



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 17, 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 MAKES FISHERS OF MEN*

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8-15).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

"COME, FOLLOW ME," *THE SAVIOR SPAKE* (LSB 688). Based on Matthew 16:24, Johann Scheffler wrote four stanzas of this hymn (stanzas 1-3, 5). Stanza four was published with the original stanzas in 1704. Scheffler, a physician by training, was raised as a Lutheran and wrote most of his poetry while still a Lutheran. Later in his life he became a follower of a mystic preacher and found his beliefs more in line with the Roman Catholic church.

### ✠ 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 16 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 688*, "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake."

*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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY* (July 24, 2022) -

Old Testament: **Exodus 20:1-17** – God gives His Ten Commandments as the pattern of life for all people.

Psalm: **Psalm 19** – "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

Epistle: **Romans 6:3-11** – Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:20-26** – Living in Jesus' perfect righteousness (which exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees!).



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, July 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, July 17: **1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”** Elijah was so sure that he was right – that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can’t go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God’s work in the Church with our offering. Take a look in Luther’s Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

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
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
	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 17, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="#">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</b>	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	<b>Basement:</b>	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study	<b>Basement Auditorium:</b>	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