



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 31, 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 RESTORES PARADISE AND FEEDS US FREELY*

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, *"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground..."* (Gen. 3:19). In other words, *"The wages of sin is death"* (Rom 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For *"the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* (LSB 819). This lively hymn of praise, with its short and memorable refrain, was written by Johann Schütz (1640-1690). Based on Deuteronomy 32:3-4, *"For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! 'The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.'" Through the text one can envision a pastor instructing and encouraging his flock to join in praise to God.*

### ✠ 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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good."*

**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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** (August 7, 2022) –

Old Testament: **Jeremiah 23:16-29** – God's people do not hear His prophets; God warns us against false prophets.

Psalm: **Psalm 26** – "In the great assembly I will bless the LORD."

Epistle: **Acts 20:27-38** – St. Paul urges pastors and churches to beware of false teachers.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 7:15-23** – Jesus warns against false prophets and false faith.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, 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.

ALL HOPE MEMBERS ARE INVITED to the wedding ceremony of Joel Maichel and Sara Burns at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2650 Miami Street, August 7th at 3pm. We hope you can join us in this celebration!

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](mailto:bart.day@lcef.org)).

REMINDER: 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 31: **Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion on the crowd. . .”** Still today the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know that we need it. Knowing the Lord’s provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ July 20-23					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 64		July 20-23		Year to Date thru June	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$14,350	\$10,873	Income:	\$161,035    \$134,466
Expense:		\$10,233	\$10,638	Expense:	\$132,339    \$148,406

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ July 31, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor:	MONDAY 7:00 – Board of Elders
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study	Basement Auditorium: “A More Excellent Way” Pastor Asbury	WEDNESDAY
		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off