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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 28, 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 HOLY SPIRIT GIVES PEACE

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with *"one language and the same words"* (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing *"the language of all the earth,"* dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. *"At this sound the multitude came together"* (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* (John 14:27).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD (LSB 497)

Luther based the first stanza of his Pentecost hymn off of a prior translation of the Latin antiphon for the Vigil of Pentecost, *"Veni, Sancte Spiritus."* Luther improved the German text and added two more stanzas. Each stanza is based on a description of the Holy Spirit: Stanza 1—To the God and Lord who gives faith and keeps united those in this faith; Stanza 2—To the Light guiding Christians ever again to Christ, the Light of the world via his Word; Stanza 3—To the Fire who comforts and energizes his saints. The gracious work of God done through the Holy Spirit is needed so that those who do not know Christ would be brought to faith in Him. This work also keeps His saints in the saving faith against all the perils of this world, *"That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!"* Of this hymn Luther stated, *"The hymn, 'Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,' was composed by the Holy Ghost Himself, both words and music."* (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 143 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 497, *"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"*

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY (June 4, 2023) –

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the Undivided Unity:

Let us give glory to Him for He has shown mercy unto us.

Old Testament: **Isaiah 6:1-7** – Isaiah sees God on His throne.

Psalm: **Psalm 29** – "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name"

Epistle: **Romans 11:33-36** – The depth of the riches of God's wisdom.

Holy Gospel: **John 3:1-17** – God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY WE WELCOME INTO OUR HOPE FAMILY WADE WATERSTREET. Wade transfers to us from St. Andrew Ev. Lutheran Church in Rockton, IL. Welcome, Wade!

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

OPEN FLOWER DATES are Sunday, 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 hopelutheranatl.org for more information.

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 28 Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ May 7 – 20						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 85	FINANCIAL					
	May 7 - 20			Year To Date		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$14,848	\$13,216	Income:	\$120,996	\$117,063
	Expense:	\$9,433	\$11,401	Expense:	\$95,943	\$108,020

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✕ May 28, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2nd Floor: No Sunday School	MONDAY <i>Memorial Day- Church office closed</i>
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement: No Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul <i>Rev. Randy Asburry</i>	WEDNESDAY
		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>