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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ January 29, 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 ✠

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED AND MANIFESTS HIS GLORY

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1-9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Our Hymn of the Day (*O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*, LSB 413) comes to us in Latin written by an unknown author in 1495, just before the dawn of the Reformation. The first examples of it were found in Salisbury, England. The Englishman John Mason Neale (1818-1866) gave us a fine translation of this hymn. The joyous melody of this hymn and the clearly told facts of the transfiguration make it memorable. The very title of the hymn gives us a word that must be understood in its biblical sense—"type." A type is a preview of what was fulfilled in Christ Jesus. So, Melchizedek (Gen. 14:17-24; Ps. 110:4) was a type of Christ. In the transfiguration, the radiant glory of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah was a type (again, preview) of heaven. In stanza 2, Neale translates for us that "the incarnate Lord holds converse high." "Incarnate" means to have flesh, just as we do, and this flesh Jesus shares with us. See John 1 on this. In stanza 3, we have the promise of heavenly glory, where the writer indicates we shall all not only witness but also be a part of heavenly glory when we steadfastly "joy in God with perfect love." Stanza 4 is written to give us hope, we who walk so often in "the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps. 23:4). Despite life's tragedies, we sing hymns like this to spite Satan and the troubles he sends us. Finally, stanza 5 is our closing prayer that our Triune God might bring us to the reality of eternal life. (taken from *The Word in Song*)

✠ 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 2 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 413, "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

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 ✠

SEPTUAGESIMA ("About 70 Days" - until Easter) (February 5, 2023)

God the Father calls unworthy sinners and makes them rich.

Old Testament: **Exodus 17:1-7**—God gives the grumbling Israelites water from the Rock.

Psalm: **Psalm 95:1-9**— "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 9:24--10:5**—Christ is the spiritual Rock.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**—The laborers in the Vineyard; God's extravagant mercy.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of dear husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Olin Spyers, whose birthday was February 2, placed by the Spyers family.

OPEN DATES for Altar Vases are 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.

THERE WILL BE AN ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE for all ages on Friday, February 3 at 7 pm in the Hope basement auditorium. No experience necessary, all dances will be taught. The dance will be called by Ruth Temme. Bring a snack or cookies to share. RSVP and Questions: Contact Nicholas Weber, n@nicholasedwinweber.com.

HOPE MEMBER DEACONESS GRACE RAO has received a call to serve as Executive Director of A Place of Refuge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (www.aplaceofrefuge.org). A Place of Refuge is a Gospel-focused service reaching out to women with the love of Christ with both words and actions and a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. Grace will be installed Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 4 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 13445 Hampton Road, Brookfield, WI. We thank our Lord for His gracious provision for Grace and pray His blessing on her service.

HOPE EV. LUTHERAN IN ST. LOUIS will host a 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, January 29: **Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”** Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the [2023 LCMS Life Conference](#), which will be held March 2–3 at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis and online. The conference will provide Lutherans with resources to faithfully proclaim what God’s Word teaches about life, health, marriage and family. Featured presenters will include Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor, Timothy Goeglein, and Rev. Michael Salemink. Participants are invited to attend either in person or online. [In-person registration](#), which includes meals and snacks, is \$49 per person. [Online registration](#) (which can be used by an individual, couple, family or group) is \$29. Both in-person and online attendees will have access to recorded sessions for 60 days after the conference.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ January 8-21					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 72		FINANCIAL			
		January 8-21		Year ending 2022	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$8,788	\$13,216	Income:	\$347,118
Expense:		\$11,951	\$12,754	Expense:	\$321,562
					\$288,938
					\$296,948
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ January 29, 2023					
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl 10:15 – Coffee Hour 10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 – Schola Rehearsal 11:30 – Youth Catechism Class	2 nd Floor:		MONDAY		
	Early Childhood Sunday School		TUESDAY		
	Basement:		WEDNESDAY		
	Primary – Junior High Sunday School		5:00 Kantorei rehearsal		
	Basement Auditorium:		THURSDAY		
	Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul		6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
	Pastor Randy Asburry		FRIDAY		
			SATURDAY		
			Pastor’s day off		