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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 16, 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 ✠

OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). Therefore, *"consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus"* (Rom. 6:11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

All Mankind Fell in Adams Fall (LSB 562). During the Reformation era this hymn was held in high regard as a teaching and confessional hymn of the evangelical faith. It reinforces the theology of original sin. However, in good Law/Gospel format, stanzas 4-6 tell of our Savior Jesus. *"To bear our sin and woe and shame,"* he, *"took our place"*. We can rejoice in the new life we have through Christ's death for our eternal salvation.

✠ 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 19 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 562, *"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall."*

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 23, 2023) –

Old Testament: **Genesis 2:7-17** – God creates Adam from the dust and provides for his bodily needs.

Psalm: **Psalm 33:1-11** – "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."

Epistle: **Romans 6:19-23** – We are freed from sin to be slaves for God.

Holy Gospel: **Mark 8:1-9** – Jesus feeds the 4,000, thus showing His re-creation of our bodies as holy.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Kay and Joel Shoemaker in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, July 22.

TODAY we say farewell and Godspeed to Hope member Shiyi Zhang. Shiyi has been studying law at Washington University, has completed her studies, and is now preparing to take the Bar Exam on July 25-26. She is also moving to Alexandria, Virginia. May our Lord Jesus preserve Shiyi in the confession of His name and in loving service to others.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, July 16: **Matthew 5:24 - “First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”** Our giving to the Lord’s work is part of our Christian life. The Lord wants us to walk in His ways in all we do. He wants our hearts united to His. It’s not our gift the Lord wants — it is our very selves, in all we think, say and do.

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.

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... 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 subjects include: The Movies “Sound of Freedom” and “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny;” An Attempt by Concordia University Texas to Reject the Governance & Oversight of the LCMS; Truth & Tolerance; Female Pastors & the Lutheran Church of Australia and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ June					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 100		FINANCIAL			
		June		Year To Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
		Income: \$41,316	\$29,372	Income: \$187,933	\$175,599
		Expense: \$35,358	\$25,856	Expense: \$157,129	\$159,122
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ July 16, 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		
			TUESDAY		
	Basement:		WEDNESDAY		
	Summer Sunday School		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University		
		Basement Auditorium:	FRIDAY		
		Romans—Daily Bread for the Soul	SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off		
		Rev. Randy Asburry			