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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 21, 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 SPIRIT OF TRUTH BEARS WITNESS TO JESUS

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. "The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God" (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet. 4:11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S REDEEMER (LSB 539)

The text is attributed to Columba, Irish missionary to Scotland, who lived 521 to 597. In the first stanza he writes eight descriptions of Christ covering the entire Christian life: "the world's Redeemer," "font of heavenly wisdom," "our trust and hope secure," protector and Lord, our "health while we are living," and finally "our life when we shall die." Here we have a miniature outline of Christ's presence and power in our life from birth and baptism to the time that we leave this world and enter eternal life. Stanzas 2 and 3 follow the same theme with a poetic description of Good Friday: "Then Christ the cross ascended to save a world undone and, suffering for the sinful, our full redemption won." It moves on to Easter: "Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory and at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly." It ends with Ascension Day: "And now, to heaven ascended, He sits upon the throne whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own." We can sing our praise to the Trinity and end with the last words of Columba's doxology, "Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be."

✠ 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 51 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 539, "Christ is the World's Redeemer"

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 FEAST OF PENTECOST (May 28, 2023) –

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

Old Testament: **Genesis 11:1-9** – Tower of Babel – Confusion of languages.

Psalm: **Psalm 143** – "For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!"

Epistle: **Acts 2:1-21** – Pentecost – the Holy Spirit & the preaching of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel: **John 14:23-31** – Jesus goes to the Father & promises the Holy Spirit.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES are available for anyone that would benefit. Please see an usher for assistance.

OPEN FLOWER DATES are Sunday, May 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.

THIS EVENING THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to celebrate the high school graduation of Ellen Egger from 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 21: **1 Peter 4:10 – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”** God’s grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. What do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service of our neighbor. The chief way we serve one another is by supporting the church’s work: bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. That’s what it means to be a steward!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ April 30 – May 13					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 84	FINANCIAL				
	April 30 - May 13			Year To Date	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$8,504	\$13,247	Income:	\$120,996 \$117,063
	Expense:	\$9,079	\$11,528	Expense:	\$95,943 \$108,020

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ May 21, 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 Rev. Randy Asburry	WEDNESDAY
NO Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off