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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 24, 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 ✠

OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

All Mankind Fell in Adams Fall (LSB 562). During the Reformation era this hymn was held in high regard as a teaching and confessional hymn of the evangelical faith. It reinforces the theology of original sin. However, in good Law/Gospel format, stanzas 4-6 tell of our Savior Jesus. "To bear our sin and woe and shame," he, "took our place". We can rejoice in the new life we have through Christ's death for our eternal salvation.

✠ 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 19 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 562, "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall."

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 AFTER TRINITY (July 31, 2022) –

- Old Testament: **Genesis 2:7-17** – God creates Adam from the dust and provides for his bodily needs.
Psalm: **Psalm 33:1-11** – "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."
Epistle: **Romans 6:19-23** – We are freed from sin to be slaves for God.
Holy Gospel: **Mark 8:1-9** – Jesus feeds the 4,000, thus showing His re-creation of our bodies as holy.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

TODAY WE RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP the Rev. Dr. David and Mrs. Lisa Adams, transferring from Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Missouri. David serves as professor at Concordia Seminary and Lisa works as a nurse for Lutheran Senior Services. Welcome to our Hope family!

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Kay and Joel Shoemaker in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary on July 22.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, July 31 and August 7, 14, 21, and 28. 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 BOARD OF FINANCE, on behalf of the congregation, is looking for individuals to volunteer to serve on the reconstituted Committee of Trustees. At the April meeting, the Voters Assembly directed the Committee of Trustees to oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and the parsonage, and oversee the function of the sexton. The committee is also authorized to propose policies and procedures for implementing initiatives for consideration and approval by the Church Council. If you would like to volunteer or receive additional information, please contact Bart Day (bart.day@lcef.org).

TODAY the Board of Finance makes available a mid-year financial update (January-June) to keep the congregation informed of our financial position. Hard copies are available in the narthex.

HOPE LANDSCAPE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY: The Church Council has approved a project to beautify the exterior church campus by the removal of old bushes, cleaning up other areas, planting new flowers and bushes, and reworking the area around the sign. The cost is \$6,000. There is already \$4,000 set aside for the project. If you would like to make a contribution to this special project, you can mark your donation “Landscape” and place it in a Property Improvement Envelope. We intend to start the project in the Fall. Thank you for your consideration.

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 24: **Matthew 5:23** – “So if you are offering your gift at the altar....” Jesus connects our generosity toward God’s Kingdom to our love and forgiveness toward our brethren in the Kingdom. Both grow out of God’s love toward us. We forgive as we have been forgiven, and we give as we have been given to. All our growth in sanctification is growing into our Heavenly Father’s own actions through thankful imitation.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ July 3-16					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 78		July 3-16		Year to Date thru June	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$9,670	\$10,873	Income:	\$161,035
Expense:		\$8,449	\$10,638	Expense:	\$132,339
					\$148,406

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ July 24, 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
	1) Report on Missouri District Convention – Diana Brown & Pastor Asburry	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
	2) “A More Excellent Way” – Pastor Asburry	FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off