



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ March 5, 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 ✠

#### HOLDING GOD TO HIS WORD

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire"* (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1-5).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### WHEN IN THE HOUR OF DEEPEST NEED - LSB 615

Today's Hymn of the Day confronts the questions, fears and wounds of this life directly. Its title directs us to where we can turn "when in the hour of deepest need." This hymn was penned by Paul Eber (1511-69), but it owed from a Latin hymn written by his teacher, Joachim Camerarius (1500-74). Both hymns are based upon the great prayer of King Jehoshaphat. Read this prayer in 2 Chron. 20:6-12. Paul Eber was among the most gifted of the Wittenberg poets and hymn writers. He suffered childhood illness, was handicapped after being thrown from a horse, buried all but two of his 14 children, and endured blistering theological attacks. Though we know little of the circumstances surrounding the composition of this hymn, one of its first known uses was in a service that was a call to prayer issued by Johannes Bugenhagen on Ascension Day 1547, after Emperor Charles V demanded that the city of Wittenberg lay down its arms. (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 121 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 615, "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

*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 ✠

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (March 12, 2023)

*Jesus opposes the devil in order to free us from his oppression.*

Old Testament: **Exodus 8:16-24**—The finger of God working in the plagues in Egypt.

Psalm: **Psalm 4**—*"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."*

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:1-9**—Being imitators of God.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 11:14-28**—Jesus and Beelzebub.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

EASTER LILIES will be used on Easter Sunday in the altar area. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 314-752-0525/314-691-3619, **by March 27**. Lilies are \$9.00 each and are yours to take home after the service on Easter.

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, March 5: **Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”** These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table – He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

CLEAR, CONCISE, CONSISTENT... 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 teachings include: God’s Word in the Christian home, the hymn “Lord of Our Life,” the Religiously Unaffiliated Spiritual Nones, Witchcraft 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/8 at 11:00 a.m. from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis, study John 12 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and begin studying the book of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Join us in supporting Lutheran Students. You are invited to the LESA 19<sup>th</sup> Annual “A Night for Kids” Dinner and Auction. An evening of cocktails, dinner, silent auction and fellowship to benefit area Lutheran elementary school students. Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 6 PM. Orlando’s Event Center, 2050 Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights, MO 63043. Purchase tickets by March 31 at [info@lesastl.org](mailto:info@lesastl.org).

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ February 12 - 25						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 87	FINANCIAL					
	February 12 – 25			Year ending 2022		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$13,128	\$14,632	Income:	\$347,118	\$288,938
	Expense:	\$9,004	\$12,621	Expense:	\$321,562	\$296,948

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ March 5, 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>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</b> Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	<b>Basement:</b> Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	<b>Basement Auditorium:</b> Romans—Daily Bread for the Soul Pastor Randy Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal 7:00 Lent Evening Prayer
11:30 –Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:30 – Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off