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WEEKLY NEWS ✕ January 21, 2024

✕ 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 ✕

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED AND MANIFESTS HIS GLORY

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1-9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

✕ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✕

Our Hymn of the Day (*O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*, LSB 413) comes to us in Latin written by an unknown author in 1495, just before the dawn of the Reformation. The first examples of it were found in Salisbury, England. The Englishman John Mason Neale (1818-1866) gave us a fine translation of this hymn. The joyous melody of this hymn and the clearly told facts of the transfiguration make it memorable. The very title of the hymn gives us a word that must be understood in its biblical sense—"type." A type is a preview of what was fulfilled in Christ Jesus. So, Melchizedek (Gen. 14:17-24; Ps. 110:4) was a type of Christ. In the transfiguration, the radiant glory of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah was a type (again, preview) of heaven. In stanza 2, Neale translates for us that "the incarnate Lord holds converse high." "Incarnate" means to have flesh, just as we do, and this flesh Jesus shares with us. See John 1 on this. In stanza 3, we have the promise of heavenly glory, where the writer indicates we shall all not only witness but also be a part of heavenly glory when we steadfastly "joy in God with perfect love." Stanza 4 is written to give us hope, we who walk so often in "the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps. 23:4). Despite life's tragedies, we sing hymns like this to spite Satan and the troubles he sends us. Finally, stanza 5 is our closing prayer that our Triune God might bring us to the reality of eternal life (taken from *The Word in Song*).

✕ 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 413, "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

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 ✕

SEPTUAGESIMA ("About 70 Days" - until Easter) (January 28, 2024)

God the Father calls unworthy sinners and makes them rich.

Old Testament: **Exodus 17:1-7**—God gives the grumbling Israelites water from the Rock.

Psalm: **Psalm 95:1-9**— "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 9:24--10:5**— Christ is the spiritual Rock.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**— The laborers in the Vineyard; God's extravagant mercy.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, January 28, February 4, and 11. Lent will start Feb. 14 and there are no altar vases during Lent. Altar vases are \$25 each, if you want to place a vase please contact Carol, 314-691-3619. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

TODAY AT 3:00PM ORGAN VESPERS FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION will feature guest organist Justin Knabach and guest preacher Rev. Bob Bernhardt. Justin is organist at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in St. Louis County and Rev. Bernhardt is pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran in South City. The service will feature vibrant hymnody and organ music. A reception will follow in the church auditorium. This event is sponsored by the *Music in a Sacred Space* series.

SEMINARIAN JUSTIN HILTON, Hope’s own Concordia Seminary student, spent some years on a medical missions boat when he was young. So did his lovely wife Grace! Hear of their unique experiences on Saturday, February 3, from 2-4 p.m. International Student Ministry will host a Winter Warm-up event at Webster Gardens Lutheran Church. Come and hear about all the international students coming to St. Louis this year who have never heard of Jesus! St. Louis University alone will host 9,000 international students in 2024. Also enjoy international appetizers throughout the event. Reserve your spot today by calling Sharon at 314-452-6406.

CALLING ALL MEN AND BOYS OF HOPE: You are cordially invited to join Elders and Pastor for a time of warm Christian fellowship, devotion, planning and LUNCH here at church on Saturday, February 3, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Our simple aim is to do some informal brainstorming on potential future men’s events at Hope. Single or married, father or son – please mark your calendars now and send an RSVP email to our Elders Chairman, Kevin Robson, at kevindrobson@gmail.com with names and number attending.

LUTHERAN WITNESS subscription renewal (or take out a new subscription!) time is here. The *Lutheran Witness* provides news from the Synod and teaches how to interpret the world from Lutheran perspective. A yearly subscription is \$20.65. You can put your check in the specific envelope in your Tithing packet, make check payable to Hope Lutheran Church. If you no longer wish to receive an existing subscription, please notify the church office.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, January 21: **Matthew 17:7 - “But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and have no fear.’”** When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity, for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED by Christian Friends of New Americans during the day to support refugee families by driving individuals to medical appointments. If you are available to support CFNA in this way, please contact Paige Bernau, Health and Wellness Coordinator at 314-828-5413. Thank you!

✂ STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✂						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 55	FINANCIAL ✂ 2023					
	December 2023			2023		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$41,272	\$29,273	Income:	\$405,947	\$351,201
	Expense:	\$54,703	\$48,987	Expense:	\$391,195	\$342,766

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ January 21, 2024		
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
10:15 – 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 rehearsal
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off