



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 23, 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 GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR HIS SHEEP

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (LSB 709)

The hymn of the day for Good Shepherd Sunday is a hymn on a hymn! When Jesus sang hymns with his disciples, they would have been singing from their hymnal, the Psalms – Psalm 23 included. Since this hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23, Christians have been singing these words for more than three thousand years! King David wrote Psalm 23, perhaps the most beloved of all the Psalms. Our hymn pictures Jesus as the answer to David's hymn. It shows Jesus loving us; Jesus leading us to good water; Jesus shepherding us when we go astray; Jesus walking through the valley of the shadow of death with and for us; Jesus feeding us a meal in the wilderness of this life; and Jesus bringing us to eternal life. Its place in the middle of the Easter season shows the Good Shepherd rounding up his scattered church after his resurrection. One will call to mind Jesus shepherding the disciples on the road to Emmaus, bringing the Apostles and particularly Thomas back to the fold, opening Mary's tear-filled eyes to see that he is the Risen One, curing Peter's broken conscience and restoring him, appearing to his brother James and many others as the Shepherd who loves them. Even now he gathers the scattered through the preaching of the Word and restores the lost into the fold through the great "peace be to you," of the absolution. (from [logia.org](http://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 23 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (April 30, 2023) – *Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!* (Jubilate)

- Old Testament: **Isaiah 40:25-31** – On eagle's wings.  
Psalm: **Psalm 147:1-11** – "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power"  
Epistle: **1 Peter 2:11-20** – Living as free people.  
Holy Gospel: **John 16:16-22** – Jesus turns our grief into joy.

✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Robert Moffatt in memory of the 76th birthday of Laura Frahm Moffatt and in memory of the 56th wedding anniversary of Robert and Laura Moffatt.

OPEN FLOWER DATES are Sunday, May 7, 14, 21 and 28; and June 4, 11, 18, and 25. Flowers are \$25 each vase and are yours to take home after the services. Please contact Carol at 314-691-3619 to reserve a date or place your name on the flower calendar in the narthex.

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

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to teach during summer Sundays. Please volunteer for one Sunday or more than one. Contact Kay Shoemaker to volunteer or ask questions: [keshoemaker@gmail.com](mailto:keshoemaker@gmail.com).

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR ALL AGES on Friday, May 19th 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](mailto:n@nicholasedwinweber.com)

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, April 23: **John 10:16 - “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.”** The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice and delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. But following the Shepherd means life, and following anyone else means death. So, no matter how difficult the path, let us follow Him!

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](https://bit.ly/LuSoGroundbreaking)

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ April 2-15						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 77	FINANCIAL					
	April 2-15			Year To Date		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$16,118	\$13,657	Income:	\$95,841	\$87,799
	Expense:	\$7,844	\$13,180	Expense:	\$77,436	\$79,778

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ April 23, 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 <i>Pastor Randy Asburry</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>NO Kantorei rehearsal</i>
11:30 -Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY <i>6:00 – ThriVe Parent University</i>
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>