



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 1, 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 ✠

WHOEVER HUMBLING HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED

*"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence"* (Prov. 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted"* (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, *"Friend, move up higher,"* giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

SEEK WHERE YOU MAY TO FIND A WAY (LSB 557)

George Weissel 1590-1635 was a pastor in Königsberg, Prussia. His hymn, "Seek Where You May" is a wonderful hymn that describes the Gospel of Christ as the only way for our salvation. The connection to the Gospel lesson is sparse, but we can say that the Pharisees looked for their righteousness in the observance of the Law (in this case, the Sabbath), while Jesus fulfilled the law of love on our behalf to heal us. The hymn is full of great dogmatic assertions, such as "His Word is sure, / His works endure," and "We're justified / Because He died." The entire hymn is didactic, that is, it teaches and applies dogmatic truths to our souls. Who is this Jesus? "The God-man and none other." He is the One Who serves us as our King, and His goal is to lead us all to heaven. (From Logia Online. Rev. Mark Preus serves as a campus pastor at St. Andrews in Laramie, WY.)

### ✠ 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 2 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 557, "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

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 ✠

ANNIVERSARY OF A CONGREGATION (October 1, 2023)

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 8:22-30**—King Solomon prays at the dedication of the Jerusalem temple.  
Psalm: **Psalm 84**—How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
Epistle: **Revelation 21:1-5**—Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.  
Holy Gospel: **Luke 19:1-10**—Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, October 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19 and 26. 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.

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](mailto:mjanssen@hopelutheranstl.org) to host.

THE INFORM PHASE OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN will begin on Sunday, October 8 with a brunch and Question and Answer forum. The brunch and forum will take place immediately after Divine Service in the downstairs Bible classroom. Additional forums will happen on Sunday, October 15 (same time and place) and Monday, October 16 at 7:00 pm. Please share your questions in advance on the Hope Lutheran website or drop a note into the offering plate. We look forward to your questions and attendance at the forums. Thank you for your help and interest. -Renewing for Life and Hope Campaign Team

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](mailto: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](mailto:n@nicholasedwinweber.com)

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, October 1: **Luke 14:11 - “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”** The kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It’s like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, joy.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ September 9 - 23						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 95	FINANCIAL					
	September 9 - 23			Year To Date through August		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$13,086	\$13,660	Income:	\$255,278	\$234,127
	Expense:	\$12,257	\$12,071	Expense:	\$215,066	\$213,924

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✕ October 1, 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 11:30 – Schola choir practice	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</b>  Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
	<b>Basement:</b>  Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
	<b>Basement Auditorium:</b>  Luther’s Large Catechism Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei practice
		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off