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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ November 27, 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 LORD JESUS COMES IN HUMILITY TO REDEEM US

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. *"Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey"* (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be *"The LORD is our Righteousness"* (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"* (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for *"our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed"* (Rom. 13:11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Happy New Year! Today we welcome the new church year, and the beginning of Advent. We hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, foreshadowing his second Triumphant Entry when he returns on the last day. Our Hymn of the Day, *Savior of the Nations, Come* (LSB 332) was written by Ambrose of Milan (the father of Latin hymnody). Ambrose's hymns are characterized by their simplicity and were written for congregational use. The tune NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, is adapted from a plainsong melody that accompanied the original Latin text.

✠ 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 24 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 332, "Savior of the Nations, Come"

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 ✠

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - "People of Zion" (December 4, 2022)

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| Old Testament: | Malachi 4:1-6 —The great and dreadful day of the Lord. |
| Psalms: | Psalm 50 —"The Mighty One, God the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down." |
| Epistle: | Romans 15:4-13 —The God of patience, comfort, and hope. |
| Holy Gospel: | Luke 21:25-36 —Your redemption draws near. |



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Robert Moffatt in thanksgiving for the loved ones in our lives.

POINSETTIA PLANTS will be placed in the altar area during the Christmas season. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 314-752-0525 or 314-691-3619, **before December 12**. Poinsettias are \$8.00 each and are yours to take home anytime during the Christmas season.

SERVING IN GOD’S MISSION: *Special Planning Session:* Past and new participants in Hope’s strategic planning process – that is, **every member of our congregation** – are invited and encouraged to attend a **special SGM planning session taking place at church 7:00–9:00 pm on Monday evening, 28 November**. This session will focus on further expansion and refinement of work already begun on our congregation’s vision statements. This special session is in addition to the final regular scheduled SGM sessions coming up on Saturdays in December (9:00 am on 3 and 17 December). We need your input; come and contribute the lively conversation as we continue to make progress!

THE GATEWAY RINGERS will present handbell music for the Christmas season at Hope Ev. Lutheran on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm. Please come enjoy the music the Gateway Ringers will share with us!

MIASS will host a reception after the Gateway Bell Ringers service on Sunday, December 18. The committee is asking for help from the congregation to supply homemade Christmas cookies for the reception. If you can donate 1 dozen cookies, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Please bring your cookies that Sunday morning and leave them in the back cooking kitchen. We are looking to accumulate about 6 dozen total. Thanking you in advance for your help.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE is again in the narthex. We are again supporting Lydia’s House, which supports abused women and their children, and Our Little Haven, which supports foster children. Each of the tags (decorations) on the tree have suggestions for a gift. Please feel free to check these out and choose one or two of the gifts to purchase. Gifts must be returned to Hope by December 11 so they can be delivered to the charities for distribution to the families. It is preferred that the gifts are unwrapped, but please attach the gift card to the present. Feel free to include wrapping paper with your package. Thank you for participating and your generosity. If you have any questions call Marlane Truebe, 314-631-1218.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, November 27: **Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”** Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ October 30 - November 12						
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 126	FINANCIAL					
	October 30 - November 12			Year to Date thru October		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$9,491	\$11,084	Income:	\$286,394	\$240,778
	Expense:	\$10,718	\$10,949	Expense:	\$244,523	\$246,229

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ November 27, 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 7-9pm SGM Special Planning Session
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 5:30 Advent Soup Supper 6:30 Advent Evening Prayer
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY
11:30 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY 9-11am ReVitality Meeting