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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 3, 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 IS OUR GOOD SAMARITAN

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Gal. 3:15–22). So it is that two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23–37). Only the promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion. He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord, by whose Law we are torn and stricken, heals us and revives us by His Gospel and raises us up with Himself on the third day, that we may live in His sight (Hos. 6:1–6).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (LSB 683). Paul Gerhardt is arguably one of the prolific and popular Lutheran hymn-writers of all time. The lineage of this hymn text is a distinctly Lutheran path. Written by Gerhardt, it is based off a prayer found in Johann Arndt's (a Lutheran theologian) devotion book *Paradiesgärtlein*. The entire original sixteen stanzas were first printed in Johann Crüger's (a Lutheran composer and music educator) *Prazis pietatis melica* in 1653.

✠ 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 32 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 683, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love 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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 10, 2023)

Old Testament: **Proverbs 4:10-23**—Our Lord God teaches us the way of life.
Psalm: **Psalm 119:9-16**—*"Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!"*
Epistle: **Galatians 5:16-24**—The life of the flesh vs. the life of the Spirit.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19**—Jesus heals ten lepers and one follows Him in faith.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God in honor of the 93rd birthday, Sept. 8, of Ruth Paul placed by her children, Jeff, Nancy, David, Lisa and Debbie. Flowers in front of the altar are placed to the praise and glory of God in honor of Diana Frost’s birthday, August 31, placed by Jim and their children.

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, Sept 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 CHURCH COUNCIL WOULD INVITE YOU TO ATTEND the Budget Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 24 immediately following bible class in the fellowship hall. This annual event allows for congregation input as the budget is being developed, prior to the budget being approved at the October 29 Voters Assembly meeting. The Board of Finance will make additional financial information available to the congregation by Sunday, September 17. We will present an update on the current financials and an overview of budget opportunities for the 2024 fiscal year. Again, the main purpose of the meeting is to receive input and guidance from the congregation on items that should be considered in the upcoming years. The Council finds this input extremely useful and makes the final budget approval much easier. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, September 3: **Luke 10:25 - “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’”** That’s just not a good question! Doing and inheriting just don’t go together. What can you do to inherit the Rockefeller fortune? Nothing. Inheriting is about birthright; doing is about merit. We receive eternal life by birthright in our Baptism into Christ. All of our doing in the kingdom of God flows from this, from who we are by our new birth. It can never be the other way around.

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.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ August 6 - 19					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 103	FINANCIAL				
	August 6 - 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	\$11,403	Expense:	\$157,129 \$159,122

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✕ September 3, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	<i>2nd Floor:</i>	MONDAY <i>Labor Day-Church Office Closed</i>
10:15 – Coffee Hour No Bible Class or Sunday School	<i>Basement:</i> NO Sunday School <i>Basement Auditorium:</i> NO Adult Bible Class	TUESDAY
		WEDNESDAY <i>4:00 - Kantorei Rehearsal</i>
		THURSDAY <i>6:00 – ThriVe Parent University</i>
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>