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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 24, 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 ✠

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN PROTECTS HIS CHILDREN BY GIVING HIS HOLY ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEM.

We live in "a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation; for Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "in great wrath," with woeful "temptations to sin" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8-12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11-13). By "the authority of his Christ," His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of "the blood of the Lamb," against all the power of the enemy; for by "the word of their testimony," the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10-11; Luke 10:18-19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6); and as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1-3).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Today we celebrate the feast of *St. Michael and All Angels*. This feast focuses our hearts and minds on the work of God's heavenly messengers, especially that of Michael the archangel. Our first hymn tells of the heavenly battle between Michael and the ancient serpent, or dragon, which results in Satan being banished from heaven. Lest the story end there, we continue singing of Jesus' final defeat of Satan for our salvation. *Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright* (LSB 520), a text from the 9th century, gives us a glimpse into the softer side of the angels' work, that of ministering to the helpless, poor, and needy.

✠ 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 91 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 522, "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise."

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (October 1, 2023)

Old Testament: **Proverbs 25:6-14** — God's wisdom for leading a life of humility.
Psalm: **Psalm 2** — "Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling."
Epistle: **Ephesians 4:1-6** — Walk worthy of the calling with which you are called in Christ.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 14:1-11** — Jesus teaches us the Christian freedom of humble service.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. 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.

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

TODAY! THE CHURCH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND the Budget Town Hall Meeting 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 Council finds this input extremely useful and makes the final budget approval much easier. Please join us today.

KANTOR IS LOOKING FOR HOST HOMES to host students and chaperones for the choir from Seward, NE when they perform their Hymn Festival at Hope on Friday, October 20. Hosting is easy! Got an air mattress and some space on the living room floor? Perfect! Can you make some eggs or pancakes for their breakfast? Wonderful! We are looking for 10-12 homes to host groups of 3 students and 1 chaperone. Email Kantor at mjanssen@hopelutheranstl.org to host.

SERVING IN GOD’S MISSION UPDATE: Hope is continuing to build ministry plans that closely reflect our established mission and vision statements. A Smart Goal planning workshop will take place here at church on Saturday, November 4, 10:00 am to noon, addressing opportunities in a number of Hope’s ministry areas. For those Hope members who have already expressed interest in participating, you’ll receive additional emailed information in coming days about the specifics of this workshop and RSVP information. If you’re interested in participating (and we’d love to have you!) and have not yet “signed on” to this SGM effort, please let Kevin Robson (kevindrobson@gmail.com) know and he’ll connect you to one of our congregation’s planning groups.

BACKYARD ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR ALL AGES on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 pm at the home of Nathan and Caroline Maichel, 3212 Hilvin Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129. No experience necessary, all dances will be taught. The dance will be called by Ruth Temme. Sign up for bringing a snack, dessert or drink to share. Admission is free but limited to 60 people. If you have questions or to RSVP contact Nicholas Weber, n@nicholasedwinweber.com

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, September 24: **Ephesians 3:14-15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”** We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual “Saints Celebration” at Concordia Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, October 28, from 3:00 - 4:30pm, at 4209 Bates Street, 63116. Refreshments will be served, and a monument tour will begin at 3:30pm. Rain date is Sunday, October 29, at the same time.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ September 3 - 16				
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 86		FINANCIAL		
		September 3 - 16		Year To Date through August
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual Budgeted
Income:		\$11,814	\$13,660	Income: \$255,278 \$234,127
Expense:		\$20,016	\$12,072	Expense: \$215,066 \$213,924

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 17, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 -DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: Luther’s Large Catechism Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 7:00 – Campaign Team Meeting 3
11:30 – Budget Town Hall Meeting		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off