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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 2, 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 ✠

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

This Sunday, our celebration of Palm Sunday, is a mixture of emotions. We begin celebrating Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem with the crowds in the streets (Matthew 21, John 12). Our opening hymn, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (LSB 443), echoes those shouts of celebration and makes for a joyous beginning. Through the service we turn our minds from that triumphal entry to the path toward the cross. Our closing hymn, *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* (LSB 441) wraps up all the emotions nicely. Stanza one begins, "Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry." The stanzas continue on, outlining the emotional rollercoaster that is Holy Week. Finally, stanza five ends with the Resurrection promise, "Then take, O God, Thy power and reign." We know how the story ends, and it ends in our salvation through Jesus' death on the cross, defeat of sin, death, and the devil, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

✠ 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 118 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER SUNDAY (April 9, 2023)

Jesus rises victorious from the dead!

Old Testament: **Isaiah 25:6-9**—God will swallow up death forever.

Psalm: **Psalm 118**—"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!"

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**—Witnesses of the Resurrection.

Holy Gospel: **John 20:1-18**—The Resurrection of Jesus!



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

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.

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, April 2: **Matthew 21:3 - “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”** Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us – the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

HOLY WEEK PODCASTS... 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: The Hymn “O Lord, We Praise Thee,” The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross, The Hymn “Upon the Cross Extended,” Apparent Contradictions in the Events of Holy Week and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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 ✂ March 12-25					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK			FINANCIAL		
Sunday: 73			March 12-25		Year To Date
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
Income:			\$9,524	\$13,220	Income: \$71,040 \$58,527
Expense:			\$25,370	\$11,875	Expense: \$35,041 \$53,484

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ April 2, 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
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 <i>Pastor Randy Asburry</i>	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal
11:30 –Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Divine Service
11:30 –Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY 7:00 pm The Passion of Christ
		SATURDAY 8:00pm Easter Vigil