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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ January 23, 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 ✠

JESUS CAME FOR GENTILES, TOO

The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rom. 1:8-17). Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God's saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel (2 Kings 5:1-15a). Evil is overcome by good (Rom 12:16-21). So also in the New Testament, a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Matt. 8:1-13). All he needs is the Word of Christ, for he trusts that Jesus' Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion's faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation – not even for a Jew – but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

In today's Gospel reading we hear how the strong, Christ-centered faith of the centurion trusts Jesus to heal his paralyzed servant. In addition to this merciful miracle, Jesus extends a promise to the faithful – eternal life to those with such a faith. We find similar ideas in the hymns *From God the Father, Virgin-Born*; and *All Depends on Our Possessing*. The appointed hymn of the day, *From God the Father* (LSB 401) is a remarkably rich and beautiful text that illustrates today's Gospel reading.

✠ 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 110 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 401, "From God the Father, Virgin-born"

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (January 30, 2022)

Jesus reveals Himself as the Lord of nature.

Old Testament: **Jonah 1:1-17** – Jonah and the storm.

Psalm: **Psalm 96** – "Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day."

Epistle: **Romans 8:18-23** – The whole creation groans.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 8:23-27** – Jesus calms the storm.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

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

TODAY THE SINGING SAINTS OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL IN CONCORDIA, MO are performing a concert 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.

ALTAR FLOWER DATES – A flower calendar for the year is in the church narthex. If you would like to place flowers at the altar on a particular date, in memory or honor of someone, write your name on the date you would like to do this, place your name, information about the reason for placing the flowers, and your payment in an envelope by the calendar and drop it in the contribution basket. Each vase is \$25, you can place one or both vases. The flowers are yours to take home after the service. If any questions or wish to reserve a date, you can call Carol at 314-752-0525 or 314-691-3619. Open flower dates are February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Flowers are not placed on the altar during Lent. Therefore, no flowers during March.

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, January 23: **Matthew 8:8 – “But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.’ ”** The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. “Let there be light.” And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my Body given for you.” “Your sins are forgiven.” This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God. We know that His Word is always bent on our blessing.

ISSUES ETC,...I JOHN BIBLE STUDY... **The Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on I John. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ December					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 75		December		2021	
		<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>	
Income:		\$22,255	\$24,328	Income: \$277,391	\$291,864
Expense:		\$30,779	\$26,357	Expense: \$274,715	\$292,320

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ January 23, 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: <i>Re:Vitality: “Serving in God’s Mission: Congregational Bible Study”</i> Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal
11:45 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off