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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 3, 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 RECEIVES SINNERS

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you"* (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD, TO YOU I MAKE CONFESSION. There are two parts to confession: 1) to faithfully confess one's sins and 2) to receive absolution, that is, forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus' name. Johann Frank's (1618-1677) hymn of confession is a sung confession of sins with trust that they are forgiven in him who suffered and died to rescue, save, reconcile, and set free the penitent sinner. This hymn is rightly used when we hear preached Jesus' teaching of lost sinners being found again (whether the lost sheep and coin being found in Luke 15:1-10 or the return of the lost son in Luke 15:11-32). Such is the case when one confesses and is absolved; that penitent is forgiven and restored to a right relationship with the heavenly Father by Christ's precious blood, as proclaimed by the pastor (John 20:19-23). The forgiven sinner's sins are cast into the deepest sea (referring to Holy Baptism) and he or she stands cleansed from all iniquity. Thanks be to God for His mercy to sinners. [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 103 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 608, "Lord, to You I Make Confession."

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 AFTER TRINITY (July 10, 2022) -

Old Testament: **Genesis 50:15-21** — Joseph forgives his brothers again.

Psalms: **Psalm 138** — "I will praise You with my whole heart."

Epistle: **Romans 12:14-21** — Be of the same mind toward one another.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 6:36-42** — Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, July 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 remaining July concerts are: Saturday, July 9: SideXSide Percussion (Percussion Quartet); July 16: Blake Flattley (Christian Music Ensemble)

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, July 3: **Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** Why does Jesus eat with sinners? Certainly not so that they will remain stuck in their sins! Jesus meets sinners where they are so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn – turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Study “The Mass” in Augsburg Confession Article XXIV on Concord Matters (7/9 at 10:00 a.m.), complete the study of Acts on Sharper Iron’s “To the End of the Earth” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Genesis 26-29 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs 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 12-25					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 76		June 12-25		Year to Date thru May	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$12,285	\$11,239	Income:	\$133,770
Expense:		\$10,795	\$12,662	Expense:	\$112,577
					\$120,382
					\$121,274
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ July 3, 2022					
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE	2 nd Floor:		MONDAY		
Live stream at	Basement:				
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	Basement Auditorium:		TUESDAY		
10:15 – Coffee Hour	LCMS Responses to Supreme Court decision on <i>Dobbs</i>		WEDNESDAY		
10:30 – Bible Study	Pastor Kevin Robson		THURSDAY		
			6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
			FRIDAY		
			SATURDAY		
			Pastor’s day off		