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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ March 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 IS OUR REDEMPTION

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN – LSB 430

What kind of love does the Father have for us? He sent His Son to die so we would be called children of God (1 John 3:1). This love no one born from Adam can fully understand. This love we know only as we ponder what Jesus Christ has done for us, especially His death in the place of sinners. To defeat the devil for sinners, He is exchanged for a murderer (Barabas). Christ, the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 52–53), came from heaven for this purpose: to die the death of sinners and to be buried in our place. Because He died this death, all Christians rejoice and sing praises since we shall be taken to dwell with our saving God in heaven. Thus we sing of God's love for us in Christ, now and forevermore. (from logia.org)

✠ 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 43 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 430, "My Song is Love Unknown"

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 ✠

PALM SUNDAY (April 2, 2023)

Jesus enters Jerusalem to go to the cross for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Processional:	John 12:12-19 —Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph.
Old Testament:	Zechariah 9:9-12 —Behold, your King is coming to you.
Psalm:	Psalm 73 —"Truly God is good to Israel."
Epistle:	Philippians 2:5-11 —Jesus humbled Himself unto death.
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 27:11-54 —Jesus is crucified.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

ORDERS FOR EASTER LILIES DUE BY TOMORROW! 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 tomorrow**. Lilies are \$9.00 each and are yours to take home after the service on Easter.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE HAS PROVIDED A 2022 YEAR END STATEMENT. Copies are available in the narthex. The congregation accomplished much this year and we are thankful for the faithful stewardship and generous contributions of our members toward the ongoing mission and work of the congregation.

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 ASAP (in person or 314-604-4281 or kevin.robson@lcms.org).

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE for all ages on Friday, April 14th at 7 pm in the Hope basement. No experience necessary, all dances will be taught. The dance will be called by Ruth Temme. Sign up for bringing a snack, dessert, or drink to share. Admission is free but limited to 60 people. RSVP and Questions: Contact Nicholas Weber, n@nicholasedwinweber.com

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, March 36: **Hebrews 9:12** – “**He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.**” The only price that could redeem us was the very blood of the Christ. This is the only sacrifice of true worth. His sacrificial giving sets the pattern for our life, for how can we who are redeemed by the self-giving of God not also give of ourselves to His kingdom?

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You’re invited to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. “Making the Case” Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: LCMS President Matt Harrison, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ February						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: TBD	FINANCIAL					
	February		Year To Date			
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted		
	Income:	\$31,409	\$29,264	Income:	\$71,040	\$58,527
	Expense:	\$21,742	\$25,242	Expense:	\$35,041	\$53,484

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ March 26, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Primary – Junior High Sunday School	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal 7:00 Lent Evening Prayer
11:30 –Schola Rehearsal	Basement Auditorium:	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:30 –Youth Catechism Class	Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul Pastor Randy Asburry	FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off