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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 24, 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 WOUNDS OF CHRIST GIVE US LIFE

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (LSB 471)

The hymn tells the story of Jesus' resurrection appearances. In nine verses the accounts of the first week of the resurrection unfold. The many individuals who were overcome with immense sorrow encounter the preaching of the word and with it Christ and his resurrection. It indicates such a joyous turn of events by wrapping its verses throughout in joyful Alleluias. The words paraphrase John 20. When we sing this hymn, we participate with St. John and the holy angels in the preaching of Christ's resurrection to the world. Both singer and hearer go with the women early in the morning to the tomb, hide behind locked doors with the disciples, encounter Jesus and his wounds with Thomas, all the while seeing sorrow, fear, and unbelief shattered by Christ and the proclamation that today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! The Resurrection grants and strengthens faith to a fear-filled world, and so the work of this hymn both restorative to the fallen and missional to the unbelieving. It culminates in verse eight before ending with a high doxology in verse nine. "How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life will win. Alleluia!" (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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 471*, "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 1, 2022)

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. (Misericordias Domini).

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 34:11-16** — God is our Shepherd.

Psalm: **Psalm 23** — "The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

Epistle: **1 Peter 2:21-25** — Life through God's Word.

Holy Gospel: **John 10:11-16** — Jesus the Good Shepherd.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed by Robert Moffatt in loving memory of his wife, Laura, whose birthday was January 27th, and their 55th wedding anniversary which would have been March 22nd.

RECEIVED TODAY into the Kingdom of God by the washing of Holy Baptism is **ELLA ELIZABETH JUENGER**, daughter of Sarah and Scott Juenger. May our heavenly Father keep **Ella** in His baptismal grace unto eternal life.

PLEASE JOIN US TODAY AT NOON FOR HOPE’S VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY. In addition to electing officers, we will have a presentation of potential ideas from the architect (Ittner) and contractor (Boeker) for the Basement Renovation project. A light lunch will be provided. 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!

JOIN FOR A HYMN SING AT LACLEDE GROVES on Saturday, May 7! Meet at Laclede Groves – Lutheran Senior Services (723 S Laclede Station Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119) at 1:50 PM and sing Lenten and Easter hymns during the 2:00 PM hour. Check in will be in the lobby of 723 (map details upon request). A lunch will be served beforehand at Hope Lutheran Church at 12:30 PM, but singers are welcome to just meet at Laclede. Contact Nathan Maichel at nathanmaichel@protonmail.com to join.

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. The free concert will feature all the high school music ensembles and the middle school Junior Winds, and will be held in the gymnasium on the Lutheran South campus. All are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 24: **John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ”** Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ March 2022					
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 138	FINANCIAL				
	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 24, 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: “A More Excellent Way: Looking at Life through Christ-centered Lenses” Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal
11:45 – NO Schola rehearsal or Youth Catechism		THURSDAY 6:00 ThriVe Parent University
12:00 – Voters’ Assembly with lunch and presentation		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off