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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ November 6, 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 ✠

SAINTS ARE BLESSED IN THE ETERNAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

FOR ALL THE SAINTS (LSB 677)

"For All the Saints" comforts us regarding those who have died in Christ and encourages us to share bravely their confession. It is a commentary on Christ's one church, here militant, there in glory. It was written off of the text "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ..."

It is an example of liturgy and hymnody teaching the faith and comforting in the face of death and every lonely day thereafter. When sung many tears are on cheeks, with words such as "Oh blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine..." "And when the fight is fierce the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song..." Who cannot help but give thanks to God in Christ Jesus for grandfathers and grandmothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, children and friends who have died in Christ Jesus? Who cannot be encouraged with God's sung Word to be brave that they might participate with them and join them once more?

The hymn was written by an Anglican bishop, William How. Among other things he was a higher critic and evolutionist. Yet in death, his best words remain and through song become our own. Through the ages hymns and liturgy have sanctified many wayward preachers and preserved faith in those who sing Christ's song. With its short stanzas and refrain, even small children can be encouraged, happily singing Alleluia time and again. There is no theology of glory here, but instead the truth that to be a Christian is a lifelong struggle that ends with yet more glorious days indeed the victor's crown of gold. (from logia.org)

✠ 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 149 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "For All the Saints"

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 ✠

22nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (November 13, 2022) – *In Debt to God*

Old Testament: **Micah 6:6-8** – Since God already has mercy on us, He looks for these sacrifices: "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with [our] God."

Psalm: **Psalm 116:12-19** – "I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."

Epistle: **Philippians 1:3-11** – Being partners in the Gospel means letting your love abound.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35** – The Lord Jesus teaches us to forgive each other as God has forgiven us.

✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWERS at the altar are placed to the praise and glory of God by Deaconess Grace Rao in memory of all the saints who have gone to their eternal rest; and in loving memory of her parents, Devavara and Charlotte Battu Rao; her grandparents, Benjamin and Manoramma Daniell; her godparents, John and Preethi Huns; her older brother, Dev Battu Rao; her sisters, Malini Reddy and Nirmala Rao.

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.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF! CONCRETE edger blocks removed from church and not used in the new landscape design. All available blocks are in the back of church up against the cages around the air conditioners.

JOIN FOR A HYMN SING at Laclede Groves on Saturday, November 19! We will meet at Laclede Groves – Lutheran Senior Services (723 S Laclede Station Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119) at 1:50 PM and sing hymns during the 2:00 PM hour. Check in will be in the lobby of 723 (map details upon request). A lunch will be served beforehand at Hope starting at 12:00 PM but singers are welcome to just meet at Laclede. To join, contact Nathan Maichel at nathanmaichel@protonmail.com with the number of singers and lunch attendees.

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. Reserve your credits today by heading to our website: <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/>. Thank you for participating 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, November 6: **Matthew 5:6 – “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”** You only hunger and thirst for what you don’t have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness – His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ October 16-29					
ATTENDANCE		FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 78		October 16-29		Year to Date thru September	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$9,400	\$10,873	Income: \$259,196	\$216,702
Expense:		\$7,863	\$10,644	Expense: \$214,609	\$222,660
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ November 6, 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		NO Kantorei rehearsal		
11:30 – Youth Catechism Class	Basement Auditorium:		THURSDAY		
	Romans – Daily Bread of the Soul		6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
	Pastor Asburry		FRIDAY		
			SATURDAY		