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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ March 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 ✠

JESUS OVERCOMES THE STRONG MAN

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD OF OUR LIFE AND GOD OF OUR SALVATION - LSB 659

Jesus Christ, the Lord Who has the words of eternal life (John 6:68). Christ is the One Who defeats Satan, the accuser, and helps His saints (Rev. 12:10). Though they are surrounded by foes with unfurled banners, yet the Lord's banner of love waves over His Church (Song of Sol. 2:4) and preserves Her. Though darkness surrounds the believers, His Light of the Gospel shines through the darkness. Though the Church is assaulted by devils, still the Lord's armor (panoply; Eph. 6) defends Her. This hymn is unusual in that the second stanza of the text is sturdy and loud; the text then tapers off from billows to prayers for peace (and a wise organist will match this tapering). He brings His peace to our hearts, to the Church, to the world, and is in fullness in heaven. (from logia.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 136 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 659, "Lord of Our Life"*

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 ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (March 27, 2022)

Jesus feeds the 5000 and shows Himself to be the true Bread of Life for His people.

Old Testament: **Exodus 16:2-21** — God gives "manna" — bread from heaven.

Psalms: **Psalm 132:8-18** — "For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place"

Epistle: **Acts 2:41-47** — The fellowship of believers around Word and Sacraments.

Holy Gospel: **John 6:1-15** — Jesus feeds the 5000; He is Bread from heaven.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

EASTER LILIES will be used on Easter Sunday in the altar area. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 314-752-0525 or 314-691-3619, **before April 4**. Lilies are \$8.00 each and are yours to take home after the service on Easter.

DUE TOMORROW...APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS from the “Roschke-Stohlmann Lutheran Vocations and Education Fund.” Scholarships shall be awarded in the following order of priority: 1. Seminary training; 2. Pre-seminary training; 3. Full-time rostered church work training (teacher, DCE, DCO, Deaconess, etc.); 4. Lutheran elementary education; 5. Lutheran high school education. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

JOIN *Laudamus* from Concordia Seminary on Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 pm for the home concert of their spring tour. The concert will be held here at Hope as part of our “Music in a Sacred Space” series. *Laudamus* is a select choir of seminarians preparing for full-time service as pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under the direction of Dr. James Marriott, the Seminary’s director of music arts, the choir delights in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music. Each year, the choir schedules tours to LCMS schools, universities, and churches throughout the country, singing an eclectic program representing the church’s song from many different genres.

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE IS IN NEED OF THE CONGREGATION’S SUPPORT to supply cookies for the reception after the *Laudamus* concert on April 3. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex, if you can supply at least 2 dozen cookies. Your help is greatly appreciated!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, March 20: **Luke 11:21-22** - “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus is stronger than Satan, and He disarms him for us. But Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with: he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have none to fear.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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 subjects include: Responding to the Arguments for Atheism & Agnosticism; Humanism vs. Faith in the Holy Trinity; LGBTQ+ Ideology in Public Schools; The Post-Resurrected Jesus Appears in Galilee and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ February 27 - March 12				
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 92	FINANCIAL			
	February 27 – March 12		2022	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$10,794	\$11,042	Income: \$45,524	\$24,074
	Expense: \$13,396	\$12,178	Expense: \$20,679	\$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ March 20, 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: Hymn of the Day Study: “Lord of Our Life” (LSB 659) Pastor Randy Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal 7:00 Evening Prayer
11:45 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off