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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 7, 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 ✠

JESUS PROMISES TO SEND HIS HOLY SPIRIT, THE HELPER

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights"* through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid"* (Is. 12:2).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Luther makes a second appearance in the Easter season with the hymn, *Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice* (LSB 556). This is one of his earliest hymns and thought to be the second hymn he wrote. Lutheran theologians often like to compare early and late Luther as his theology develops and sharpens with age. This hymn shows a rich and beautiful grasp of the Gospel quite early in Luther's study. Thus it comments on how fast the Gospel spread, doing its work as it was carried along especially by hymnody. In Luther's Law/Gospel fashion, he lays out the impossible struggle of justifying oneself through works before God (vs. 2 - 4). The hymn then follows with life giving relief through the Gospel (vs. 5 - 10). It tells the story of Luther's own struggle with sin and death. This struggle is now shared by all who sin and try to find any hope in this life apart from Christ. The sung confession of verse five gives the world hope as Christ alone can and does set free from sin and sorrow, Christ alone slays bitter death that mankind may live forever. The whole hymn provides a concise creed on the work of God to save. (from *logia.org*)

The theme of today is *CANTATE* (or *SING*) Sunday and encourages us to *"Sing to God a new song."* This name and theme come from the traditional Introit for this day, *"Cantate Domino canticum novum"* (Sing to the Lord a new song - Psalm 98). What a true joy to use our voices to sing praise to our redeeming Lord!

✠ 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 66 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"*

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 14, 2023) -

Certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. (*Rogate*)

Old Testament: **Numbers 21:4-9** - Moses raises the bronze snake.

Psalm: **Psalm 107** - *"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress."*

Epistle: **1 Timothy 2:1-6** - Pray for all people.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:23-33** - Ask and you will receive.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

OPEN FLOWER DATES are Sunday, May 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.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS from the “Roschke-Stohlmann Lutheran Vocations and Education Fund” are now being accepted. Scholarships shall be granted based on motivation, financial and scholarship needs of the applicant as evaluated by the Board of Finance. Scholarships shall be awarded in the following order of priority: 1. Seminary training; 2. Pre-seminary training; 3. Full-time rostered church work training (teacher, DCE, DCO, Deaconess, etc.); 4. Lutheran elementary education; 5. Lutheran high school education. Application must be received by **Monday, June 5, 2023**. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

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

HOPE EV. LUTHERAN will host a season-closing Organ Vespers on Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 pm to celebrate the Holy Trinity. Guest musicians for the service will be organist Janet Muth and the school choir of St. Paul Lutheran in Hamel, IL. Rev. Benjamin Ball will serve as guest preacher. Hope Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO. Visit hopelutheranstl.org for more information.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 7: **James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”** There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo this theme: everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again, and He desires that we reflect His love and openhanded kindness.

| STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ April 16-30 | | | | | | |
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| ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 79 | FINANCIAL | | | | | |
| | April 16-30 | | Year To Date | | | |
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | |
| | Income: | \$10,738 | \$13,632 | Income: | \$95,841 | \$87,799 |
| | Expense: | \$9,464 | \$14,121 | Expense: | \$77,436 | \$79,778 |
| THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ May 7, 2023 | | | | | | |
| SCHEDULE | SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS | | WEEK’S CALENDAR | | | |
| | 2 nd Floor: | | MONDAY | | | |
| | Early Childhood Sunday School | | 7:00 Board of Elders | | | |
| | Basement: | | TUESDAY | | | |
| | Primary – Junior High Sunday School | | WEDNESDAY | | | |
| 10:15 – Coffee Hour | Basement Auditorium: | | 5:00 Kantorei rehearsal | | | |
| | Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul | | THURSDAY | | | |
| | Pastor Randy Asburry | | 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University | | | |
| | | | FRIDAY | | | |
| | | | SATURDAY | | | |
| 11:30 – Schola Rehearsal | | | Pastor’s Day Off | | | |