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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 13, 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 WEEPS FOR JERUSALEM

Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41-48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. "But My people do not know the judgments of the Lord" (Jer. 8:4-12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom. 9:30-10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor. 12:1-11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

The Church's One Foundation (LSB 644). A long-time favorite of many Christians, this hymn text was born out of an ecclesiastical controversy over the historicity of many of the Old Testament accounts. The hymn writer, Samuel Stone (1839-1900), published *Twelve Hymns on the Twelve Articles of the Apostle's Creed* in 1866. *The Church's One Foundation* is based on the ninth article, "The holy catholic church; the communion of saints." The well-known tune AURELIA was written in 1864 as a wedding hymn by the highly regarded church musician Samuel Sebastian Wesley. It was first matched with Stone's hymn text in the appendix of the hymnal *Hymns Ancient and Modern* published in 1868.

✠ 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 92 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 644, "The Church's One Foundation."

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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 20, 2023) –

Old Testament: **Genesis 4:1-15** – The fallout of the Fall into sin: Cain kills his brother, Abel.

Psalm: **Psalm 50** – God himself is judge.

Epistle: **Ephesians 2:1-10** – We are dead in our trespasses and sins, but God make us alive in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14** – God justifies (saves; forgives) not the self-righteous Pharisee, but the humble, confessing tax-collector.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

TODAY WE RECEIVE the Rev. Dr. Stephen and Coralie Pietsch into communicant membership at Hope. They come to us from Australia, where they were members in the Lutheran Church of Australia and Stephen served as pastor (19 years) and professor at Australian Lutheran College (since 2008). Stephen now serves as professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, with expertise in pastoral care and counseling. We thank our gracious Savior for bringing them to the seminary and to Hope and we rejoice in their public confession of faith with us.

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, August 20, 27, Sept 3, 10, 17 and 24. Vases are \$25.00 each and are yours to take home after the service. If you wish to place flowers on one of these dates, take an envelope from the narthex and put your name on the flower calendar in the narthex, or call Carol, 314-691-3619 to make arrangements.

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, August 13: **Luke 19:45-46 - “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, ‘It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.’”** The sellers in the temple were doing the right thing in the wrong place. Being a merchant is a fine occupation that is pleasing to God. But using the Lord’s house for your personal gain? That makes a mockery of what the church is for. This is God’s house, where we come to hear His Word and worship Him in word and deed. We’re not looking for a profit here – we’re looking to give back and support the preaching of God’s Word and the church’s care for the poor and needy.

UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmuehler and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc, or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite pod cast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ July 23-August 5				
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 77	FINANCIAL			
	July 23-August 5		Year To Date through June	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$17,756	\$13,216	Income: \$187,933	\$175,599
	Expense: \$11,843	\$12,652	Expense: \$157,129	\$159,122
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ August 13, 2023				
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR	
9:00 -DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor:		MONDAY 7:00 Board of Elders	
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:		TUESDAY	
10:30 – Bible Study/ Sunday School	Summer Sunday School		WEDNESDAY	
	Basement Auditorium:		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University	
	Romans: Daily Bread for the Soul Pastor Randy Asburry		FRIDAY	
			SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off	