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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 2, 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 ✠

CHRIST'S MERCY IS OURS TO SHOW TO OTHERS

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay"* (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD (LSB 696). Johann Heermann (1585-1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). During his time as pastor many people of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn. We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a "healthy frame," not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one's calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God would actually work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Savior. Then, in splendor, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name. [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 138 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 696, "O God, My Faithful God."

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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 9, 2023) -

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 19:11-21** – God comforts Elijah with news of a faithful remnant of people who worship the true God.
- Psalm: **Psalm 16** – "... in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
- Epistle: **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** – "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
- Holy Gospel: **Luke 5:1-11** – Jesus absolves Peter and calls him to proclaim His Gospel.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

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

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, July 2: **Romans 8:18 - “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”** It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly applies to our support for the Gospel – if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - St. Lucas Lutheran Church Recycling Event: What do you have sitting around the house with a cord or battery that is getting in your way of clearing out to make room for new stuff? You know you have accumulated items since our last event which was in 2021! Put everything in a pile and bring it to our Recycling Event, **7100 Morganford**, scheduled for **Saturday, August 26 from 9 to 11**. Most items will be taken at no charge. A list of items appears on the church’s website (<https://www.stlucaslcms.org/>) so you can see what kind of things they will accept. Go to the church calendar and click on August 26 to view.

THE LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP is pleased to announce that we have just donated \$6,500 to Lutheran Senior Services for the use of residents of Breeze Park and Hidden Lake. The **Lutheran Resale Shop** is non-profit and is staffed entirely by volunteers Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. We are located at 6701 W. Florissant, Jennings, MO. Our phone is 314-389-9970. We are currently accepting donations of most household goods including clothing, crafts, kitchen items, jewelry, etc. You can always call to speak to our wonderful volunteers. Visit us soon and you will find that we are a unique Shop.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ June 11 - 24					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 87		FINANCIAL			
		June 4 – 17		Year To Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$15,829	\$13,660	Income:	\$146,613
Expense:		\$15,158	\$12,066	Expense:	\$121,761
					\$146,327
					\$133,266

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