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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 11, 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 ✠

FAITH TRUSTS IN CHRIST FOR LIFE ETERNAL

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

To God The Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (LSB 768). The first stanza of this leisen hymn (each stanza ending with "Lord, have mercy," Kyrieleis in German) is from the 12th century, from a sermon by Berthold of Regensburg; Martin Luther penned the other three stanzas. The first stanza points to three truths which can perplex man: 1) the Holy Spirit IS God and deserving of prayers like the Father and Son, 2) the Holy Spirit is the giver of the true Christian faith, which faith later is defined as knowing aright the Lord Jesus Christ who bought us [st. 4], and 3) saints on earth are exiles. Not only are Christians to believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, they are—as forgiven sinners—called upon to live in love with each other [st. 2]. While the church militant fights against devil, world, and flesh, she receives comfort and strength for the battle [st. 3]. Finally, by the Lord who bought her, the pilgrim church will cross the Jordan to enter the promised land of heaven [st. 4]. While now we cry out, "Lord, have mercy," in need and with trust, then we triumphant saints will proclaim the merciful works of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Psalm 118:17). Lord, have mercy! [Taken from www.logia.org hymn summaries]

✠ 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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 768*, "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (June 18, 2023) –

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| Old Testament: | Proverbs 9:1-10 – The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. |
| Psalms: | Psalm 34:12-22 – "Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord." |
| Epistle: | Ephesians 2:13-22 – Fellow citizens and members of God's household. |
| Holy Gospel: | Luke 14:15-24 – The Lord's invitation to the wedding banquet. |



✂ 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 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.

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.

BACKYARD ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR ALL AGES: Friday, June 30th at 6:30 pm at the home of Nathan and Caroline Maichel, 3212 Hilvin Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129. No experience necessary, all dances will be taught. The dance will be called by Ruth Temme. Sign up for bringing a snack, dessert or drink to share. Admission is free, but is limited to 60 people. To RSVP or if you have any questions please contact Nicholas Weber, n@nicholasedwinweber.com

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE - You are invited to an English Country Dance on Saturday, July 15, at Ascension Lutheran Church/Word of Life Lutheran School, 6535 Eichelberger St., 63109. This is a fundraiser for the school athletic department. \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, free for 5 and younger. Some of the dances will have live music – Caroline Maichel playing violin and Gabe Maichel playing keyboard along with someone playing hammer dulcimer. To rsvp or for more information, contact athleticdirector@wordoflifeschool.net or Judy Maichel.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, June 11: **Luke 16:19 - “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.”** There is another rich man in this story – Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man’s life and decisions flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. Abraham’s kindness and generosity reflected his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man ... well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ May					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 86		FINANCIAL			
		May		Year To Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$25,617	\$29,264	Income:	\$146,613 \$146,327
Expense:		\$25,818	\$25,246	Expense:	\$121,761 \$133,266
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ June 11, 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	2 nd Floor:	MONDAY 7:00 Board of Finance			
	Basement:	TUESDAY			
	Summer Sunday School	WEDNESDAY			
	Basement Auditorium:	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University			
	Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul Rev. Randy Asburry	FRIDAY			
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off			