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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ January 8, 2023

✠ 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 ✠

IN HIS BAPTISM, JESUS TAKES HIS PLACE WITH SINNERS

Our Lord Jesus is baptized *"to fulfill all righteousness"* (Matt. 3:13-17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in *"Christ Jesus, who became to us...righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Cor. 1:26-31). Jesus is the *"chosen"* One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1-7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

In today's Gospel we once again see John the Baptist. This time he is baptizing Jesus. We hear from heaven, *"He is my Son. With Him I am well pleased."* Many of today's hymns focus on this event. The Hymn of the Day is Martin Luther's *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* (LSB 406). This hymn is part of Luther's series of hymns on the Catechism. The tune CHRIST, UNSER HERR was not originally written for this hymn text. However, it became associated with it in 1543 and the tune and text have been bonded ever since.

✠ 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 85 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 406, *"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"*

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (January 15, 2023)

Jesus is our Lord of gladness and gives us a foretaste of His heavenly wedding feast.

Old Testament: **Exodus 33:12-23**—God reveals His glory to Moses by showing His *"back."* God must hide Himself to reveal Himself to us.

Psalms: **Psalm 67**—"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us"

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:22-33**—Christ is the bridegroom and His Church is the bride—a divine picture for all husbands and wives.

Holy Gospel: **John 2:1-11**—Jesus changes water into rich wine at a wedding banquet and reveals Himself as the Lord of gladness.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases in January are 15 and 22, and February 5, 12, and 19. 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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY is hosting a Winter Warm-Up! Please join us for: International hors d’oeuvres, an Epiphany hymn sing, and our inspirational speaker, Pastor Matt Wood, missionary to Indonesia. When: Saturday, January 14 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Please RSVP by January 10 to: ismst.louis@gmail.com / 314-452-6406. Where: The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens at 8749 Watson Road, Webster Groves, MO 63119

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Biblical Archeology’s Top Discoveries of 2022, The Secularization of the West, The Wedding at Cana, Jesus Calls the First Disciples and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

HOPE EV. LUTHERAN IN ST. LOUIS will host the at hymn festival featuring the works of Lisa Clark, hymnwriter and author, on Sunday, February 5 at 4:00 pm. Lisa is a St. Louis native, alum of Hope Lutheran school, and serves as Senior Editor at Concordia Publishing House. The hymn festival will feature hymn texts written as part of her Ph.D. studies at the University of Bristol, England. The festival will be led by organist Jacob Weber and the combined choirs of Hope and Ascension Lutheran churches. Hope Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO. Visit hopelutheranstl.org for more information.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: Begin the Gospel of John on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), also begin a series on the English Reformation on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), and study Exodus 33-36 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, January 8: **Matthew 3:15 - “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’”** God sent His Son into the world to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ December 18-31						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 70	FINANCIAL					
	December 18-31			Year to Date thru November		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$17,951	\$10,877	Income:	\$312,737	\$264,854
	Expense:	\$9,003	\$12,261	Expense:	\$286,162	\$269,799

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ January 8, 2023		
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 7:00 Church Council
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: Romans – Daily Bread for the Soul Pastor Randy Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY
11:30 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY