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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ November 12, 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 ❖

RENDER TO GOD THE THINGS OF GOD

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked *"in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice"* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *"is better than jewels"* and *"better than gold, even fine gold"* (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *"end is destruction"* (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *"to God the things that are God's"* (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *"riches and honor are with [Him],"* because *"enduring wealth and righteousness"* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *"we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* He *"will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself"* (Phil. 3:20-21).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

EVENING AND MORNING (LSB 726)

This hymn by Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) sings the lively confession that we are protected by the creator of all things. No matter the time or circumstances His eye rests upon His own and preserves by His mercy. What can cloud this brightness? Sins. A person's sins cause terror in the conscientious mind; only forgiveness in Christ can remove that dark blot so that it no longer stands before God as an accusation against Christians. The trials of this life can also cause doubt in the Christian. Against all the storms of this life is the promise that one is forgiven and promised a heavenly place before his face. It is fitting that our hymns should rise to the God who forgives, leads, and strengthens His saints. The tune by Johann G. Ebeling (1637-1676), kantor of Gerhardt's church (St. Nicholas in Berlin), aids the sung confession of faith. It rightly is sung in a quick, joyous manner. (from 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 111 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, "Who Trust in God a Strong Abode".

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 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (November 19, 2023)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 51:9-16**—The LORD will give gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Psalm: **Psalm 126**—"Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!"

Epistle: **Colossians 1:9-14**—Jesus has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints of light.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 9:18-26**—By faith we are made well by the Lord of life.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, November 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.

TODAY THE INSPIRE PHASE OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES. We hear God’s Word for us under the theme: “Renewed and Renewing: with True Wisdom.” At the close of the Divine Service, we hear a brief, personal example of an overcome challenge and receive an announcement of first gifts. The Christian Education hour begins with a prayer walk that leads us around the basement to pray specifically about the specific areas of our coming renovation. Pastor will continue to highlight stewardship connections in Bible Class. Please visit Hope’s website for more updates and information.

OUR “RENEWING FOR LIFE AND HOPE” CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT CELEBRATION will be held next Sunday, 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 *today* using the URL link included in Pastor’s letter/email of invitation.

CHRISTMAS TREES LOOKING FOR GOOD HOMES – If you, or someone you know, are looking for a 9’ Christmas tree, not pre-lit, gently used, Hope Church has 2 trees to give away to good homes. The Altar Guild has purchased a new tree for the sanctuary this year, so the two trees we have used in the past are available. Please call Rachel, 314-369-6661, or Carol, 314-691-3619, to make arrangements for picking them up.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR ALL AGES on Friday, December 1st at 7pm in the Hope basement. 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. RSVP and Questions: Contact Nicholas Weber, n@nicholasedwinweber.com

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), 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, November 12: **Philippians 1:5 – “I thank my God ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”** God doesn’t need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the kingdom of God.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October 22 – November 4		
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 93	FINANCIAL	
	October 22 – November 4	
	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$9,545	\$13,342
	Expense: \$10,077	\$12,546
	Year To Date through September	
	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$296,477	\$263,399
	Expense: \$264,126	\$239,729

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ November 12, 2023		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 –DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School	MONDAY
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement:	TUESDAY
10:30 – Bible Study/Sunday School	Primary – Junior High Sunday School	WEDNESDAY 5:00 – Kantorei practice
Prayer Walk	Basement Auditorium:	THURSDAY 6:00 – ThriVe Parent University
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal	Luther’s Large Catechism Pastor Asburry	FRIDAY
		SATURDAY