



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 28, 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 LORD LIFTS UP THE LOWLY

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

OH, HOW GREAT IS YOUR COMPASSION (LSB 559). This text, dripping with the Gospel and reminders that we are saved through Christ's merit, was written by Johannes Olearius and translated into English by August Crull. Olearius (1617-1684) was the first in a long line of German Lutheran theologians. In musical circles, he is probably best known for two things. First, he assembled his *Geistliche Singe-Knust* in 1671, a seven-volume collection of 1,200+ hymns. A prolific poet, his hymns reflect the orthodoxy of Martin Luther. Secondly, he is well-known for his commentary on the entire Bible, published in 1681 in Leipzig, Germany. It is from his commentary and other devotional works that Johann Sebastian Bach found the texts for a number of his cantatas. Other well-known hymns by Olearius include: *Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People* (LSB 347) and *The Lord, My God, Be Praised* (LSB 794).

### ✠ 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 50 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 559, "Oh, How Great is Your Compassion."

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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 4, 2022) –

Old Testament: **Isaiah 29:17-24** – God restores His humbled people Israel.

Psalm: **Psalm 146** – "Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!"

Epistle: **2 Corinthians 3:4-11** – We are not sufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency comes from Christ.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14** – God justifies (saves; forgives) not the self-righteous Pharisee, but the humble, confessing tax-collector.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR ARE PLACED to the praise and glory of God by Jim Frost in honor of his wife Diana’s birthday, August 31; and by Carol Spyers in memory of her sister, Linda, whose birthday was August 31.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, September 11, 18, and 25. 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.

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

ALL CHILDREN FROM AGE 3 YEARS THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE are invited to our new Sunday School session. Classes begin Sunday, September 11 following the Divine Service. Please come to the auditorium for the Opening. Then, learn who your teacher will be and where you will meet. All are welcome!

CHOIR RESUMES SOON. The choirs of Hope will resume after Labor Day. The Kantorei, for children in grades 3-8, resumes on Wednesday, September 7 from 5:00-6:30 pm. The Schola Cantorum, for high school and beyond, resumes on Sunday, September 11 from 11:30-12:30 pm. The Handbell Ensemble is looking for members with rehearsals to be arranged. If you are interested in joining any of the choirs please contact Kantor Janssen via email at [mjanssen@hopelutheranstl.org](mailto:mjanssen@hopelutheranstl.org).

THE BOARD OF FINANCE is looking for individuals to volunteer to serve on the reconstituted Committee of Trustees to oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and the parsonage, and oversee the function of the sexton. To volunteer or receive additional information, please contact Bart Day ([bart.day@lcef.org](mailto:bart.day@lcef.org)).

BASEMENT RENOVATION UPDATE: The third and final listening post to review, ask questions, and comment on the proposed plan for the basement renovation will be held Sunday Sept. 11 during the Bible Class Hour. At that time participants will get to see the architects’ drawings and PowerPoint presentation. Additionally, the floors and other surfaces have been marked off with blue tape to indicate the proposed floor plan. We are eager to review the feedback thus far and hear any further thoughts, questions, or concerns at this listening post.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, August 28: **Luke 18:14 – “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”** Our works never impress God, they are always lacking in some way. They always fall short of perfection. So there is no point in taking pride in them. But a broken and contrite heart the Lord will not despise – and the works that flow from a broken and contrite heart are indeed pleasing to the Lord in and through Christ. And these works will be used by the Lord for His purposes and to His glory!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ July					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 82		July		Year to Date thru July	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$26,190	\$24,076	Income:	\$200,769 \$168,486
Expense:		\$20,138	\$23,556	Expense:	\$152,477 \$171,962

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ August 28, 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
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study	Basement Auditorium:	WEDNESDAY
11:30 – Budget Townhall	“A More Excellent Way” Video: “Can Social Justice and the Church Coincide?” Pastor Asburry	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off

