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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 14, 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 ✠

THE STEWARD'S SHREWDNESS SANCTIFIED

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26-34).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

What is the World to Me (LSB 730). Originally in eight stanzas (we are missing 2, 5-7), this hymn text by Georg Pfefferkorn is based on 1 John 2:15-17.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

With its theme of "Renunciation of the World", we are able to sing August Crull's translation of this text. Crull was a Lutheran pastor and educator of the late 19th and early 20th century in America. He was a distinguished hymnologist and many of his translations have appeared in Lutheran hymnals.

✠ 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 51 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 730, "What is the World to Me."

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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 21, 2022) –

Old Testament: **Jeremiah 8:4-12** – God laments that His people won't repent.

Psalm: **Psalm 92** – "For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy."

Epistle: **Romans 9:30-10:4** – Human righteousness of works vs. God's righteousness through faith.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 19:41-48** – God visits His people in the coming of Jesus, and as Jesus cleanses the Temple.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, August 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.

JOIN FOR A HYMN SING AT LACLEDE GROVES on Saturday, August 27! We will meet at Laclede Groves – Lutheran Senior Services (723 S Laclede Station Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119) at 1:50 PM and sing hymns during the 2:00 PM hour. Check in will be in the lobby of 723 (map details upon request). A lunch will be served beforehand at Hope Lutheran at 12:30 PM, but singers are welcome to just meet at Laclede. Contact Nathan Maichel at nathanmaichel@protonmail.com to join.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE 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).

THE BOARD OF FINANCE will hold a Budget Townhall on Sunday, August 28, at 11:30 (following Bible Class) for all to preview and give input on the church budget for 2023. All Hope members are welcome.

HOPE LANDSCAPE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY: The Church Council has approved a project to beautify the exterior church campus. 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 NEXT 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 14: **Luke 16:8 – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”** The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn’t we “sons of light” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God’s purposes in the roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society? Don’t we have more to live for, more to work for, and more to give toward?

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ July 24-August 6							
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 71		FINANCIAL					
		July 24-August 6		Year to Date thru June			
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted		
		Income:	\$12,011	\$10,873	Income:	\$161,035	\$134,466
		Expense:	\$8,891	\$10,638	Expense:	\$132,339	\$148,406

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ August 14, 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: “A More Excellent Way” A Christ-centered Look at CRT (Critical Race Theory) Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY
		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off