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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 18, 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 CRY OF FAITH: LORD, HAVE MERCY

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, *"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"* (Luke 17:11-19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. *"Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God"* (Gal. 5:16-24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, *"Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,"* eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, *"Go and show yourselves to the priests."* And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus' help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus' cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10-23).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

The Hymn of the Day, "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849), comes to us partially via the Sacred Harp hymnal and singing style. Sacred Harp singing is a style of singing that is indigenous to the Eastern United States, particularly Appalachia and New England. Sacred Harp hymnals make use of shape-note notation, basically symbols that represent the solfege syllables. The text is by Rev. Rusty Edwards, a recently retired pastor whose hymn texts are in use by over forty different denominations around the world.

✠ 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 119 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 849, "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness."

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 ✠

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (September 25, 2022)

Old Testament: **Daniel 12:1-3**—The cosmic battle between God's faithful and those who reject Him.

Psalm: **Psalm 91**—"He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways."

Epistle: **Revelation 12:7-12**—War between God's angel armies and the forces of the devil.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 18:1-10**—In the conflict between God's kingdom and the forces of darkness, God's people receive His kingdom as little children.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, September 25 and October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. 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.

CHOIRS RESUME. The choirs of Hope are resuming. 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, resumed 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE 2ND ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION on Saturday, September 24, 2022 in the Word of Life Gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm & Auction begins at 6:30 pm. Check out these great auction items: gift cards to local restaurants, rolling toolbox, rolling duffle bag, baby gifts, wine, beer, children's toys, kitchen items, grilling tools, car wash supplies, spa luxuries. Also offering delicious Baked Goods by Ascension's chefs, Wine Pull, and Silent Auction items including Cards tickets, wood burning fire pit, deluxe spa basket, deluxe pet basket, baby quilt and vintage doll house. 50 attendance prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Walk-ins are welcome until capacity is reached, but reservations are appreciated. To secure your spot, email Cheryl at jachalbr@gmail.com or sign up in the church lobby. For more details, visit ascensionstl.com

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, September 18: **Luke 17:19 – “And He said to him, ‘Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.’ ”** Only one of the 10 lepers who had been cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action – as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS... LCMS President Matt Harrison writes about what Lutherans can learn from the Book of Esther and from our Lutheran forefathers on how to face the challenges of a culture hostile to Christianity in the latest Issues, Etc. Journal. You can receive this online publication for free. Visit issuesetc.org, click the red “Subscribe” button, and enter your email address.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE.org: Hear Rev. Brady Finnern as the new host of Concord Matters (formerly host of Thy Strong Word) beginning 9/24 at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Deuteronomy 27-28 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study 1 Corinthians 6-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ August						
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 93	FINANCIAL					
	August		Year to Date thru August			
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$30,886	\$24,076	Income:	\$226,798	\$192,556
	Expense:	\$27,088	\$23,556	Expense:	\$185,565	\$195,517

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✕ September 18, 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 Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: “A More Excellent Way” A Christ-centered Look at CRT (Critical Race Theory) Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY
11:30 – Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:35 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off