. Poinsettias are \$6.50 each and are yours to take home anytime during the Christmas season.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, December 5, 12, and 19. 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Please mark your calendars for December 18 at 9:00 a.m. Let's get the church ready for Christmas! Many hands make light work. If you have any questions, contact Rachel Asbury at 314-369-6661.

THE GIVING TREE: Please be sure to check out the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Take a card (or two) off the tree. Each card has a gift suggestion written on it. Gifts must be returned by December 12. Leave the gifts unwrapped, they will be given to the mothers to wrap. Be sure to attach the card to your gift. Feel free to include wrapping paper.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU WITH CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS! A baby tab blanket, a pretty purse, an oven mitt...now is a great time to support and encourage our Afghan ladies by [ordering handmade items](#) for family and friends. See [our catalog of sewing items and order blank](#) by opening this link online. Email, call, or text to order items! A Catalog and order forms are in the coffee hour area in the basement also for you to shop this morning! For more details, contact carolbuckman316@gmail.com or (314) 517-8513.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, November 28: **Matthew 21:3 - "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."** Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it." Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life - in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October

| ATTENDANCE Sunday: 99 | FINANCIAL | | | |
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| | October | | Year to date in October | |
| | Actual | Budgeted | Actual | Budgeted |
| Income: | \$21,964 | \$24,320 | Income: \$232,160 | \$243,216 |
| Expense: | \$30,896 | \$23,360 | Expense: \$221,455 | \$242,606 |

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ November 28, 2021

| SCHEDULE | SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS | WEEK'S CALENDAR |
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| 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 Asbury | WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal 7:00 Advent Evening Prayer |
| 11:45 - Schola rehearsal Youth Catechism Class | | THURSDAY |
| | | FRIDAY |
| | | SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off |