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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ January 16, 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 ❖

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that "the mountains shall drip sweet wine" (Amos 9:11-15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1-11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The "back" of God (Ex. 33:12-23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22-32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to "love one another with brotherly affection . . ." and to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Rom. 12:6-16).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

Our Hymn of the Day today, *The Only Son from Heaven* (LSB 402), has an interesting background. The following is taken from a new LCMS resource of Hymn Studies, available at lcms.org. "This hymn holds many distinctions. It is one of the earliest Lutheran hymns, as it was written around 1524, right about the time that Martin Luther began in earnest to revive the hymnody of the Church. Hymns from that period are well known for being substantive, and this one is no exception. The author of our hymn was a woman, Elisabeth (Meseritz) Cruciger (1500-1535), an ex-nun from Rega who married a theologian named Caspar Cruciger in 1524. She and her husband became close friends of Martin and Katherine Luther, and could often be found around the Luther dinner table. Given her age and the times in which she lived, it is nothing short of amazing that Luther and his colleague, Kantor Johann Walter, approved this text for the earliest Lutheran hymnals. The hymn was not included in *The Lutheran Hymnal* of 1941, but was reintroduced in the Missouri Synod with its inclusion in *Lutheran Worship* in 1982. It has slowly but steadily gained acceptance and popularity in our circles since that time."

❖ 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 67 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 402, "The Only Son from Heaven"*

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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (January 23, 2022)

Jesus reveals Himself as the Savior of the nations, to be received in faith.

Old Testament: **2 Kings 5:1-15a** — Naaman is cleansed in the Jordan River.

Psalm: **Psalm 121** — "My help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth"

Epistle: **Romans 1:8-17** — The Gospel of Christ is God's power of salvation for everyone who believes.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 8:1-13** — Jesus heals a leper and a centurion's servant — He is the Savior of the nations.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

RE:VITALITY “SERVING IN GOD’S MISSION” – TODAY BEGINS 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.

THE SINGING SAINTS OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL IN CONCORDIA, MO are performing a concert at Hope Ev. Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 23 at 4:00 pm. The 50 voice choir, under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh, has a 50-year tradition of touring nationally and internationally. An offering to assist the choir will be collected. If you are interested in hosting a student, please email Julie Binder at jbinder@oursaviorlcs.org.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, January 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.

LUTHERAN WITNESS subscription renewal (or take out a new subscription!) time is here. The *Lutheran Witness* is a magazine that informs us as to what others are doing for the Lord. A yearly subscription is \$15.96. You can put your check in the specific envelope in your Tithing packet, make check payable to Hope Lutheran Church. If you no longer wish to receive an existing subscription, please notify the church office.

MANY THANKS TO ALL! Both charities we sponsored this year through the “Giving Tree”, Our Little Haven and Lydia’s House, have sent letters thanking members of Hope for their generous gifts this Christmas. These gifts helped foster children and abused women and their families experience a Christmas of love and caring. Thank you for your participation in the “Giving Tree.”

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, January 16: **John 2:5 – “His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, ‘What does this have to do with Me?’ ”** But she knew whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knows what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That’s still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives – including in our generosity toward the Lord’s work in the Church.

YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS... *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 teachings include: A Biblical View of Marriage, The Book of James, The Confession of Peter, Old Testament Matriarch Sarah, Jesus Blessing the Children and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ December 5 - 18				
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 1/9/22 - 73	FINANCIAL			
	Dec 5 – 18		Year to date through November	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income: \$19,178	\$10,987	Income: \$255,136	\$267,536
Expense: \$17,729	\$11,903	Expense: \$243,963	\$265,963	

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ January 16, 2022		
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: Re:Vitality: “Serving in God’s Mission: Congregational Bible Study” Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal
11:45 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off