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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 22, 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 FATHER ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS BECAUSE OF JESUS

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you" (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (LSB 770)

Today we depart from a summary of the Hymn of the Day to look more closely at one of our Communion hymns. *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* is a hymn some people love and others love to hate. With today's Scripture reading focus on prayer stanza two serves as a resounding reminder to "Take it to the Lord in prayer." The following comes from the *Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns* in an essay by Rev. Bruce Keseman,

Consider just a few of the Scripture verses on which this hymn builds: "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matthew 7:7); "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15); and "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). As Martin Luther explains in his Small Catechism, "God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father."

✠ 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 107 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- PONDER today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 766, "Our Father, Who From Heaven Above"

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 29, 2022) –

Hear O Lord, when I cry with my voice! (Exaudi)

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 36:22-28** – God creates new heart and spirit in us.

Psalm: **Psalm 51** – "Create in me a clean heart, O God"

Epistle: **1 Peter 4:7-14** – Sober living.

Holy Gospel: **John 15:26-16:4** – Jesus promises to send the Spirit of Truth.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

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.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for 3 years old through 8th grade students. We will resume in September. Thank you for a great year! Stay tuned for details about summer Sunday School!

CELEBRATE ASCENSION DAY by joining the Kantorei for a Divine Service on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 pm. The Kantorei will be singing their final service for the season and will celebrate promotion in rank for three choristers (John, Emma, and Brendan Serina) and the 8th grade recognition of chorister Mary Egger. Following the service, the Kantorei will host an ice cream social reception for all.

A HYMN FESTIVAL FOR THE HOLY TRINITY will be held at Hope on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 pm. Spread the word and join the choirs, instrumentalists, and gathered congregation in singing hymn settings by guest organist and composer Kevin Hildebrand. Mr. Hildebrand is the Kantor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN where he serves as organist, choir director, and teaches courses related to worship. Pastor Asburry will provide commentary as we celebrate the Holy Trinity. It also happens to be the commemoration of the 1,697th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This is the final event of the 2021-2022 *Music in a Sacred Space* season. A reception will follow the hymn festival.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, MAY 22: **James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”** Martin Luther said this about our faith: “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed, and implemented. James reminds us of this, and he encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance, where we can see that we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on The Book of Revelation. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ May 1 – 14					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 88		May 1 - 14		Year to Date thru March	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$9,778	\$10,873	Income:	\$45,524 \$24,074
Expense:		\$9,172	\$10,636	Expense:	\$20,679 \$23,531

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ May 22, 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”	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal
11:45 – Schola rehearsal	Pastor Asburry	THURSDAY 7:00 Ascension Divine Service
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off