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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 18, 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 GOSPEL CALL GOES OUT TO ALL

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: *"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight"* (Prov. 9:5-6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). For *"you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ"* (Eph. 2:13-22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13-18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED (LSB 622). Samuel Kinner (1603-1668) was a physician in Breslau, Germany (now in Poland). Although this physician did not call the Lord's Supper the medicine of immortality, he clearly describes it as such: his body and blood, which grant rest, comfort, and pardon for weary and sin-oppressed souls. The saints are not to trust in an empty supper (such as the Reformed teach) but in the true Supper of Christ's Body and Blood in, with, and under bread and wine! Reason cannot understand this reality of Christ's presence, but the Word declares it to be true. We do not "spring our minds into heaven to access Christ there," but rather receive him where he promises to be, at his altar. Thanks be to Christ for this consoling Supper, a true and blessed comfort when living or dying. [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 34 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 622, "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared."*

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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (June 25, 2023) -

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| Old Testament: | Micah 7:18-20 —God delights in mercy. |
| Psalms: | Psalm 103 —"Bless the LORD, O my soul!" |
| Epistle: | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 —Christ came into the world to save sinners. |
| Holy Gospel: | Luke 15:11-32 —God's joy over one sinner who repents. |



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

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

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Sally Hendrickson in honor of all fathers, and in loving memory of her father, Lee Powers, and in thanksgiving for Scot Missling as he leaves Hope to serve in his new congregation; vases are also placed to the glory of God by Carol Spyers in loving memory of her parents, whose anniversary was June 19.

“RIBBON-CUTTING AT CONCORDIA CEMETERY NEXT SUNDAY” All are welcome to join the Concordia Cemetery Board as we open a new section of 120 spaces. Next Sunday, June 25, you are invited to gather at 3:30 pm for the ribbon-cutting at 3:45. Refreshments will be served, followed by strolling the grounds at 4209 Bates, 63116. Can’t come? Visit us online at www.ConcordiaCemeteryStLouis.com.

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 18: **Luke 14:19 - “And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’”** The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast — what could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today’s parable invites us to examine our own priorities and excuses, and then come home in humble repentance to the Lord who invites us.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Study Revelation 16-19 on Sharper Iron's "Come Soon, Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study 2 Samuel 5-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study "Original Sin" and "The Son of God" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/24 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ May 28 - June 10				
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 74	FINANCIAL			
	May 28 - June 10		Year To Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$6,868	\$13,533	Income: \$146,613	\$146,327
	Expense: \$9,853	\$11,876	Expense: \$121,761	\$133,266
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ June 18, 2023				
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR	
9:00 -DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl 10:30 - Farewell Reception for Scot Missling family	2 nd Floor:		MONDAY	
	Basement:		TUESDAY	
	Basement Auditorium:		WEDNESDAY	
			THURSDAY 6:00 - ThriVe Parent University	
			FRIDAY	
			SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off	