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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ February 13, 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 ❖

GRACE ALONE

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

The hymn *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying* (LSB 826) is well-known and loved within many LCMS congregations. However, its text by Daniel March is law oriented. This focus on the law even lead to its recommendation to be excluded from the Lutheran Book of Worship in 1978. To address these concerns and retain a much-loved tune, the Lutheran Service Book hymnal committee approached Stephen Starke to pen new gospel focused stanzas. Rather than combine the two texts and create a long-winded hymn, they placed the original first stanza with Starke's new stanzas, giving birth to our Hymn of the Day for Septuagesima, *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling* (LSB 827). Stanza one, with its altering of "crying" to "calling" to avoid the confusion of having two hymns with the same title, is a paraphrase of Matthew 20 (today's Gospel). Stanza two paints a picture of workers joining the harvest throughout the day. Jesus' disciples joined in the spreading of the Gospel right away and many generations of the church have labored throughout history. Today, as the harvest is getting ripe, His church is still laboring to bring in the final harvest. In stanza three we sing of God's Word growing faith in the heart and the final stanza encourages the Church to listen to His voice as we long for, "the time [when] work shall cease," and we "shall enjoy His Sabbath peace."

❖ 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 95 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 555, "Salvation unto Us Has Come"*

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 ❖

SEXAGESIMA ("About 60 Days" – until Easter) (February 20, 2022)

God sows His Word on various "soils" throughout the world...

Old Testament: **Isaiah 55:10-13**—God's Word accomplishes its purpose.

Psalm: **Psalm 84** – "Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!"

Epistle: **2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9**—St Paul boasts in his infirmities.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 8:4-15**—God, the Sower, sows the seed of His Word.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

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.

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 13: **Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.”** That’s not what they were expecting! The generosity of God is surprising because we are often so tight-fisted. But the Lord gives out of His grace better than we could deserve or even hope for. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His surprising generosity. How is the Lord calling you to generous living in His image?

THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE COLLAR & CLERICAL COLLAR... 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: Evolution vs. Adam & Christ, The Gloria in Excelsis, The Historical Reliability of the New Testament, 3rd Century Martyr Saint Valentine and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 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 ✂ January 23 - February 5				
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 92	FINANCIAL			
	January 23 – February 5		2021	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$16,455	\$11,034	Income: \$277,391	\$291,864
Expense: \$9,400		\$11,034	Expense: \$274,715	\$292,320
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ February 13, 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 7:00 Board of Elders	
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	