



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 15, 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 ✠

#### *JESUS PROMISES TO SEND HIS HOLY SPIRIT, THE HELPER*

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus – who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven – has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights"* through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid"* (Is. 12:2).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Luther makes a second appearance in the Easter season with the hymn, *Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice* (LSB 556). This is one of his earliest hymns and thought to be the second hymn he wrote. Lutheran theologians often like to compare early and late Luther as his theology develops and sharpens with age. This hymn shows a rich and beautiful grasp of the Gospel quite early in Luther's study. Thus it comments on how fast the Gospel spread, doing its work as it was carried along especially by hymnody. In Luther's Law/Gospel fashion, he lays out the impossible struggle of justifying oneself through works before God (vs. 2 - 4). The hymn then follows with life giving relief through the Gospel (vs. 5 - 10). It tells the story of Luther's own struggle with sin and death. This struggle is now shared by all who sin and try to find any hope in this life apart from Christ. The sung confession of verse five gives the world hope as Christ alone can and does set free from sin and sorrow, Christ alone slays bitter death that mankind may live forever. The whole hymn provides a concise creed on the work of God to save. (from [logia.org](http://logia.org))

The theme of today is *CANTATE* (or *SING*) Sunday and encourages us to *"Sing to God a new song."* This name and theme come from the traditional Introit for this day, *"Cantate Domino canticum novum"* (Sing to the Lord a new song – Psalm 98). What a true joy to use our voices to sing praise to our redeeming Lord!

### ✠ 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 66 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

### ✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

*THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER* (May 22, 2022) –

**Certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.** (*Rogate*)

Old Testament: **Numbers 21:4-9** – Moses raises the bronze snake.

Psalm: **Psalm 107** – "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress."

Epistle: **1 Timothy 2:1-6** – Pray for all people.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:23-33** – Ask and you will receive.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Sharon Speck in memory of former grade school and high school classmate and friend, Linda Greenwald, who was called home on April 10; and by a Hope member in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings she has received.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, and 26. Vases are \$25 each and are yours to take home after the service. Please call Carol, 314-691-3619, to reserve a date or place your name on the calendar in the narthex.

JOIN MEMBERS OF HOPE FOR AN English Country Dance for all ages on Saturday, May 21st at 1 pm in the Hope Fellowship hall. The dance will be called by Ruth Temme. Bring a snack or cookies to share! RSVP and Questions: Contact Nicholas Weber, [n@nicholasedwinweber.com](mailto:n@nicholasedwinweber.com)

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, MAY 15: **James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”** The thought James captures here is repeated over and over again in the Bible. Everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again. And He desires that we grow into His image and reflect His love. That is why God wants us to give to the ministry of His Church. God can do anything He wants to without our help. But He commands us to give so that we will grow in our imitation of His own generosity.

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... 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 topics include: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, The Natural Family, The Ascension of Christ, The Hippocratic Oath, The Lord’s Supper, Planned Parenthood 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ April 24 –May 7					
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 125	FINANCIAL				
	April 24 - May 7			Year to Date thru March	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$11,333	\$11,054	Income:	\$45,524      \$24,074
	Expense:	\$10,833	\$10,811	Expense:	\$20,679      \$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ May 15, 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
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off