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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 2, 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 ✠

WILL GOD DWELL ON EARTH?

King Solomon built a house where God promised to dwell with His people, and yet he marveled that God, who showed *"steadfast love to [His] servants who walk before [Him] with all their heart,"* would dwell on earth with sinful people. Not even the highest heaven can contain God, much less any house built by human hands. However, God's dwelling places is where His people pray and receive His forgiveness. (1 Kings 8:22-30). Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church is the *"new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God."* Through the Church and every congregation our Lord Jesus Christ still dwells with His people as their God, wipes away their tears of shame and grief, conquers death, and brings the healing of new life with the God of heaven. (Revelation 21:1-5) Every Christian congregation is the place where Jesus comes to meet sinners and dine with them, as He did with Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-10) Because Jesus *"came to seek and save the lost,"* every congregation that proclaims His Word and administers His Sacraments is the place where people can say, *"Today salvation has come to this house."*

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God." (Psalm 84:1-2).

Today we celebrate 106 years of sharing the Gospel in South St. Louis. The Hymn of the Day is our 100th anniversary hymn, *As Stone on Living Stone is Set*. This hymn was recently included in the new children's hymnal, *One and All Rejoice*. The Psalm is a setting for choir by Noel Rawsthorne. During October we use Martin Luther's setting of the Nunc Dimittis, *In Peace and Joy I now Depart* as our Nunc Dimittis within the context of the Divine Service. Finally, we sing the *Te Deum* from Matins as our closing hymn. A very fitting way to celebrate and give glory to God for 106 years of grace.

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✠ 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 84 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *"As Stone on Living Stone is Set"*

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 ✠

PLEASE RESERVE THE ENTIRE SMALL PARKING LOT, ESPECIALLY THE SPACES CLOSEST TO THE BUILDING, FOR OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS THAT CANNOT EASILY WALK FROM THE LARGE LOT.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, October 16 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.

LITURGICAL BANNERS OPPORTUNITY: The Board of Finance has approved a project to obtain new banners for each season of the church year for our beautiful sanctuary. The Altar Guild is researching banner designs and will contribute funds to the project. At a minimum each banner would cost \$500. To have a full set of two banners for each church season, the ultimate goal will be to have at least 10 designed and made. If you would like to make a special contribution to this project, you can mark your donation “Banners” and place it in the offering basket. Our dream would be to have the first set of banners ready for Advent and Christmas, but at the latest we’d like to have new banners by Easter. Thank you for your consideration.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022: Hope Ev. Lutheran church in St. Louis will host an Organ Vespers service on Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 pm to commemorate Lutheran hymnwriters Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman, and Paul Gerhardt. The service will feature organist Ryan Meyer and guest preacher Rev. Sean Daenzer. Ryan Meyer is the Director of Music Ministries at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Rev. Daenzer serves as the Director of Worship for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and as chaplain for the LCMS International Center in St. Louis. Organ Vespers services feature extended organ leadership of the congregational liturgy and hymnody. Hope Ev. Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO. Visit hopelutheranstl.org for more information.

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, October 2: **Ephesians 3:20-21** – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” God delights in exceeding expectations and in pouring out mercies in abundance. This truth stands in contrast to our fears about lacking what we need for “this body and life.” We have an abundantly blessing God who has proven His love for us on the cross. How could we not trust Him? How could we not respond to His love with generosity toward His mission in the Church? How could we not have a desire to imitate Him in blessing others?

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.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ September 11-24					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 91		September 11-24		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 ✠ October 2, 2022					
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor:		MONDAY		
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Early Childhood Sunday School		TUESDAY		
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement:		WEDNESDAY		
11:30 – Schola rehearsal	Primary – Junior High Sunday School		5:00 Kantorei rehearsal		
11:35 – Youth Catechism Class	Basement Auditorium:		THURSDAY		
	“A More Excellent Way”		6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
	Pastor Asburry		FRIDAY		

SATURDAY

9:00-11:30 – *Serving in God's Mission*