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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 11, 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 IS OUR GOOD SAMARITAN

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Gal. 3:15–22). So it is that two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23–37). Only the promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion. He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord, by whose Law we are torn and stricken, heals us and revives us by His Gospel and raises us up with Himself on the third day, that we may live in His sight (Hos. 6:1–6).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (LSB 683). Johann Gerhardt is arguably one of the prolific and popular Lutheran hymn-writers of all time. The lineage of this hymn text is a distinctly Lutheran path. Written by Gerhardt, it is based off a prayer found in Johann Arndt's (a Lutheran theologian) devotion book *Paradiesgärtlein*. The entire original sixteen stanzas were first printed in Johann Crüger's (a Lutheran composer and music educator) *Prazis pietatis melica* in 1653.

✠ 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 32 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 683, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love 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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 18, 2022)

Old Testament: **Proverbs 4:10-23** — Our Lord God teaches us the way of life.
Psalm: **Psalm 119:9-16** — "Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!"
Epistle: **Galatians 5:16-24** — The life of the flesh vs. the life of the Spirit.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19** — Jesus heals ten lepers and one follows Him in faith.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR ARE PLACED to the praise and glory of God by Shiyi Zhang in thanksgiving for Mark A. Parsons; and in memory of loved ones placed by a member of Hope.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY! ALL CHILDREN FROM AGE 3 YEARS THROUGH 8TH GRADE are invited. 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 21 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.

✠ MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: Today we 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 **TODAY 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 11: **Luke 10:25 – “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’”** Talk about the wrong question! You can’t do anything to inherit something. It’s either yours by birth, or you are not in the family and there’s nothing you can do to inherit it. We are part of the family through Baptism. We don’t have to buy our way into the Kingdom. We are brought in by the precious Blood of Christ. Our good works are not the purchase price of the Kingdom. They are simply what the children of the Father want to do in thanksgiving to Him.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ August 21-September 3					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 88		August 21-September 3		Year to Date thru July	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$12,996	\$10,952	Income: \$200,769	\$168,486
Expense:		\$14,184	\$11,073	Expense: \$152,477	\$171,962

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 11, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY 7:00 Board of Finance
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: Basement Committee Listening Post Dcs. Pam Nielsen	WEDNESDAY
11:30 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off