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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 7, 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 ✠

BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29) They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. *"You will recognize them by their fruits"* (Matt. 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

In God, My Faithful God (LSB 745). First appearing in 1607 in a German hymnal, text writer Sigismund Weingärtner penned this text. Very little is known of him, though it is thought he may have been a clergyman. In German the first letter of each stanza forms A-O-O-O-A. It is thought to be a reference to Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega." The strong and confident tune, AUF MEINEN LEIBEN GOTT, was penned by Roman Catholic composer Jacob Regnart and first appeared in 1574.

✠ 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 26 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 745, "In 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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 14, 2022) –

- Old Testament: **2 Samuel 22:26-34** – God shows Himself merciful; He brings down the haughty, but lifts up the humble.
- Psalm: **Psalm 51:1-12** – "Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem."
- Epistle: **1 Corinthians 10:6-13** – Though we are tempted and fall to sin, God is faithful to forgive.
- Holy Gospel: **Luke 16:1-13** – Parable of the Unjust Manager – learning to be wise in this world.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, August 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, TODAY 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).

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, August 7: **Matthew 7:17 – “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.”** As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity – we are the “new man in Christ” as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil, and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous – don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

| STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ July 20-23 | | | | | |
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| ATTENDANCE | | FINANCIAL | | | |
| Sunday: 71 | | July 20-23 | | Year to Date thru June | |
| | | Actual | Budgeted | Actual | Budgeted |
| Income: | | \$14,350 | \$10,873 | Income: | \$161,035 |
| Expense: | | \$10,233 | \$10,638 | Expense: | \$132,339 |
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| THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ August 7, 2022 | | |
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| 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: “A More Excellent Way” Pastor Asburry | WEDNESDAY |
| | | THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University |
| | | FRIDAY |
| | | SATURDAY Pastor’s day off |