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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 8, 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 ✠

THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL REJOICE

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11-20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1-3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him"* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me"* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength"* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *"And no one will take your joy from you"* (John 16:22).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE (LSB 483)

The hymn of the day for Jubilate Sunday is indeed filled with joy and makes the heart happy to sing. The tune by Martin Franzmann matches the text written by the Moravian Georg Vetter, which was written some fifty or so years after the Reformation. Its confession of faith proves a zeal for evangelism is not unique to our age. Rather happiness in the task is especially seen in those followers who came after Jon Hus. The hymn shows the great importance the Moravians held in having both pastors and people joining together in proclaiming the resurrection of Christ. The hymn embodies this even in its opening phrase, *"With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation."* Primarily a commentary on the words of Mark 16:15, *"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation,'"* our hymn contains phrases such as: *"To all earth's ends," "every nation, every land,"* and again *"every nation."* Whatever suffering and hardships come to the followers of Jesus, *"With high delight"* impresses on the hearts and minds of all who sing it that the Gospel grants our work to be a task in which we can continually rejoice, letting praises ring, giving thanks as we sing forth Christ's victory and *"death's undoing."* (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 147 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 483, *"With High Delight Let Us Unite"*

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 15, 2022) – Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! (Cantate)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 12:1-6** – First song of Isaiah.

Psalm: **Psalm 66** – "Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!"

Epistle: **James 1:16-21** – Every good and perfect gift is from above.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:5-15** – Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God in thanksgiving for God’s gift of mothers and their children – our loved ones – past, present, and future by Marcia and Peter Lange.

RECEIVED TODAY into the Kingdom of God by the washing of Holy Baptism is **LYDIA ABIGAIL ROLLAND**, daughter of Alicia and Chad Rolland. May our heavenly Father keep **Lydia** in His baptismal grace unto eternal life.

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, MAY 8: **1 Peter 2:11 – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”** Passions of the flesh – that means the things our flesh desires. One way to sum up all the “passions of the flesh” is to call them greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed. It wages war against our soul, and it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles. We belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him. That knowledge frees us from greed, and it frees us for generosity.

GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE... 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: A New Study on Stay-at-Home Moms; The Lord’s Supper Hymn “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing;” The Vocation of Citizen; The Active & Passive Obedience of Christ and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ April 3-16		
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 98	FINANCIAL	
	April 3-16	
	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$23,130	\$24,075
	Year to Date for 2022	
	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$45,524	\$24,074
	Expense: \$20,679	\$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 8, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd 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 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 ThriVe Parent University
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off