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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 29, 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 ✠

THE SON OF GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM SIN AND DEATH BY HIS GRACE

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

ON THIS CELEBRATION OF THE 506th anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation today's service takes on a distinctive nature. Our Divine Service setting is what is known as the *Deutsche Messe*, or German Mass. Designed by Martin Luther as a way to give the congregation ownership of the sung parts of the service, he incorporates what were common tunes to pair with texts in German (as opposed to the Latin sung in the Roman Catholic church of the time). Today we make use of those same chorale-based hymns translated into our native language. Today we celebrate in grand style with the Schola Cantorum and the Hope Brass Ensemble. Many of the settings are for brass, organ, choir, and congregation.

✠ 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 46 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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 ✠

ALL SAINTS' DAY (November 5, 2023) – GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH

Old Testament: **Revelation 7:2-17** – The heavenly hymn of praise sung by God's holy people.

Psalms: **Psalm 149** – "The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation."

Epistle: **1 John 3:1-3** – God makes us His children and we will be like Him when He appears.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12** – Jesus preaches the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, 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.



VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING TODAY at 11:45 AM. Two important pieces of business will be brought for approval: 2024 Budget and the Gross Family Memorial Fund. We appreciate your attendance.

SANCTUS WINDS –The inaugural concert of the Sanctus Winds, a community band performing sacred and traditional repertoire, will be at **4:00 pm on November 5** at Peace Lutheran at 737 Barracksview Rd in South County. The theme is “Life Eternal,” giving thanks for the saints who have gone before us and anticipating the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. The ensemble is founded and directed by our own Kantor Janssen and includes several members from Hope (Carolyn Bergdolt, Cara Patton, Kim Reske, and Edmund Reske).

THE INSPIRE PHASE OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BEGAN LAST WEEK. Pastor will be giving special campaign emphasis during his bible classes. We will hear a brief, personal example of an overcome challenge every week or so at the close of Divine Service. Reverend Eric Kennaugh, our Lutheran Church Extension Fund consultant, will preach on Sunday, November 5. The Inspire cycle will conclude with a prayer walk on Sunday, November 12. Please visit Hope’s website for updates, information, and to submit your campaign questions.

SERVING IN GOD’S MISSION UPDATE: Hope continues to build ministry plans that reflect our established mission and vision statements. A Smart Goal planning workshop will take place at church on Saturday, November 4, 10:00 am to noon, addressing opportunities in a number of Hope’s ministry areas. For 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 would like to participate (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.

LCMS CONGREGATIONS are invited to submit nominations for President of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, through December. Hope members may submit names to Kevin Robson, chairman of the Board of Elders (kevindrobson@gmail.com). Nominations will be accepted through Monday, November 20. The Board of Elders, in concurrence with the Church Council, will present a list of nominees at a special Voters Assembly meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 10, to be held in the sanctuary immediately following the service. The only item of business will be the approval of nominees. Information on nominees will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, December 3. This is a special opportunity for congregations of the Synod to be a part of an important process. Seminary leadership is critical to the ongoing formation of pastors and other church workers. Detailed information on the process and required qualifications can be found under the Presidential Search link on the seminary website: ctsfw.edu.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, October 29: **John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”** Today we celebrate Reformation Day. Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel – but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ October 8 - 21						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 80	FINANCIAL					
	October 8 - 21			Year To Date through September		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$11,787	\$13,216	Income:	\$296,477	\$263,399
	Expense:	\$12,238	\$12,762	Expense:	\$264,126	\$239,729

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✕ October 29, 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 5:00 Kantorei practice
11:45 – Voters Assembly		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. Smart Goal Planning Workshop