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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 4, 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 TRINITY REVEALS HIMSELF TO SINNERS

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out *"Woe is me!"* For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1-7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. *"Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"* (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, *"Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for"* (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, *"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!"* (Is. 6:3). *"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen"* (Rom. 11:33-36).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

TODAY WE CELEBRATE one of the most humanly incomprehensible things: the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. To set this feast apart from the Easter/Pentecost celebrations and the season of Trinity (also known as the "Green Season") we make use of the Luther Mass, or Divine Service 5 from *Lutheran Service Book*. Divine Service 5 has roots in the Reformation when Martin Luther wanted a service that the people could participate in. Today we take for granted that the congregation will sing things such as the Gloria, Agnus Dei, etc. Until Luther's time, these were solely the realm of the choir. Setting these texts to sturdy German chorales turned this participation in the liturgy over to the common person, allowing a deeper participation in their reception of the Lord's Supper. Our hymnody today, of course, focuses on the teaching of the Holy Trinity and our response to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

✠ 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 29 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 795, "Voices Raised to You We Offer"

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (June 11, 2023) -

O Lord, I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. (Ps. 13:5)

Old Testament: **Genesis 15:1-6** - Abram trusts God's promises.

Psalm: **Psalm 33** - "Our soul waits for the Lord."

Epistle: **1 John 4:16-21** - We love God because He first loved us.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 16:19-31** - Faith hears God's Word and trusts Christ alone.



✠ 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, June 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.

TODAY AT 4:00 pm HOPE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH will host a season-closing Organ Vespers 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 Church is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO. Visit hopelutheranstl.org for more information.

DUE TOMORROW IN CHURCH OFFICE! 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, June 4: **Isaiah 6:3 – “And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’”** Behold the threefold Name of God! Here in Isaiah the angels cry “Holy, holy, holy” to praise and acknowledge the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God’s family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.

CONFESSIONAL LUTHERANS, WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Evening Hymn “Abide with Me,” Children’s Rights, The Biblical Case for the Trinity, News Discernment and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ May 14 – 27					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 84		FINANCIAL			
		May 14 - 27		Year To Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$10,414	\$13,216	Income:	\$120,996 \$117,063
Expense:		\$13,007	\$11,401	Expense:	\$95,943 \$108,020
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ June 4, 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 4:00 – Organ Vespers	2 nd Floor:		MONDAY		
	Summer Sunday School		TUESDAY		
	Basement:		WEDNESDAY		
	Summer Sunday School		THURSDAY		
	Basement Auditorium:		6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
	Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul		FRIDAY		
	Rev. Randy Asburry		SATURDAY		
			Pastor’s Day Off		