

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY NEWS ♣ April 10, 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 <u>Facebook page</u> and the service folder (bulletin) may be <u>accessed here</u>. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

▼ THE WORD FOR TODAY ▼

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9–12; Mt. 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

▼ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ▼

This Sunday, our celebration of Palm Sunday, is a mixture of emotions. We begin celebrating Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem with the crowds in the streets (Matthew 21, John 12). Our opening hymn, *Hosanna*, *Loud Hosanna* (*LSB* 443), echoes those shouts of celebration and makes for a joyous beginning. Through the service we turn our minds from that triumphal entry to the path toward the cross. Our closing hymn, *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* (*LSB* 441) wraps up all the emotions nicely. Stanza one begins, "Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry." The stanzas continue on, outlining the emotional rollercoaster that is Holy Week. Finally, stanza five ends with the Resurrection promise, "Then take, O God, Thy power and reign." We know how the story ends, and it ends in our salvation through Jesus' death on the cross, defeat of sin, death, and the devil, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

▼ 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 118 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- PONDER today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER SUNDAY (April 17, 2022)

Jesus rises victorious from the dead!

Old Testament: **Isaiah 25:6-9**—God will swallow up death forever.

Psalm: Psalm 118—"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!" Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11—Witnesses of the Resurrection.

Holy Gospel: **John 20:1-18** – The Resurrection of Jesus!

▼ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ▼

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.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT TEACHER NEEDED AT TIMOTHY LUTHERAN - Seeking a compassionate, well rounded teacher for our Mother's Day Out program serving children ages 12 months through 5 years old. Duties include: Interacting in play with children, diapering needs, feeding snack and lunch, and provide a loving and supportive environment for growing little ones. 3 to 5 days a week from 8:30-1:30 pm. You may bring your own child (12 months to 5 years of age) for free. In addition, we are hiring substitutes for 2-3 days a week with potential for more days as the program grows. Please contact Kathy Willhite at 314-781-8673.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 10: Matthew 21:3 - "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: Blessed Holy Week! Hear special Good Friday programming on 4/15 including Tre Ore Service from Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis at 12:00 p.m., study Luke 22-23 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Matthew 23-27 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and learn about Augsburg Confession Article XIV: Order in the Church on Concord Matters 4/16 at 10:00 a.m. Tune in live or on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

TALK RADIO & PODCASTS FOR HOLY WEEK... 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: Apparent Contradictions in the Bible on the Events of Holy Week; The Holy Week Hymns "The Royal Banners Forward Go" and "Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle;" The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ★ *March* 20 – *April* 2

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 79

FINANCIAL

March 20 – *April* 2 2022

<u>Actual</u> <u>Actual</u> **Budgeted** <u>Budgeted</u> \$11,489 \$10,927 \$24,074 Income: Income: \$45,524 Expense: \$14,753 \$12,066 Expense: \$20,679 \$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ★ April 10, 2022

SCHEDULE

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at

> www.facebook.com/ hopelutheranstl

10:15 - Coffee Hour

10:30 - Bible Study/ Sunday School

11:45 - Schola rehearsal

11:45 - Youth Catechism Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

2nd Floor:

Early Childhood Sunday School

Basement:

Primary - Junior High Sunday School

Basement Auditorium:

Hymn of the Day Study:
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(LSB 442)
Pastor Randy Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal

THURSDAY 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Divine Service

FRIDAY
7:00 pm The Passion of Christ

SATURDAY 8:00 pm Easter Vigil