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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 16, 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 ✠

THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST GIVE US LIFE

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (LSB 471)

The hymn tells the story of Jesus' resurrection appearances. In nine verses the accounts of the first week of the resurrection unfold. The many individuals who were overcome with immense sorrow encounter the preaching of the word and with it Christ and his resurrection. It indicates such a joyous turn of events by wrapping its verses throughout in joyful Alleluias. The words paraphrase John 20. When we sing this hymn, we participate with St. John and the holy angels in the preaching of Christ's resurrection to the world. Both singer and hearer go with the women early in the morning to the tomb, hide behind locked doors with the disciples, encounter Jesus and his wounds with Thomas, all the while seeing sorrow, fear, and unbelief shattered by Christ and the proclamation that today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! The Resurrection grants and strengthens faith to a fear-filled world, and so the work of this hymn both restorative to the fallen and missional to the unbelieving. It culminates in verse eight before ending with a high doxology in verse nine. *"How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life will win. Alleluia!"* (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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 471, "O Sons and Daughters of the King"*

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 23, 2023)

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. (Misericordias Domini).

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 34:11-16** – God is our Shepherd.

Psalm: **Psalm 23** – "The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

Epistle: **1 Peter 2:21-25** – Life through God's Word.

Holy Gospel: **John 10:11-16** – Jesus the Good Shepherd.



✧ 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.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to celebrate the high school graduation of Ellen Egger on Sunday, May 21, 5-8 PM. Please join us at our home on the campus of Concordia Seminary, 1 McCall Terrace, for a light dinner. Come and go as you please! -Tom and Tori Egger

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, April 16: **John 20:19 - “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”** Jesus spent a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus to live lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

LUTHERAN SOUTH is pleased to announce the groundbreaking for the school's \$18 million Center for the Arts. Please join us on Wednesday, May 3 when the festivities will begin with a chapel service at 11:00 a.m. in the gym followed by the official groundbreaking ceremony outside. The school's Center for the Arts will include a 600+ seat theater, art studio, and music room. In addition to performances, the new auditorium will be used for school assemblies and worship. The project will add a new lobby and entrance to the school, located at 9515 Tesson Ferry. Please join us for this momentous occasion! RSVP >> bit.ly/LuSoGroundbreaking

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... 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: Putting Children at the Center of Family Policy; Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions; The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible; Lies about Human Nature; The Sacrifice of the Mass 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](https://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](https://www.kfuo.org): Study 1 John 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Judges 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear about the Table of Duties on Concord Matters (4/22 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](https://www.kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ March						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 92	FINANCIAL					
	March 26 - April 8			Year To Date		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$14,220	\$13,469	Income:	\$95,841	\$87,799
	Expense:	\$12,476	\$12,620	Expense:	\$77,436	\$79,778

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✕ April 16, 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 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>