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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 23, 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 ✠

**ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF JESUS AND MARTYR**

*"A prophet is not without honor except in His hometown and in His own household"* (Matt. 13:58). James the Just was once offended at Jesus' wisdom and mighty works. But he came to faith following His resurrection, when Jesus appeared to him (1 Cor. 15:7). He then became a leader of the early Church in Jerusalem, present at the council recorded in Acts 15. There James recognized from the prophets that Jesus was the Lord known from of old and returned to rebuild David's fallen tent and restore it, that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord and all the Gentiles who are called by My Name (Acts 15:16-18). *"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness"* (James 1:2-3). Josephus and other historians record that James was martyred by stoning in the 60s AD. *"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him"* (v. 12).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

In the hymn *Praise the Almighty*, John Daniel Herrnschmidt (1675-1723) provides a beautiful summary of Psalm 146, which speaks of God as the true ground of faith because of all his merciful works towards us. In our readings today we hear of James who did not believe in his brother Jesus until after the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:7). In Acts 15 we read that even the Gentiles would be saved. This brings us back to Psalm 146:7-9 where we see a list of the oppressed that Jesus protects (the faithful, the just, the bowed down, the righteous, etc.).

### ✠ 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 133 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 797, "Praise the Almighty"

**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 FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION (October 30, 2022) – THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL**

- First Reading: **Revelation 14:6-7** – An angel proclaims the eternal gospel.  
Psalm: **Psalm 46** – "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."  
Second Reading: **Romans 3:21-28** – God's righteousness comes by Christ's death and resurrection and is received through faith.  
Holy Gospel: **John 8:31-36** – "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



✠ 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: NEXT 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.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Joyce Yancey in loving memory of John W. Bishop and William Yancey; and in loving memory of dear mother whose birthday was October 25, placed by Carol Spyers.

TODAY at 4:00 pm: Hope hosts 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. Come join us!

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: This fall is a great time to use your tax dollars to send a child to a Lutheran school in Missouri! There are currently more than 90 children on the waitlist to receive an educational scholarship through the state’s new tax credit program, MOScholars. Taxpayers have until the end of the calendar year to help these families and schools. These tax credits are different than a donation. Contributors are simply telling the State of Missouri where they would like a portion of their taxes directed, which through the MOScholars program means they can go towards a Lutheran student. The process is simple to complete. Reserve your credits today by heading to our website: <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/>. Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District!

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, October 23: **Matthew 9:2 – “And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.’”** All the gifts of God are promised to us in the forgiveness of our sins. With sin put away, we know that the Resurrection on the Last Day will yield for us true healing, everlasting life, and full communion with God. Since that is our destiny, how can we not live lives of thankfulness, love, and joy here on earth? What are you thankful for? How will you respond to the Lord in thankfulness this week?

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October 2-22				
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL		
Sunday: 99		October 2-22	Year to Date thru September	
		<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>	
Income:		\$9,815   \$10,873	Income: \$259,196	\$216,702
Expense:		\$14,316   \$10,644	Expense: \$214,609	\$222,660

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 22, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</b>  Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	<b>Basement:</b>	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Primary – Junior High Sunday School	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
11:30 – Schola rehearsal	<b>Basement Auditorium:</b>	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:35 – Youth Catechism Class	“A More Excellent Way” – Wrap-up	FRIDAY
4:00 – Organ Vespers	Pastor Asburry	SATURDAY