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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 9, 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 ✠

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION MEANS THAT WE WILL ONE DAY BE RAISED

"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1-8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. *"After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God"* (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Today we join Christians all around the world in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is one of the "barn burners" of the church year, musically speaking. We celebrate this morning with brass, organ, and plenty of congregational singing. With the end of the Lenten season, we once again join in singing "This is the Feast of Victory" and "Alleluia!" During the season of Easter, we substitute the simple Alleluia & Verse with the traditional Sequence Hymn, *Christ is Arisen* (LSB 459), complete with the choral chants and congregational exclamation of "Alleluia!" The Hymn of the Day, *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* (LSB 458), is a completely Lutheran take on Easter. Written by Martin Luther, with a tune edited by Lutheran Kantor Johann Walter, we sing not only the happy part of the Easter story, but also the suffering...which is why the resurrection has such meaning for us!

✠ 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 458, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 16, 2023)

As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the Word (Quasimodo Geniti).

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| Old Testament: | Ezekiel 37:1-14 — Ezekiel sees the valley of dry bones. |
| Psalm: | Psalm 33 — "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made" |
| Epistle: | 1 John 5:4-10 — Jesus, the water and the blood. |
| Holy Gospel: | John 20:19-31 — Jesus institutes Holy Absolution. |



✧ 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 **THIS COMING 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 to bring 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 9: **Mark 16:6 - “And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.’”** The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us — there is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today,” “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands,” “I Know That My Redeemer Lives,” “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness,” “He’s Risen, He’s Risen.” You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 92		FINANCIAL			
		March		Year To Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$24,623	\$29,272	Income:	\$95,841 \$87,799
Expense:		\$42,395	\$26,294	Expense:	\$77,436 \$79,778
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ April 9, 2023					
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
7:30 – Easter Breakfast	No Sunday School & Bible Class Today		MONDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl			TUESDAY		
			WEDNESDAY 5:00 – Kantorei rehearsal		
			THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
			FRIDAY		
			SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off		