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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ February 25, 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 ✠

HOLDING GOD TO HIS WORD

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire"* (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7) — to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1-5).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

WHEN IN THE HOUR OF DEEPEST NEED - LSB 615

Today's Hymn of the Day confronts the questions, fears, and wounds of this life directly. Its title directs us to where we can turn "when in the hour of deepest need." This hymn was penned by Paul Eber (1511-69), but it owed from a Latin hymn written by his teacher, Joachim Camerarius (1500-74). Both hymns are based upon the great prayer of King Jehoshaphat. Read this prayer in 2 Chron. 20:6-12. Paul Eber was among the most gifted of the Wittenberg poets and hymn writers. He suffered childhood illness, was handicapped after being thrown from a horse, buried all but two of his 14 children, and endured blistering theological attacks. Though we know little of the circumstances surrounding the composition of this hymn, one of its first known uses was in a service that was a call to prayer issued by Johannes Bugenhagen on Ascension Day 1547, after Emperor Charles V demanded that the city of Wittenberg lay down its arms. (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 121 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 615*, "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

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 ✠

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (March 4, 2024)

Jesus opposes the devil in order to free us from his oppression.

Old Testament: **Exodus 8:16-24** — The finger of God working in the plagues in Egypt.

Psalm: **Psalm 4** — "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:1-9** — Being imitators of God.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 11:14-28** — Jesus and Beelzebub.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

EASTER LILIES will adorn the altar area on Easter Sunday. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 314-691-3619, by **March 17**. Lilies are \$9.00 each and are yours to take home after the service on Easter.

NEW LENT BANNERS AND THEIR MEANING: During the season of Lent, we turn our focus to the cross of Christ, recognizing our sinful human frailty and desperate need for a Savior. Just as God provided immediate, temporal salvation to the snake-bitten Israelites who looked at the *Serpent on a Pole*, He provides everlasting salvation to repentant sinners who look to the crucified Christ in faith (Numbers 21, John 3:14). The *Sacramental Flood* banner reminds us how we receive, at the altar, the forgiveness and life that freely flow from the cross of Christ (John 6:53).

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3, DURING BIBLE CLASS HOUR, Tori Egger will present on her recent trip with seminary students and spouses to our LCMS mission sites in the Dominican Republic. She will share stories and pictures from the trip which will provide you a window to see the wonderful work that our church is doing in Latin American and the Caribbean. There will be a free-will donation to support participants and defray costs for next year’s Mission Education trip.

ST. LOUIS METRO SINGERS WILL PRESENT A CONCERT at Hope Ev. Lutheran church on Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 pm. During this time of year as we reflect upon the cold and darkness of winter, we all long for the brightness of light – not only in our own lives, but also in the lives of others and in our world. Our upcoming concert series is just that – seeing the light beyond shadow. Can we sing the darkness to light? Can we see light beyond the shadows? St Louis Metro Singers is a non-profit community chorus with an active concert schedule throughout the county and city of St. Louis. The concert is part of the *Music in a Sacred Space* series. A free-will offering will be collected and a reception will follow in the church auditorium.

DOES YOUR CHILD ENJOY SHOOTING HOOPS? Love creating and drawing? Want to try a new sport like football or field hockey? LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities with morning and afternoon sessions available. Register today at LSlancers.org/summer

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, February 25: **Matthew 15:27-28 – “She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’”** Faith says “Yes” to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus, and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says – even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!

GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Deconstruction of Christianity Movement, The Book of Mormon, A Cloud of Witnesses, The Book of Zechariah and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

✠ STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠			
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 80	FINANCIAL ✠ February 4-17, 2024		
	February 4-17, 2024		2023
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
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	Income:	\$15,020	\$14,041
	Expense:	\$15,893	\$12,788
	Income:	\$405,947	\$351,201
	Expense:	\$391,195	\$342,766
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ February 25, 2024			
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 rehearsal 7:00 Lent Evening Prayer	
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal	Basement Auditorium: Luther’s Large Catechism Pastor Asburry	THURSDAY 6:00 Thrive Parent University	
		FRIDAY	
		SATURDAY Pastor’s day off	