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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 26, 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 GOSPEL CALL GOES OUT TO ALL

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight" (Prov. 9:5-6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). For "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13-22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13-18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED (LSB 622). Samuel Kinner (1603-1668) was a physician in Breslau, Germany (now in Poland). Although this physician did not call the Lord's Supper the medicine of immortality, he clearly describes it as such: his body and blood, which grant rest, comfort, and pardon for weary and sin-oppressed souls. The saints are not to trust in an empty supper (such as the Reformed teach) but in the true Supper of Christ's Body and Blood in, with, and under bread and wine! Reason cannot understand this reality of Christ's presence, but the Word declares it to be true. We do not "spring our minds into heaven to access Christ there," but rather receive him where he promises to be, at his altar. Thanks be to Christ for this consoling Supper, a true and blessed comfort when living or dying. [Taken from www.logia.org hymn summaries]

✠ 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 34 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 622, "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared."*

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 AFTER TRINITY (July 3, 2022) –

- Old Testament: **Micah 7:18-20** – God delights in mercy.
Psalm: **Psalm 103** – "Bless the LORD, O my soul!"
Epistle: **1 Timothy 1:12-17** – Christ came into the world to save sinners.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 15:11-32** – God's joy over one sinner who repents.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. 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.

THE BASEMENT RENOVATION COMMITTEE HOSTS ITS SECOND LISTENING POST on Sunday, August 21 after Bible class and invites all members of the congregation to come help the committee gain insight and feedback so renovation plans can be adjusted accordingly. This meeting is your next opportunity to look closely at the proposed plans and share questions, concerns, and ideas.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 5347 Donovan Ave., 63109, continue outdoor concerts this summer, Saturday evenings at 7:00pm in July. Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy a great night of music! The July concerts are: Saturday, July 2: The Mighty Pines (Bluegrass/Folk Trio); July 9: SideXSide Percussion (Percussion Quartet); July 16: Blake Flattley (Christian Music Ensemble)

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, June 26: **Proverbs 9:9 – “Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.”** We need the Lord's instruction and wisdom. We just don't know enough on our own. It seems foolish to the world that Christians drop their hard-earned money into the collection plate every week. They just don’t see a benefit to the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments, the sending of missionaries, or the educating of children in the faith. But from the Lord’s instruction and Wisdom, we know better. Giving teaches us generosity. The work of the Church is the salvation of mankind, and we are blessed to be called to participate in it in this way.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Join us for Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center weekdays at 10:00 a.m., study Genesis 22-25 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study Acts 23-27 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs live and on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

THRIVE PARENT UNIVERSITY has started again on Thursday nights. This program is an important part of the pro-life work that Thrive does to save babies and help strengthen families. At this time they are not serving dinner or providing childcare. They have snacks, Bible study, and the parenting lesson. Hope volunteers will be helping with greeting moms and serving snacks on the second Thursday of each month. If you would like to volunteer for July 14, please contact Judy Maichel at mjmaichel@juno.com or 314-352-1319.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ June 2-18

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
	June 2-18		Year to Date thru May	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Sunday: 81	Income: \$9,394	\$11,239	Income: \$133,770	\$120,382
	Expense: \$9,029	\$12,662	Expense: \$112,577	\$121,274

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ June 26, 2022

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor:	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study	Basement Auditorium:	WEDNESDAY
	“A More Excellent Way: Looking at Life through Christ-centered Lenses”	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
	Pastor Asburry	FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off