



Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ January 9, 2022

✠ 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 ✠

IN HIS BAPTISM, JESUS TAKES HIS PLACE WITH SINNERS

Our Lord Jesus is baptized *"to fulfill all righteousness"* (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in *"Christ Jesus, who became to us...righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the *"chosen"* One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

In today's Gospel we once again see John the Baptist. This time he is baptizing Jesus. We hear from heaven, *"He is my Son. With Him I am well pleased."* Many of today's hymns focus on this event. The Hymn of the Day is Martin Luther's *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* (LSB 406). This hymn is part of Luther's series of hymns on the Catechism. The tune CHRIST, UNSER HERR was not originally written for this hymn text. However it became associated with it in 1543 and the tune and text have been bonded ever since.

✠ 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 85 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 407, *"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"*

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (January 16, 2022)

Jesus is our Lord of gladness and gives us a foretaste of His heavenly wedding feast.

Old Testament: **Exodus 33:12-23**—God reveals His glory to Moses by showing His *"back."* God must hide Himself to reveal Himself to us.

Psalm: **Psalm 67**—*"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us"*

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:22-33**—Christ is the bridegroom and His Church is the bride—a divine picture for all husbands and wives.

Holy Gospel: **John 2:1-11**—Jesus changes water into rich wine at a wedding banquet and reveals Himself as the Lord of gladness.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, January 16, 23 and 30. Vases are \$25 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 WE INSTALL Bart Day to serve as Hope's congregational president. Bart has been appointed by the Church Council to fill the vacant position and will be ratified at the next Voters Assembly meeting.

PASTOR E.W. RICHTER CELEBRATED HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH. Pastor Richter was the pastor at Hope 1980-1989. In addition to a prayer of thanksgiving for his 90th birthday today, you are invited to send Pastor Richter a birthday card. His address is: Rev. E.W. Richter, 714 East Hackberry Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

RE:VITALITY “SERVING IN GOD’S MISSION” – Beginning next Sunday, January 16, we will begin the congregational Bible study for “Serving in God’s Mission.” This is the first step in our strategic planning process in Re:Vitality. All Hope members are invited and encouraged to attend the study. Members asked to serve on the Core Planning Team (CPT) and the Expanded Planning Team (XPT) will be selected from those who complete the Bible study.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS IS COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOES AND COATS! A growing stream of refugees, especially those from Afghanistan, is now arriving in St. Louis. CFNA has a great need for donations of new or gently used shoes and warm coats for children and adults. Shoes need to be closed-toe sneakers or boots. See flyer on Brannon Street bulletin board for more specifics. Call Laurie Brink at 314-249-9219 or email her at lbrink@cfna-stl.org with questions.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, January 9: Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ ” Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us and do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS... 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 topics include: The Persecution of Christians in India, The Introit, What Can We Learn from "The Benedict Option"?, Jesus Healing Ten Lepers and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFEO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ December 5 - 18

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Sunday: 12/26/21 - 57 1/2/22 - 51</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Dec 5 – 18</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 45%; text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Actual</u></th> <th style="width: 45%; text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Budgeted</u></th> </tr> <tr> <td>Income:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$19,178</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,987</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expense:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$17,729</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$11,903</td> </tr> </table>			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	Income:	\$19,178	\$10,987	Expense:	\$17,729	\$11,903	<p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Year to date through November</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 45%; text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Actual</u></th> <th style="width: 45%; text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Budgeted</u></th> </tr> <tr> <td>Income:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$255,136</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$267,536</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expense:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$243,963</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$265,963</td> </tr> </table>			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	Income:	\$255,136	\$267,536	Expense:	\$243,963	\$265,963
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SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
<p>9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/ hopelutheranstl</p> <p>10:15 – Coffee Hour</p> <p>10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School</p> <p>11:45 – Schola rehearsal</p> <p>11:45 – Youth Catechism Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">2nd Floor:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Early Childhood Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Basement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Primary – Junior High Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Basement Auditorium:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hymn Study: “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” (LSB 406/407)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pastor Asburry</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">MONDAY</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">TUESDAY</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">WEDNESDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">THURSDAY</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">FRIDAY</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">SATURDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Pastor's Day Off</p>