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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 30, 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 SON OF GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM SIN AND DEATH BY HIS GRACE

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

ON THIS CELEBRATION OF THE 505th anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation today's service takes on a distinctive nature. Our Divine Service setting is what is known as the *Deutsche Messe*, or German Mass. Designed by Martin Luther as a way to give the congregation ownership of the sung parts of the service, he incorporates what were common tunes to pair with texts in German (as opposed to the Latin sung in the Roman Catholic church of the time). Today we make use of those same chorale-based hymns translated into our native language. Today we celebrate in grand style with the Schola Cantorum and the Hope Brass Ensemble. Many of the settings are for brass, organ, choir, and congregation. This includes a new setting of *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* by Jeffrey Blersch.

✠ 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 46 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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 ✠

ALL SAINTS' DAY (November 6, 2022) – *GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH*

Old Testament: **Revelation 7:2-17** – The heavenly hymn of praise sung by God's holy people.

Psalm: **Psalm 149** – "The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation."

Epistle: **1 John 3:1-3** – God makes us His children and we will be like Him when He appears.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12** – Jesus preaches the blessings of the Kingdom of God.



✠ 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.

TODAY AT NOON will be our next Voters’ Assembly meeting. Please plan to attend.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are Sunday, November 13, 20 and 27. 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.

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!

PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You’ll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

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 30: **Revelation 14:6 - “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.”** During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October 9-22					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 85		October 9-22		Year to Date thru September	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$11,915	\$10,873	Income: \$259,196	\$216,702
Expense:		\$20,007	\$10,644	Expense: \$214,609	\$222,660

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 30, 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: Romans – Daily Bread of the Soul Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
12:00 – Voters’ Assembly		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY