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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 16, 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 ✠

IN LIFE AND DEATH, CHRIST FULFILLS THE LAW OF GOD.

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to *"test"* them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to *"fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul"* and to *"love the sojourner"* (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that *"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Cor. 1:9).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL READING we hear about the *Greatest Commandment*, that being to *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"* (Matt 22:37). The Hymn of the Day is our response to that instruction. In stanzas one and two we sing of our proclamation that we will love God, who is our strength, tower, love, life, Savior, etc. In stanza three we turn to thanksgiving. We sing, *"I thank Thee that my soul is healed by what Thy lips revealed..."* This is the heart of the Gospel message! In stanza four we pray that God would keep us watchful and humble and keep us from straying from The Way. The closing stanza finishes with our proclamation that we will love God in our lowest times, not because of the promise of a reward for our actions, but because God first loved us. Our love is a reaction to what has already been given to us, that being, the free gift of grace.

✠ 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 34 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 694, "The Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"*

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 ✠

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (October 23, 2022)

- Old Testament: **Genesis 28:10-17** — Jacob sees angels ascending and descending on a ladder.
Psalm: **Psalm 84** — *"O LORD God of Hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!"*
Epistle: **Ephesians 4:22-28** — Be renewed in the spirit of your minds.
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 9:1-8** — Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

PLEASE RESERVE THE ENTIRE SMALL PARKING LOT FOR OUR OLDER MEMBERS AND GUESTS THAT CANNOT EASILY WALK FROM THE LARGE LOT.

REMINDER: Sunday, October 30 at noon will be our next Voters’ Assembly meeting. Please pick up a packet in the narthex of the agenda and information to be discussed.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, October 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022 at 4:00pm: Hope will host an Organ Vespers service 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 chaplain for the LCMS International Center in St. Louis. Organ Vespers services feature extended organ leadership of the congregational liturgy and hymnody.

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 16: **1 Corinthians 1:4 – “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.”** The grace of God and thanksgiving go together. God has given us everything we possess and everything that we are. He is the Giver. Once we realize this, then thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it’s not only the grace given to us individually that causes us to give thanks. It’s even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us. And how do we say thank you to the Lord? In any number of ways – in prayer, in sacrificial giving to His mission, and in imitating His love and kindness to those around us.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ September		
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 85	FINANCIAL	
	September	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$27,460 \$24,084
	Expense:	\$29,762 \$27,144
Year to Date thru September		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$259,196 \$216,702
	Expense:	\$214,609 \$222,660

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ October 16, 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
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: “A More Excellent Way” Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
11:30 –Schola rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:35 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY 9:00-11:30 Re:Vitality “Serving in God’s Mission”