



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ November 5, 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 ✠

#### SAINTS ARE BLESSED IN THE ETERNAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### FOR ALL THE SAINTS (LSB 677)

"For All the Saints" comforts us regarding those who have died in Christ and encourages us to share bravely their confession. It is a commentary on Christ's one church, here militant, there in glory. It was written off of the text "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ..."

It is an example of liturgy and hymnody teaching the faith and comforting in the face of death and every lonely day thereafter. When sung many tears are on cheeks, with words such as "Oh blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine..." "And when the fight is fierce the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song..." Who cannot help but give thanks to God in Christ Jesus for grandfathers and grandmothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, children and friends who have died in Christ Jesus? Who cannot be encouraged with God's sung Word to be brave that they might participate with them and join them once more?

The hymn was written by an Anglican bishop, William How. Among other things he was a higher critic and evolutionist. Yet in death, his best words remain and through song become our own. Through the ages hymns and liturgy have sanctified many wayward preachers and preserved faith in those who sing Christ's song. With its short stanzas and refrain, even small children can be encouraged, happily singing Alleluia time and again. There is no theology of glory here, but instead the truth that to be a Christian is a lifelong struggle that ends with yet more glorious days indeed the victor's crown of gold. (from [logia.org](http://logia.org))

### ✠ 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 149 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "For All the Saints".

**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 ✠

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (November 15, 2020)

- Old Testament: **Proverbs 8:11-22:** The LORD's wisdom is better than jewels, fine gold, and silver; it gives insight, strength, and righteousness.
- Psalms: **Psalm 111:** The LORD is gracious and merciful, causing His wondrous works to be remembered.
- Epistle: **Philippians 3:17-21:** Our citizenship is in heaven with our Savior Jesus Christ.
- Holy Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-22:** Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.



✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Deaconess Grace Rao in memory of all the saints who have gone to their eternal rest; and in loving memory of her parents, Devavara and Charlotte Battu Rao; her grandparents, Benjamin and Manoramma Daniell, Devavara and Ratna Battu; her godparents, John and Preethi Huns; her older brother, Dev Battu Rao; her sisters, Malini Reddy and Nirmala Rao.

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, November 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.

THE INSPIRE PHASE OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES. Today we welcome Rev. Eric Kernaugh, our campaign consultant, to preach on the theme: “Renewed and Renewing: for All the Saints.” Pastor will continue to highlight stewardship connections in Bible Class. We also hear a brief, personal example of an overcome challenge every week or so at the close of Divine Service. The Inspire cycle will conclude with a prayer walk on Sunday, November 12. Please visit Hope’s website for more updates and information.

OUR CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT CELEBRATION will be held on November 19, beginning about 11:45 a.m. Everyone who calls Hope Lutheran Church their church home— young and old—is invited! We will celebrate the progress already made in bringing our vision for the basement renovation to a reality. Enjoy sub sandwiches for lunch, games for the kids, and fellowship time with our Hope family. Please indicate your attendance by using the sign-up sheet in the narthex or respond by Sunday, Nov. 12 using the URL link that will be included in Pastor’s letter of invitation.

SANCTUS WINDS – The inaugural concert of the Sanctus Winds, a community band performing sacred and traditional repertoire, will be at 4:00 pm this afternoon 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).

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](mailto:kevindrobson@gmail.com)), through Monday, November 20. The Board of Elders, 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. Information on nominees will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, December 3. For more information on the process and required qualifications visit the Presidential Search link at [ctsfw.edu](https://ctsfw.edu).

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, November 11: **Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”** This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity) – flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✕ October 15 - 28							
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 80		FINANCIAL					
		October 15 - 28		Year To Date through September			
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
		Income:	\$12,590	\$13,216	Income:	\$296,477	\$263,399
		Expense:	\$10,910	\$12,762	Expense:	\$264,126	\$239,729

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✕ November 5, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:</i>  Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	<i>Basement:</i>  Primary – Junior High Sunday School	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/Sunday School	<i>Basement Auditorium:</i> Luther’s Large Catechism Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 5:00 – Kantorei practice 7:00 – SOHA Neighborhood Association
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY