



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 25, 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 ✠

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN PROTECTS HIS CHILDREN BY GIVING HIS HOLY ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEM.

We live in "a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation; for Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "in great wrath," with woeful "temptations to sin" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8-12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11-13). By "the authority of his Christ," His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of "the blood of the Lamb," against all the power of the enemy; for by "the word of their testimony," the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10-11; Luke 10:18-19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6); and as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1-3).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Today we celebrate the feast of *St. Michael and All Angels*. This feast focuses our hearts and minds on the work of God's heavenly messengers, especially that of Michael the archangel. Our Hymn of the Day tells of the heavenly battle between Michael and the ancient serpent, or dragon, which results in Satan being banished from heaven. Lest the story end there, we continue singing of Jesus' final defeat of Satan for our salvation. *Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright* (LSB 520), a text from the 9<sup>th</sup> century, gives us a glimpse into the softer side of the angels' work, that of ministering to the helpless, poor, and needy.

### ✠ 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 91 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 521, "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken."

*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 ✠

ANNIVERSARY OF A CONGREGATION (October 2, 2022)

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 8:22-30**—King Solomon prays at the dedication of the Jerusalem temple.  
Psalm: **Psalm 84**—How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
Epistle: **Revelation 21:1-5**—Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.  
Holy Gospel: **Luke 19:1-10**—Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, 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.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF A CO-TEACHER for the Early Childhood (3-5 year olds) class. We can accommodate your schedule. If you are willing to share the love of Jesus with our young members, please contact Kay Shoemaker.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, September 25: **Matthew 6:25a – “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life.”** God is in charge. God is our loving Father. Put those two statements together, and they spell the end of worry and anxiety. Yes, we will have crosses to bear. Yes, we will have difficulties. But, through it all, our loving heavenly Father is in charge, and He will carry us through. It is that simple faith, the faith of a child, that frees us from worry. And in the absence of worry, faith can step forward in bold action and into the kind of generosity that can only operate in an atmosphere of trust.

HOW SWEET IT IS! Join us for a Middle School Mixer, Friday, October 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lutheran South. There will be a live DJ, a photo booth, refreshments, and more! This is a great chance to meet some other area middle schoolers and possible future Lancers! No RSVP is necessary for this free event.

CALLING ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS...Join the Lutheran South Lancerettes in a football halftime performance! Lancerette Mini-Camp is on Saturday, October 8 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Kuhlmann Center. The girls will learn a routine to perform at halftime for the Friday, October 14 varsity football game at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt to wear for the big performance!

LUSO OPEN HOUSE...Lutheran South is more than a high school. It's a home. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11 to discover what LuSo life is all about. This glimpse into Lutheran South will give you an idea of our community and program. From academic rigor to faith formation, we believe Lutheran South offers the best overall high school experience in town. We can't wait to show you why.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE.org: Study Deuteronomy 29-31 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study 1 Corinthians 9-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear conversations from fellow Lutherans from across our church body on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ August					
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 86	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 25, 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:  Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Primary – Junior High Sunday School	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
11:30 – Schola rehearsal	Basement Auditorium:	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:35 – Youth Catechism Class	“A More Excellent Way” Pastor Asburry	FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off