



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 4, 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 ✠

#### FAITH COMES FROM HEARING

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book" (Is. 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*Word of God, Come Down to Earth* (LSB 545). This hymn text by Father James Quinn is a commentary on John 1:14, "The Word became flesh...." Father Quinn (1919-2010) was a Scottish hymn writer in the Roman Catholic Church. Heavily involved in ecumenical activities, his hymns have also had a wide reaching, ecumenical effect. His other hymn texts included in *Lutheran Service Book* are *Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go* (LSB 920) and a versification of the Nunc Dimittis, *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* (LSB 937).

### ✠ 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 146 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 545, "Word of God, Come Down on Earth."

*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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 11, 2022) –

Old Testament: **2 Chronicles 28:8-15**—Samaritans show compassion to war captives from Israel.

Psalm: **Psalm 32**—"Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

Epistle: **Galatians 3:15-22**—God's Law shows us our sin and leads us to Christ.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 10:23-37**—The Good Samaritan—Jesus teaches us how to "be neighbors."



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR ARE PLACED to the praise and glory of God in honor of Ruth Paul's 92nd birthday, September 8, placed by her children Jeff, Nancy, David, Lisa, and Debbie.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, September 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.

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).

✠ MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: Next Sunday, September, we will observe the Missouri District’s celebration of *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers*. Congregations throughout the state are praying for current and future church workers, as well as holding a door offering to benefit the District’s scholarship endowment for students from Missouri preparing for professional church work vocations. Stay tuned to Missouri District social media channels this week for even more updates, videos, and prayers. Thank you for your investment in these workers in God’s Kingdom! Your generosity will be a blessing for generations to come.

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, September 4: **Romans 10:15a – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?”** Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the Church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ August 14-27					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 89		August 14-27		Year to Date thru July	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$15,072	\$10,873	Income:	\$200,769
Expense:		\$14,374	\$10,638	Expense:	\$152,477
					\$168,486
					\$171,962
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 4, 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:		Labor Day - Church office Closed		
10:30 – Bible Study	Basement Auditorium:		TUESDAY		
	Luke 24:13-35: The Road to Emmaus and the Church’s Mission		7:00 – Parsonage Committee		
	Rev. Kevin Robson		WEDNESDAY		
			THURSDAY		
			6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
			FRIDAY		
			SATURDAY		
			Pastor’s day off		