



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 25, 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 ✠

#### *JESUS RECEIVES SINNERS*

*"This man receives sinners and eats with them"* (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you"* (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

**LORD, TO YOU I MAKE CONFESSION.** There are two parts to confession: 1) to faithfully confess one's sins and 2) to receive absolution, that is, forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus' name. Johann Frank's (1618-1677) hymn of confession is a sung confession of sins with trust that they are forgiven in him who suffered and died to rescue, save, reconcile, and set free the penitent sinner. This hymn is rightly used when we hear preached Jesus' teaching of lost sinners being found again (whether the lost sheep and coin being found in Luke 15:1-10 or the return of the lost son in Luke 15:11-32). Such is the case when one confesses and is absolved; that penitent is forgiven and restored to a right relationship with the heavenly Father by Christ's precious blood, as proclaimed by the pastor (John 20:19-23). The forgiven sinner's sins are cast into the deepest sea (referring to Holy Baptism) and he or she stands cleansed from all iniquity. Thanks be to God for His mercy to sinners. [Taken from [www.logia.org](http://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 103 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 608, "Lord, to You I Make Confession."*

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 2, 2023) –**

Old Testament: **Genesis 50:15-21** – Joseph forgives his brothers again.

Psalm: **Psalm 138** – "I will praise You with my whole heart."

Epistle: **Romans 12:14-21** – Be of the same mind toward one another.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 6:36-42** – Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

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

“CEMETERY RIBBON CUTTING TODAY” Concordia Cemetery will open a new section of 120 spaces this afternoon with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Join the Cemetery Board at 3:30 for the ceremony to follow at 3:45pm. Refreshments and strolling will follow. Concordia Cemetery is located in South City at 4209 Bates, Street, 63116. Visit the cemetery in person daily “dawn-to-dusk” or anytime at [www.ConcordiaCemeteryStLouis.com](http://www.ConcordiaCemeteryStLouis.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](mailto: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](mailto:athleticdirector@wordoflifeschool.net) or Judy Maichel.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, June 25: **Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** Jesus eats with sinners, not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt or any number of other sins, the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

A SPECIAL INVITATION from Jeff and Pam Nielsen: We would be delighted to have our fellow Hope members as our guests at the COALITION LIFE CIRCLE GALA on July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Coalition Life is a local prolife group working to end abortion peacefully and prayerfully with sidewalk counseling outside abortion facilities. This benefit dinner features speaker, Mark Hauck, the father of 7 whose home was raided by the FBI after he stepped in to protect his son from an aggressive Planned Parenthood escort. Our own Caroline Maichel will play her violin and Gabe Maichel has assembled a jazz trio for the dinner. Won’t you join us and other pro-life minded people from the region? It would be wonderful to fill two or three tables of 10 with our friends from Hope! Here’s a link to learn more but please reach out to Pam at 314-440-5151 if you want to register and be part of the Hope tables. [CoalitionLife.com/gala](http://CoalitionLife.com/gala).

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ June 4 - 17					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 68		FINANCIAL			
		June 4 - 17		Year To Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$15,406	\$13,660	Income:	\$146,613
Expense:		\$12,750	\$12,066	Expense:	\$121,761
					\$146,327
					\$133,266

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ June 25, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor:	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Summer Sunday School	WEDNESDAY
	Basement Auditorium:	THURSDAY
	Romans— Daily Bread for the Soul	6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
	Rev. Randy Asburry	FRIDAY
		SATURDAY
		Pastor’s Day Off