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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ March 17, 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 OUR REDEMPTION

In the temple Jesus said, *"If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death"* (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us – to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11-15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1-14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN – LSB 430

What kind of love does the Father have for us? He sent His Son to die so we would be called children of God (1 John 3:1). This love no one born from Adam can fully understand. This love we know only as we ponder what Jesus Christ has done for us, especially His death in the place of sinners. To defeat the devil for sinners, He is exchanged for a murderer (Barabbas). Christ, the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 52-53), came from heaven for this purpose: to die the death of sinners and to be buried in our place. Because He died this death, all Christians rejoice and sing praises since we shall be taken to dwell with our saving God in heaven. Thus we sing of God's love for us in Christ, now and forevermore. (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 43 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 430, "My Song is Love Unknown"

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 ✠

PALM SUNDAY (March 24, 2024)

Jesus enters Jerusalem to go to the cross for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Processional:	John 12:12-19 – Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph.
Old Testament:	Zechariah 9:9-12 – Behold, your King is coming to you.
Psalms:	Psalm 73 – "Truly God is good to Israel."
Epistle:	Philippians 2:5-11 – Jesus humbled Himself unto death.
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 27:11-54 – Jesus is crucified.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY AT 3:00 PM! ST. LOUIS METRO SINGERS WILL PRESENT A CONCERT at Hope Ev. Lutheran church. St Louis Metro Singers is a non-profit community chorus with an active concert schedule and performs as 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.

CALLING ALL MEN AND BOYS OF HOPE We’re at it again after a successful initial meet-up this past January! You are cordially invited to join Elders and Pastor for a time of devotion, friendly conversation and LUNCH here at church on Saturday, April 27, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. (We might also “scratch a competitive itch” for fun.) 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.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS from the “Roschke-Stohlmann Lutheran Vocations and Education Fund” are now being accepted. Scholarships shall be granted based on motivation, financial and scholarship needs of the applicant as evaluated by the Board of Finance. Scholarships shall be awarded in the following order of priority: 1. Seminary training; 2. Pre-seminary training; 3. Full-time rostered church work training (teacher, DCE, DCO, Deaconess, etc.); 4. Lutheran elementary education; 5. Lutheran high school education. Application must be received by **Monday, April 8, 2024**. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE has prepared a year-end summary for fiscal year 2023, available in the narthex. Please pick up a copy and let us know if you have any questions.

NEW PASSIONTIDE-GOOD FRIDAY BANNERS AND THEIR MEANING: The stark colors remind us of the depth of our sin (black) and Christ’s righteousness (white) which entirely covers that sin. The cross and nails reveal how Jesus suffered to save us from sin and death. The crown of thorns and the crown on the cross reveal the paradox that Jesus’s shame and suffering are the glory of God and our salvation. “*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified*” (John 12:23). As we enter Passiontide and journey toward Good Friday, let us fix our eyes on our crucified Lord and His love for us, which won our salvation.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17: Genesis 22:2 – “He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’” It’s hard for us to even fathom a faith as strong as Abraham’s – he follows the Lord’s Word even when it seems impossibly hard. But he does so because he knows that the Lord only means to bless. What happened here to Abraham should be an encouragement for us: trust the Lord and keep His Word.

✧ STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 85	FINANCIAL ✧ February					
	February		Year to Date through Feb. 2024			
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$36,208	\$29,085	Income:	\$61,866	\$58,170
	Expense:	\$34,471	\$26,485	Expense:	\$64,616	\$52,970

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ March 17, 2024	
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS
9:00 – DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	2 nd Floor: Early Childhood Sunday School
10:15 – Coffee Hour	Basement: Primary – Junior High Sunday School
10:30 – Bible Study/Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: Luther’s Large Catechism
11:30 – Schola Rehearsal	Pastor Asburry

WEEK’S CALENDAR
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY NO Kantorei rehearsal 7:00 Lent Evening Prayer
THURSDAY 6:00 Thrive Parent University
FRIDAY
SATURDAY Pastor’s day off