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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 14, 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 FATHER ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS BECAUSE OF JESUS

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you" (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

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✠ 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 107 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 766, "Our Father, Who From Heaven Above"

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 21, 2023) –

Hear O Lord, when I cry with my voice! (Exaudi)

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 36:22-28** – God creates new heart and spirit in us.

Psalm: **Psalm 51** – "Create in me a clean heart, O God"

Epistle: **1 Peter 4:7-14** – Sober living.

Holy Gospel: **John 15:26-16:4** – Jesus promises to send the Spirit of Truth.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Jeanne Weber in honor of her son, Nicholas, whose birthday was May 12; and by a member of Hope in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings she has received in the past 76 years.

OPEN FLOWER DATES are Sunday, May 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.

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.

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: keshoemaker@gmail.com.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN OLIVETTE is currently seeking two teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. These positions are for preschool and 8th grade. Candidates must have a teaching certificate and have a passion for Lutheran education. Please submit your resume to teachercall@ilsolivette.org. We look forward to hearing from you. Check out our website to learn more about us at ilsolivette.org.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR ALL AGES on Friday, May 19th at 7 pm in the Hope basement. No experience necessary, and the dance will be called by Ruth Temme. Sign up to bring a snack, dessert, or drink to share. Admission is limited to 60 people. RSVP and questions: Contact Nicholas Weber, n@nicholasedwinweber.com

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 14: **James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”** The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. As Luther said, “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” James’ epistle encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance when we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ April					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 85	FINANCIAL				
	April			Year To Date	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$39,353	\$29,264	Income:	\$120,996 \$117,063
	Expense:	\$17,857	\$28,242	Expense:	\$95,943 \$108,020
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ May 14, 2023					
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor:		MONDAY		
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Early Childhood Sunday School		TUESDAY		
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement:		WEDNESDAY		
NO Schola Rehearsal	Primary – Junior High Sunday School		5:00 Kantorei rehearsal		
	Basement Auditorium:		THURSDAY		
	Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul		7:00 Ascension Divine Service		
	Rev. Kevin Robson		FRIDAY		
			SATURDAY		
			Pastor’s Day Off		