



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 30, 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 ✠

#### BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

*"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves"* (Matt 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. *"You will recognize them by their fruits"* (Matt. 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*In God, My Faithful God* (LSB 745). First appearing in 1607 in a German hymnal, text writer Sigismund Weingärtner penned this text. Very little is known of him, though it is thought he may have been a clergyman. In German the first letter of each stanza forms A-O-O-O-A. It is thought to be a reference to Revelation 1:8, *"I am the Alpha and the Omega."* The strong and confident tune, AUF MEINEN LEIBEN GOTT, was penned by Roman Catholic composer Jacob Regnart and first appeared in 1574.

### ✠ 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 26 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 745, *"In 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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 6, 2023) –

- Old Testament: **2 Samuel 22:26-34** – God shows Himself merciful; He brings down the haughty, but lifts up the humble.
- Psalm: **Psalm 51:1-12** – *"Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem."*
- Epistle: **1 Corinthians 10:6-13** – Though we are tempted and fall to sin, God is faithful to forgive.
- Holy Gospel: **Luke 16:1-13** – Parable of the Unjust Manager – learning to be wise in this world.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

THE BOARD OF FINANCE HAS PREPARED A MID-YEAR UPDATE based on June close so everyone is aware of the financial position of the congregation. Copies are available in the narthex. We are happy to share that income is tracking slightly ahead of schedule while expenses are right on target. For more details, please pick up a copy and let us know if you have any questions.

JOIN FOR A HYMN SING at Laclede Groves on Saturday, August 12! We will meet at Laclede Groves – Lutheran Senior Services (723 S Laclede Station Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119) at 1:50 PM and sing hymns during the 2:00 PM hour. A lunch will be served beforehand at Hope starting at 12:00 PM but singers are welcome to just meet at Laclede. To join, contact Nathan Maichel with the number of singers and lunch attendees at [nathanmaichel@protonmail.com](mailto:nathanmaichel@protonmail.com).

LIVE LCMS CONVENTION BROADCAST... You can listen to a live broadcast from the 68th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in Milwaukee from 79 p.m. Central on Sunday, July 30. You can listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, July 30 **Jeremiah 23:17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”** Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes-difficult favor of telling us *what is actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.

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](http://kfuo.org): Begin studying Ecclesiastes on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Acts 9-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig in to the Real Presence in the Lord’s Supper on Concord Matters (8/5 at 10:00 a.m.). Find you favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ July 9-22						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 120	FINANCIAL					
	July 9-22		Year To Date			
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted		
	Income:	\$3,490	\$13,216	Income:	\$187,933	\$175,599
	Expense:	\$11,926	\$13,346	Expense:	\$157,129	\$159,122

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ July 30, 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
	Today’s Scripture Readings	6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
	Rev. David Pelsue	FRIDAY
		SATURDAY
		Pastor’s Day Off