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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ February 6, 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 TRANSFIGURED AND MANIFESTS HIS GLORY

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1-9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Our Hymn of the Day (*O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*, LSB 413) comes to us in Latin written by an unknown author in 1495, just before the dawn of the Reformation. The first examples of it were found in Salisbury, England. The Englishman John Mason Neale (1818-1866) gave us a fine translation of this hymn. The joyous melody of this hymn and the clearly told facts of the transfiguration make it memorable. The very title of the hymn gives us a word that must be understood in its biblical sense—"type." A type is a preview of what was fulfilled in Christ Jesus. So, Melchizedek (Gen. 14:17-24; Ps. 110:4) was a type of Christ. In the transfiguration, the radiant glory of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah was a type (again, preview) of heaven. In stanza 2, Neale translates for us that "the incarnate Lord holds converse high." "Incarnate" means to have flesh, just as we do, and this flesh Jesus shares with us. See John 1 on this. In stanza 3, we have the promise of heavenly glory, where the writer indicates we shall all not only witness but also be a part of heavenly glory when we steadfastly "joy in God with perfect love." Stanza 4 is written to give us hope, we who walk so often in "the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps. 23:4). Despite life's tragedies, we sing hymns like this to spite Satan and the troubles he sends us. Finally, stanza 5 is our closing prayer that our Triune God might bring us to the reality of eternal life. (taken from *The Word in Song*)

✠ 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 2 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 413, "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

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 ✠

SEPTUAGESIMA ("About 70 Days" - until Easter) (February 13, 2022)

God the Father calls unworthy sinners and makes them rich.

Old Testament: **Exodus 17:1-7**—God gives the grumbling Israelites water from the Rock.

Psalm: **Psalm 95:1-9**— "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5**—Christ is the spiritual Rock.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**—The laborers in the Vineyard; God's extravagant mercy.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

TODAY WE RECEIVE Ms. Christina Mussmann into membership at Hope. Christina transfers her membership from Ascension Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We welcome Christina to our Hope family!

THE RE:VITALITY “SERVING IN GOD’S MISSION” congregational Bible study continues in the Christian Education hour. 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.

HYMN FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF CARL SCHALK FEBRUARY 27: On Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 PM, Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL will host a Hymn Festival featuring the musical works of Carl Schalk, who was called to glory one year ago. Dr. Mark Bender will give commentaries on the musical selections, which will include "Lift High the Cross," "Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See," "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair," "Alleluia to Jesus," "The Day Thou Gavest," "Thine the Amen," and more. No tickets are needed and the Hymn Festival is free, but a freewill offering will be collected. Zion Lutheran Church is located at [101 S. Railway Street](#) in Mascoutah, IL. Mark your calendars for this Hymn Festival to be blessed in word and music on February 27 at 3:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, February 6: **Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”** Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ December					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 92		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 ✂ February 6, 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”		WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal		
11:45 – Schola rehearsal	Pastor Asburry		THURSDAY		
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class			FRIDAY		
			SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off		