



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ February 26, 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 DOES BATTLE IN OUR PLACE*

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1-21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1-11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40-51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1-10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb. 4:14-16).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

With the beginning on Lent we show restraint in which portions of the liturgy we sing. You will notice that the *Hymn of Praise* and *Alleluia Verse* are omitted during the Lenten season. With the beginning of Lent/Eastertide we also move into a different musical setting of the Divine Service. During this season we make use of Divine Service Setting Two from *Lutheran Service Book*. This morning we also sing the Litany. Traditionally used on the first Sundays of Lent and Advent, this expanded prayer serves as a way to remind us of the penitential nature of both seasons.

### ✠ 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 32 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 656, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**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 LENT* (March 5, 2023)

*Jesus praises the persistent faith of a Canaanite (Gentile) woman.*

Old Testament: **Genesis 32:22-32** – Jacob wrestles with God.

Psalm: **Psalm 121** – "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord..."

Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 4:1-7** – God calls us to be holy.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 15:21-28** – The Canaanite woman's "great faith."



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

**HELP WANTED:** Are you interested in resurrecting Hope’s Easter Breakfast? This year, we will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 9. We are looking for people to coordinate and pitch in to bring back this great way to celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection and enjoy our fellowship in Him. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Robson (in person or 314-604-4281 or [kevin.robson@lcms.org](mailto:kevin.robson@lcms.org)) no later than February 26.

**STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, February 26: Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written...’”** Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

**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.

**SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT...** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” “My Song Is Love Unknown,” “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.” You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org):** Hear Episode 5 in the English Reformation series on whether Catholics or Protestants will prevail (3/1 at 9:00 a.m.), study John 10-11 on Sharper Iron’s “The Word Made Flesh” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and hear a Lenten midweek organ recital and worship service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis (3/1 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ January 29 - February 11**

	FINANCIAL			
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 73	<i>January 29 - February 11</i>		<i>Year ending 2022</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$11,829	\$14,328	Income:	\$347,118
Expense:	\$17,124	\$12,650	Expense:	\$321,562

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ February 26, 2023**

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a> 10:15 – Coffee Hour 10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 –Schola Rehearsal 11:30 – Youth Catechism Class	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</b> Early Childhood Sunday School  <b>Basement:</b> Primary – Junior High Sunday School  <b>Basement Auditorium:</b> Romans – Daily Bread for the Soul <i>Pastor Randy Asburry</i>	MONDAY <hr/> TUESDAY <hr/> WEDNESDAY 5:00 <i>Kantorei rehearsal</i> 7:00 <i>Lent Evening Prayer</i> <hr/> THURSDAY 6:00 – <i>ThriVe Parent University</i> <hr/> FRIDAY <hr/> SATURDAY <i>Pastor’s day off</i>