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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 10, 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 ✠

CHRIST'S MERCY IS OURS TO SHOW TO OTHERS

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD (LSB 696). Johann Heermann (1585-1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). During his time as pastor many people of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn. We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a "healthy frame," not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one's calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God would actually work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Savior. Then, in splendor, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name. [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 138 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 696, "O God, My Faithful God."

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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 17, 2022) –

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| Old Testament: | 1 Kings 19:11-21 – God comforts Elijah with news of a faithful remnant of people who worship the true God. |
| Psalm: | Psalm 16 – "... in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." |
| Epistle: | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 – "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." |
| Holy Gospel: | Luke 5:1-11 – Jesus absolves Peter and calls him to proclaim His Gospel. |



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, July 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 concert is: Saturday, July 16: Blake Flattley (Christian Music Ensemble)

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, July 10: **Romans 8:18 - “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”** It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

JOIN US FOR THE [Lay Bible Institute](#) “Prophet, Prostitute and Prodigals: Hosea’s and the LORD’s Relentless Pursuit,” scheduled for Aug. 6 on the campus of [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#). The one-day workshop, presented by Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology [Dr. Kevin Golden](#), will focus on the Old Testament prophet, Hosea. “The prophets had a tough calling from the Lord, and Hosea had a rather unique way that he faced that challenge in that the Lord called him to marry a prostitute,” said Golden. “Coming forth from that marriage were children that were emblematic of what God’s own people had done ... that they had run away from Him. In this workshop, we’ll learn from Hosea, his faithfulness to his wife, and in him, we’ll see how Yahweh, the Lord Himself, is faithful to us ... most specifically in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Learn more about the workshop in this [video](#). The workshop is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug 6, in Sieck Hall 202 on campus, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. The registration deadline is July 22. Cost to attend is \$20 per person (\$35 with lunch). Open to lay people, students, pastors and others interested in the proclamation of the Gospel, the Lay Bible Institute, offered three times a year by Concordia Seminary faculty members, is an ongoing study of the Bible and how it relates to today’s life and events. For more information or to [register](#), visit [csl.edu/lbi](#) or contact Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or [ce@csl.edu](#).

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ June 2-18

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

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ July 10, 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