



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 1, 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 GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR HIS SHEEP*

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### *THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (LSB 709)*

The hymn of the day for Good Shepherd Sunday is a hymn on a hymn! When Jesus sang hymns with his disciples, they would have been singing from their hymnal, the Psalms – Psalm 23 included. Since this hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23, Christians have been singing these words for more than three thousand years! King David wrote Psalm 23, perhaps the most beloved of all the Psalms. Our hymn pictures Jesus as the answer to David's hymn. It shows Jesus loving us; Jesus leading us to good water; Jesus shepherding us when we go astray; Jesus walking through the valley of the shadow of death with and for us; Jesus feeding us a meal in the wilderness of this life; and Jesus bringing us to eternal life. Its place in the middle of the Easter season shows the Good Shepherd rounding up his scattered church after his resurrection. One will call to mind Jesus shepherding the disciples on the road to Emmaus, bringing the Apostles and particularly Thomas back to the fold, opening Mary's tear-filled eyes to see that he is the Risen One, curing Peter's broken conscience and restoring him, appearing to his brother James and many others as the Shepherd who loves them. Even now he gathers the scattered through the preaching of the Word and restores the lost into the fold through the great *"peace be to you,"* of the absolution. (from [logia.org](http://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 23 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (May 8, 2022) – *Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!* (Jubilate)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 40:25-31** – On eagle's wings.

Psalm: **Psalm 147:1-11** – "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power"

Epistle: **1 Peter 2:11-20** – Living as free people.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:16-22** – Jesus turns our grief into joy.

✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

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](mailto: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](http://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.

TONIGHT! THE LUTHERAN SOUTH MUSIC DEPARTMENT will host its spring concert at 7:00 p.m. 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, MAY 1: **John 10:16 – “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.”** On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

QUALITY, QUANTITY, QUALIFIED... 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: The Movie “Father Stu,” The Vocation of Mother, 4th Century Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria, The Jerusalem Council 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Begin studying 1-3 John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), continue studying Acts 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and study Augsburg Confession Article XVII on Christ's Return for Judgment on Concord Matters (5/7 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ April 3-16					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 68		April 3-16		Year to Date for 2022	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$23,130	\$24,075	Income:	\$45,524 \$24,074
Expense:		\$10,179	\$17,262	Expense:	\$20,679 \$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ May 1, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</b> Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	<b>Basement:</b> Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	<b>Basement Auditorium:</b> “A More Excellent Way: Looking at Life through Christ-centered Lenses” Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal
11:45 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 ThriVe Parent University
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off