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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ January 30, 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 IS LORD OF ALL CREATION

In Jonah we see ourselves. For Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:1-17) even as we sinners turn our backs on God and go our own way. This brings the storm of God's judgment. But in Jonah we also see Christ. For even as he was in the great fish for three days and three nights, so also Christ Jesus was buried in the depths of death for us and raised on the third day. The Lord of creation, who rules over the wind and the wave (Matt. 8:23-27), saved us from the fury of divine wrath by taking the judgment in His own body. His love is the fulfillment of the Law (Rom 13:8-10). Though our faith be weak in the face of peril, yet we are kept in safety on the ship of the Church; for the Son of God is with us. Though the whole creation groans with us under the curse, yet by Jesus' speaking, there is a great calm. For we know that our present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory to be revealed in us (Rom 8:18-23).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

As Edward Mote was walking to work one day in 1834, the thought popped into his head to write a hymn on the "Gracious Experience of a Christian." As he walked up the road, he had the chorus, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." By the end of the day, he had the first four verses written out and safely tucked away in his pocket. Later that week, he visited his friend whose wife was very ill, and as they couldn't find a hymnal to sing from, he dug up his newly written verses and sang those with the couple. Almost two centuries later, we continue to sing these words of hope and assurance, our declaration that in the midst of all trials and storms, we will cling to the rock that is our Savior. The tune SOLID ROCK was composed by William Bradbury for Mote's hymn text. (*from Hymnary.org*)

✠ 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 96 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 717, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (February 6, 2022)

Jesus shows His glory before He goes on to His suffering and death.

Old Testament:	Exodus 34:29-35 — Moses' shining face.
Psalms:	Psalm 99 — "The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!"
Epistle:	2 Peter 1:16-21 — Eyewitnesses of Jesus' majesty.
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 17:1-9 — Jesus gloriously transfigured.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Carol Spyers in loving memory of her husband, Olin, whose birthday was February 2.

RE:VITALITY “SERVING IN GOD’S MISSION” – WE CONTINUE the congregational Bible study for “Serving in God’s Mission” during Bible study. 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.

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 30: **Matthew 8:26 – “And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.”** Jesus often contrasts fear and faith. Fear indicates a lack of faith, and faith drives out our fears. This is because to have faith in God means to trust Him and to know that we have a Father in heaven who loves us and cares for us. If we know this, what is there to be afraid of? Our fears often hold us back from godly living – but why be afraid? We know the Lord and His sacrificial love for us, so we do not need to be afraid to follow in His footsteps.

A THANK YOU FROM PASTOR RICHTER... I was so thrilled to receive 90th Birthday cards throughout the weeks from you, the members of Hope. I enjoyed reading your kind words and seeing familiar names from Hope. It meant so very much to me and truly warmed my heart! Thank you so very much! The Lord bless each of you with His abiding strong love and tender care!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ December					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 78		December		2021	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
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 30, 2022					
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd 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		