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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 17, 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 ✠

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION MEANS THAT WE WILL ONE DAY BE RAISED

"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1-8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. *"After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God"* (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Today we join Christians all around the world in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is one of the "barn burners" of the church year, musically speaking. We celebrate this morning with brass, organ, and plenty of congregational singing. With the end of the Lenten season, we once again join in singing "This is the Feast of Victory" and "Alleluia!" During the season of Easter, we substitute the simple Alleluia & Verse for the traditional Sequence Hymn, *Christ is Arisen* (LSB 459), complete with the choral chants and congregational exclamation of "Alleluia!" The Hymn of the Day, *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* (LSB 458), is a completely Lutheran take on Easter. Written by Martin Luther, with a tune edited by Lutheran Kantor Johann Walter we sing not only the happy part of the Easter story, but also the suffering...which is why the resurrection has such meaning for us!

✠ 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 458, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 24, 2022)

As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the Word (Quasimodo Geniti).

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| Old Testament: | Ezekiel 37:1-14 — Ezekiel sees the valley of dry bones. |
| Psalm: | Psalm 33 — "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made" |
| Epistle: | 1 John 5:4-10 — Jesus, the water and the blood. |
| Holy Gospel: | John 20:19-31 — Jesus institutes Holy Absolution. |



✧ 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.

HOPE'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY will meet next Sunday, April 24, at 12:00 noon. In addition to electing officers, we will have a presentation from the architect (Ittner) and contractor (Boeker) for the Basement Renovation project (ideas and possibilities only). Lunch will be provided. Agenda packet is available in the narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH FOLLOWED BY A VOTERS' MEETING: Plan now to attend the April 24th Voter's Assembly at 12 noon. A light lunch of sandwiches and salads will be served by the Basement Renovation Committee. A preliminary presentation by the architects will be made with sketches and ideas based on the congregational survey about needed renovation and updates in the Hope basement. This is an opportunity to see what might be possible and ask questions. Your input is important. You don't have to be a voter to come and hear the presentation and join in the lunch. Children are welcome - this is a congregational meal and the first one since Covid. We hope to see you there!

WE ARE NOW USING VANCO MOBILE, an eGiving mobile app. We encourage you to join the app, Vanco Mobile. You can download the app for free at the Apple App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, simply open the app and search for our church name, "Hope Ev. Lutheran Church". As an alternative, you can go to the church's website, hopelutheranstl.org, and click on the green Give Now button on the home page. You will be able to contribute to the general fund or any of the special funds of the church. You'll need to sign up and create a password, but after that you can use eGiving whenever you would like or set up an automatic contribution, just an alternate way to fulfill your vocation to support the church. Giving through the app will be counted and recorded the same as envelopes.

THE LUTHERAN SOUTH MUSIC DEPARTMENT will host its spring concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Featuring all the high school music ensembles and the middle school Junior Winds, the program will highlight music by Malcolm Arnold, Franco Cesarini, Larry Daehn, and highlights from the movie "The Lord of the Rings." The free concert will be held in the gymnasium on the Lutheran South campus. All are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 17: **Mark 16:6 - "And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.' "** Jesus is risen, but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen - He is risen indeed!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ March 2022					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 86		March 2022		Year to Date for 2022	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$22,996	\$24,083	Income:	\$45,524 \$24,074
Expense:		\$33,388	\$27,118	Expense:	\$20,679 \$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ April 17, 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 Church office closed
No Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary - Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
No Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement Auditorium:	WEDNESDAY No Kantorei Rehearsal
No Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 Thrive Parent University
No Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's day off