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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 30, 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 ✠

THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL REJOICE

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11-20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1-3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him"* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me"* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength"* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *"And no one will take your joy from you"* (John 16:22).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE (LSB 483)

The hymn of the day for Jubilate Sunday is indeed filled with joy and makes the heart happy to sing. The tune by Martin Franzmann matches the text written by the Moravian Georg Vetter, which was written some fifty or so years after the Reformation. Its confession of faith proves a zeal for evangelism is not unique to our age. Rather happiness in the task is especially seen in those followers who came after Jon Hus. The hymn shows the great importance the Moravians held in having both pastors and people joining together in proclaiming the resurrection of Christ. The hymn embodies this even in its opening phrase, *"With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation."* Primarily a commentary on the words of Mark 16:15, *"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation,'"* our hymn contains phrases such as: *"To all earth's ends," "every nation, every land,"* and again *"every nation."* Whatever suffering and hardships come to the followers of Jesus, *"With high delight"* impresses on the hearts and minds of all who sing it that the Gospel grants our work to be a task in which we can continually rejoice, letting praises ring, giving thanks as we sing forth Christ's victory and *"death's undoing."* (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 147 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 483, *"With High Delight Let Us Unite"*

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 7, 2023) – Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! (Cantate)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 12:1-6** – First song of Isaiah.

Psalm: **Psalm 66** – "Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!"

Epistle: **James 1:16-21** – Every good and perfect gift is from above.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:5-15** – Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

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.

JOIN FOR A HYMN SING at Laclede Groves on Saturday, May 6! We will meet at Laclede Groves – Lutheran Senior Services (723 S Laclede Station Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119) at 1:50 PM and sing hymns during the 2:00 PM hour. A lunch will be served beforehand at Hope starting at 12:00 PM but singers are welcome to just meet at Laclede. To join, contact Nathan Maichel at nathanmaichel@protonmail.com with the number of singers and lunch attendees.

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

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, April 30: **1 Peter 2:11 – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”** Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed. We constantly desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul. It urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that in this world, we are sojourners and exiles – we really belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to 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. Please join us for this momentous occasion! RSVP >> bit.ly/LuSoGroundbreaking

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ April 9-22					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 80		FINANCIAL			
		April 9-22		Year To Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
		Income: \$13,470	\$13,657	Income: \$95,841	\$87,799
		Expense: \$8,812	\$13,180	Expense: \$77,436	\$79,778
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ April 30, 2023					
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
9:00 -DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl 10:15 – Coffee Hour 10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:45 – Voters Assembly Meeting	2nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School		MONDAY		
	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School		TUESDAY		
	Basement Auditorium: Romans—Daily Bread for the Soul Pastor Randy Asburry		WEDNESDAY NO Kantorei rehearsal		
			THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
			FRIDAY		
				SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off	