



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 6, 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 ✠

#### THE STEWARD'S SHREWDNESS SANCTIFIED

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26-34).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*What is the World to Me* (LSB 730). Originally in eight stanzas (we are missing 2, 5-7), this hymn text by Georg Pfefferkorn is based on 1 John 2:15-17.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

With its theme of "Renunciation of the World", we are able to sing August Crull's translation of this text. Crull was a Lutheran pastor and educator of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century in America. He was a distinguished hymnologist and many of his translations have appeared in Lutheran hymnals.

### ✠ 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 51 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 730, "What is the World to Me."

*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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 21, 2022) –

Old Testament: **Jeremiah 8:4-12** – God laments that His people won't repent.

Psalm: **Psalm 92** – "For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy."

Epistle: **Romans 9:30-10:4** – Human righteousness of works vs. God's righteousness through faith.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 19:41-48** – God visits His people in the coming of Jesus, and as Jesus cleanses the Temple.



✂ 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).

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, August 6: **Luke 16:8 – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”** Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Oftentimes unbelievers show more shrewdness in this than us Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed every Sunday ... won’t that affect how we use our money?

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): Study Ecclesiastes 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Acts 11-14 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into Confession in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (8/12 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ July 9-22					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK			FINANCIAL		
Sunday: 41			July 9-22		Year To Date
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
Income:			\$3,490	\$13,216	Income: \$187,933   \$175,599
Expense:			\$11,926	\$13,346	Expense: \$157,129   \$159,122

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