



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 27, 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 ✠

#### FAITH COMES FROM HEARING

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For *"faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ"* (Rom. 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing *"Ephphatha"* opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, *"In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book"* (Is. 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*Word of God, Come Down to Earth* (LSB 545). This hymn text by Father James Quinn is a commentary on John 1:14, *"The Word became flesh...."* Father Quinn (1919-2010) was a Scottish hymn writer in the Roman Catholic Church. Heavily involved in ecumenical activities, his hymns have also had a wide reaching, ecumenical effect. His other hymn texts included in *Lutheran Service Book* are *Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go* (LSB 920) and a versification of the Nunc Dimittis, *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* (LSB 937).

### ✠ 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 146 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 545, *"Word of God, Come Down on Earth."*

**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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** (September 3, 2023) –

Old Testament: **2 Chronicles 28:8-15**—Samaritans show compassion to war captives from Israel.

Psalm: **Psalm 32**—"Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

Epistle: **Galatians 3:15-22**—God's Law shows us our sin and leads us to Christ.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 10:23-37**—The Good Samaritan—Jesus teaches us how to "be neighbors."



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY WE ARE HONORED to have Rev. Harrison Goodman, Content Executive for Higher Things, join us. Rev. Goodman is preaching the Word of God in the Divine Service and will share the mission of Higher Things content during the Bible Class hour. A special door offering is being taken after the service to support the work of Higher Things “to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults.”

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 2023-2024 will begin Sept. 10 for 3-year-olds through 8th grade. We will meet in the lower level of the church for the joint opening with Pastor’s Bible class. The students will then hear where to go and which teacher to meet in the Sunday School area.

DO YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR TEACHING CHILDREN GOD’S WORD? The Sunday School needs 2 more co-teachers. Contact Kay Shoemaker to volunteer to teach or ask questions. keshoemaker@gmail.com

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 27: **2 Corinthians 3:5** – “Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.” We are not sufficient, not enough, not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough and makes us capable. This is the beginning of wisdom: we are utterly dependent on God’s mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence, for if we are dependent upon the Lord, how can we not follow His commandments and walk in His way?

CHOIR RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER. Rehearsals for Kantorei (grades 3-8) will begin on Wednesday, September 6 and Schola (high school and up) will begin on Sunday, September 10. Contact Kantor Janssen for more information. New members are always welcome to join.

THERE IS A WAY TO DIRECTLY TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, face to face, without leaving the United States. Each year 10,000 international students, some with families, study in St. Louis. At International Student Ministry we hope to share ourselves and in doing so share Jesus. Our first event is this Labor Day at Creve Coeur park with over 180 students expected. Won't you join us? This is true outreach! There are volunteer jobs for everyone. Call Sharon at 314-452-6406 or email [ismstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:ismstlouis@gmail.com).

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ August 8 - 19						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 78	FINANCIAL					
	August 8 - 19		Year To Date through June			
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$9,843	\$13,216	Income:	\$187,933	\$175,599
	Expense:	\$11,062	\$11,404	Expense:	\$157,129	\$159,122

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ August 27, 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	7:00 – Building Committee
	Basement Auditorium:	WEDNESDAY
	Mission of Higher Things Content	7:00 – Ministry Expansion Campaign Team
	Rev. Harrison Goodman	THURSDAY
		6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY
		Pastor’s Day Off