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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ March 27, 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 ✠

THE LORD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2-21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1-15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21-31). Five loaves become twelve baskets – that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41-47). So it is that God's people *"shall not hunger or thirst"* (Is. 49:8-13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE – LSB 743

Johann Franck's hymn is a love song from the bride (church) to her Lord Jesus Christ! This is not as easy to see in English as in the original German which includes this line: God's Lamb, my Bridegroom. Jesus is the priceless Bridegroom, pleasure, friend, and Lamb who has ransomed us, not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood (1 Peter 1:18-19). Jesus defends his bride against all evils of body and soul, especially that accuser Satan. Christians also can also decry fear and death. The world and its treasures hold no sway over those who, in faith, rely on Christ. Faithful Christians, members of the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33), do not fear leaving this evil world, for then they will dwell forever before the face of their Bridegroom, their priceless Treasure, 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 132 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 743, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"*

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 ✠

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (April 3, 2022)

Jesus is our Great High Priest who sacrifices Himself for us.

Old Testament: **Genesis 22:1-14** – God tests Abraham and foreshadows the sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus the Christ.

Psalm: **Psalm 43** – "Vindicate me, O God."

Epistle: **Hebrews 9:11-15** – The blood of Christ cleanses us from sin.

Holy Gospel: **John 8:42-59** – Jesus says, "Before Abraham was, I AM" – equating Himself with God.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

EASTER LILIES will be used on Easter Sunday in the chancel (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.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE has an opening for a person who can help with counting the funds collected at church services. Money is counted on Monday afternoons and would involve approximately one hour of time for one Monday a month (12 times a year). If interested please call Bill Truebe, 314-631-1218.

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 27: **John 6:5 - “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’ ”** Why does Jesus ask Philip this question? Of course, Jesus knows the answer already – He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. But *we* need to know this – and so Jesus gets Philip thinking about it. The knowledge that the Lord provides frees us for generosity without fear.

SOLID, SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE... 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: Human Tyranny vs. Christian Freedom; The Movie “Nightmare Alley;” The Gradual; Peter & Cornelius and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU *this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org*: Study Repentance in the Augsburg Confession Article XIII on Concord Matters (4/2 at 10:00 a.m.), study Luke 19-20 on Sharper Iron’s “ The Beloved Physician’s Orderly Account” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear Lenten Midweek Recital and Worship Service 3/30 at 11:00 a.m., and study Psalm 129-131 and Psalm 19-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ March 6 - 19					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 115		March 6 – 19		2022	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$12,771	\$19,876	Income:	\$45,524 \$24,074
Expense:		\$15,046	\$12,247	Expense:	\$20,679 \$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ March 27, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2nd 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: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (LSB 743) 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