



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ November 13, 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 ✠

#### WALKING HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD AND FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our "burnt offerings" or "thousands of rams" (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another "with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, "filled with the fruit of Christ's righteousness," our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment" (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE (LSB 611)

William McComb published this hymn in his book *The Poetical Works of William McComb* under the title "Christ All in All." In the apostle Paul's letter to Timothy he writes, "Christ Jesus into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost" which is echoed throughout McComb's text. In Romans 5 Paul writes, "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Throughout this hymn we are reminded of the redemption through Jesus' death and resurrection that we receive as a free gift. In the final stanza, we pray for God's guidance as we stray throughout our lives.

### ✠ 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 116 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

**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 ✠

#### LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (November 20, 2022)

- Old Testament: **Isaiah 65:17-25** — Isaiah proclaims and pictures the "new heavens and new earth."  
Psalm: **Psalm 149** — "Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!"  
Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** — The Lord will come like a thief in the night; therefore, we soberly watch for His return to save us.  
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13** — The kingdom is like ten virgins — five were unprepared for the Bridegroom and five were prepared.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

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](mailto: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 13: **Philippians 1:3, 5** – “**I thank my God in all my remembrance of you ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.**” God doesn’t need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace. He invites us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October					
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 86		FINANCIAL			
		October		Year to Date thru October	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$27,198	\$24,076	Income:	\$286,394 \$240,778
Expense:		\$29,913	\$23,569	Expense:	\$244,523 \$246,229

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ November 13, 2022		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	2nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY 7:00 Board of Elders
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 Asbury	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:30 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY