



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ❖ February 20, 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 ❖

#### WORD ALONE

The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4-15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9-13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19-12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10-13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.

### ❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

By Scripture Alone. From today's Gospel reading of the Parable of the Sower we learn how important it is to be well fed. Well fed in the Word of God, so that we might grow in good soil and yield much fruit. All our hymns today focus on this idea, the idea of being in the Word. From Martin Luther's Reformation hymn, *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*, to Martin Franzmann's twentieth century hymn, *Thy Strong Word*, we are constantly reminded of our vocation as God's children. The first four stanzas of *Thy Strong Word* retell salvation's story, tracing history from creation to God's redeeming sacrifice on the cross. The final two stanzas are our response, including a prayer that God would "give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim."

### ❖ 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 84 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

*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 ❖

QUINQUAGESIMA ("50 Days" – until Easter) (February 27, 2022)

*The Lord Jesus is on His way up to Jerusalem.*

Old Testament: **1 Samuel 16:1-13** – God anoints David to be king of Israel.

Psalm: **Psalm 146** – "I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being."

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13** – The greatest of these is love – love in the Christian life.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 18:31-43** – Jesus heals the blind man – that we may see Him on His way to Jerusalem.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

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, write your name on the calendar by the date. Each vase is \$25, you can place one or both vases. The flowers are yours to take home after the service. If questions, call Carol at 314-752-0525 or 314-691-3619. Flowers are not placed on the altar during Lent.

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 20: **Luke 8:11 – “The seed is the word of God.”** The plant begins as a seed, and everything in the Church begins with the Word. “In the beginning the Word was with God...” “He saved us by the regeneration of water and the Word...” “The Word of the Lord stands forever.” We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don’t need the blessings of God’s Word. Rather, the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God’s Word and living out the truth of our Baptisms, for we are God’s children by the power of his Word.

2 CORINTHIANS 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 2 Corinthians. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](#), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](#): Study “Augsburg Confession Article VI: New Obedience” on Concord Matters (2/26 at 10:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m., and study Luke 10-11 on Sharper Iron’s “The Beloved Physician’s Orderly Account” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs live and on demand at [kfuo.org](#) or on the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ January 23 - February 5

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
	January 23 – February 5		2021	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Sunday: 96	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 20, 2022

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="#">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</b> Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	<b>Basement:</b> Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	<b>Basement Auditorium:</b> Hymn of the Day Study: “May God Bestow on Us His Grace” (LSB 823/824) Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal
11:45 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY
11:45 – <u>No</u> Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off