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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 8, 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 ✠

WILL GOD DWELL ON EARTH?

King Solomon built a house where God promised to dwell with His people, and yet he marveled that God, who showed "steadfast love to [His] servants who walk before [Him] with all their heart," would dwell on earth with sinful people. Not even the highest heaven can contain God, much less any house built by human hands. However, God's dwelling places is where His people pray and receive His forgiveness. (1 Kings 8:22-30). Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church is the "new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God." Through the Church and every congregation our Lord Jesus Christ still dwells with His people as their God, wipes away their tears of shame and grief, conquers death, and brings the healing of new life with the God of heaven. (Revelation 21:1-5) Every Christian congregation is the place where Jesus comes to meet sinners and dine with them, as He did with Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-10) Because Jesus "came to seek and save the lost," every congregation that proclaims His Word and administers His Sacraments is the place where people can say, "Today salvation has come to this house."

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God." (Psalm 84:1-2).

Today we celebrate 107 years of sharing the Gospel in South St. Louis. The Hymn of the Day is our 100th anniversary hymn, *As Stone on Living Stone is Set*. Today's choral prelude is the motet, *Locus Iste* by Anton Bruckner. The text reads:

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
Inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.*

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.*

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

✠ 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 84 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "As Stone on Living Stone is Set"

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 ✠

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (October 15, 2023)

- Old Testament: **Genesis 28:10-17** — Jacob sees angels ascending and descending on a ladder.
Psalm: **Psalm 84** — "O LORD God of Hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!"
Epistle: **Ephesians 4:22-28** — Be renewed in the spirit of your minds.
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 9:1-8** — Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God in honor of the 90th birthday, Oct. 15, of Marlene Otto, placed by her children and grandchildren; and also in honor of Marlene's 90th birthday, placed with love and thanksgiving by her friends at Hope.

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 to host.

THE INFORM PHASE OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY 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.

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, October 8: **Matthew 22:40 - "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."** We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for good works or inventing our own: God has given us roles to fill in home, church and society and that will keep us plenty busy! When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂ September					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 86	FINANCIAL				
	September			Year To Date through September	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$41,030	\$29,272	Income:	\$296,477 \$263,399
	Expense:	\$49,060	\$25,868	Expense:	\$264,126 \$239,729

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ October 8, 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 7:00 Church Council
10:30 – Brunch & Question and Answer Forum	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
	Basement Auditorium: Campaign Launch: Brunch & Forum	WEDNESDAY 5:00 Kantorei practice
		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off