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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 23, 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 RESTORES PARADISE AND FEEDS US FREELY

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, *"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground..."* (Gen. 3:19). In other words, *"The wages of sin is death"* (Rom 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For *"the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good (LSB 819). This lively hymn of praise, with its short and memorable refrain, was written by Johann Schütz (1640-1690). Based on Deuteronomy 32:3-4, *"For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! 'The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.'" Through the text one can envision a pastor instructing and encouraging his flock to join in praise to God.*

✠ 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 819, *"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good."*

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 30, 2023) –

Old Testament: **Jeremiah 23:16-29** – God's people do not hear His prophets; God warns us against false prophets.

Psalm: **Psalm 26** – "In the great assembly I will bless the LORD."

Epistle: **Acts 20:27-38** – St. Paul urges pastors and churches to beware of false teachers.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 7:15-23** – Jesus warns against false prophets and false faith.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

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

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, July 23 **Romans 6:19** – “For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.” To be sanctified means to be set aside for God’s purposes in all that we do, whether in the home, church, or society at large. St. Paul encourages us to see ourselves, our bodies, our souls and all that we are as set aside for God’s work.

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.

CHRIST FOR YOU *this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org*: Celebrate Bach Week with us on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), study Acts 5-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and spend Time in the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

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					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK			FINANCIAL		
Sunday: TBD			June	Year To Date	
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
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 23, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2nd 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