



WEEKLY NEWS - September 5, 2010

✦ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ✦

WELCOME! We are glad that you are worshipping with us. As Psalm 134:2 says, "*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless 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. Everyone is invited to coffee hour in the church basement between services. Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Daisies of Hope Lutheran Church and School.

✦ THE WORD FOR TODAY ✦

The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, "*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*" (Luke 17:11-19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. "*Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God*" (Gal. 5:16-24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy," eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, "*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*" And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus' help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus' cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10-23).

✦ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✦

In today's Gospel reading we encounter God's mercy in the work of His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus heals ten lepers. This healing story reflects our relationship with God as he continually is pouring his mercy on us. This story encourages us to turn to God for mercy, knowing that it will always be there. In the hymn of the day, *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*, we are reminded of this mercy given to us throughout our life as Christians. The first stanza expresses how we often feel, *so weary, worn, and sad*. The second stanza gives us Jesus' response, *Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live*. This is a wonderful allusion to the waters of Baptism. The third stanza is one of encouragement as we pilgrimage through life, *Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise and all thy day be bright*. The music was written by contemporary composer Amanda Husberg.

✦ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ✦

- *Prepare* to receive the Lord's Supper by reviewing "Christian Questions and Their Answers" on 329 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *Reflect* on Psalm 119 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *Ponder* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 699, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."*

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at both Sunday morning Divine Services, with both chalice and individual cup offered, and at the Wednesday evening Divine Service, with chalice 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 one of the pastors. 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (September 12, 2010)

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 17:8-16** – Prophet Elijah visits a widow's home and God provides for her.
Psalm: **Psalm 146** – "The Lord watches over the sojourners."
Epistle: **Galatians 5:25-6:10** – Life in the Spirit: restoring each other and doing good.
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 6:24-34** – Jesus teaches us not to worry but to trust God's providing hand.

✦ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✦

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **equipment for the hearing impaired** are available. Please ask an usher for these items.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the praise and glory of God in honor of the 80th birthday, September 14, of

Mrs. Marge Groth placed by her children and grandchildren.

WE WELCOMED THESE VISITORS to services last week: Sam & Cassie Beltz; Debbie Gawlick; Debby Henry; Chuck & Jean Hoffman; Jacqueline Liang; and Scott Schwiesow.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES will be starting **Sunday, October 3**. The classes are for people interested in learning what we believe and how we live as Christians. They are also good review for current members. If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending, please contact the church office, 352-0014.

YOUTH CATECHESIS AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION will begin on **Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010**. Students in grades 5 - 8 are eligible to participate. Enrollment paperwork has been mailed to each family's home. Class will meet weekly on Sunday mornings from **9:15 - 10:15** at Hope Lutheran Church. Please contact Kantor Rosebrock directly with questions: 495-9235 or srosebrock@hopelutheranstl.org.

HANDBELL RINGER NEEDED - Hope's Handbell Choir rehearses from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, and plays at Divine Services on Sunday throughout the church year. The ability to read music will help but is not a prerequisite. There is an opening; if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Kantor Rosebrock, srosebrock@hopelutheranstl.org or at 352-0014.

SCRIP CARD ORDERS can be placed today in the coffee hour room after the 8:00 service. Look for Carol to place your orders. Orders can be placed every week either online or on Sunday mornings.

MUSIC LOVERS - Join us for three wonderful concerts this year! Apollo's Fire on October 17, 2010; Chanticleer on February 4, 2011; and the Choir of St. John's College Cambridge on April 15, 2011. Sign up with Hope and get the group rate on all your tickets! All three concerts are \$70.00. E-mail Kantor Rosebrock if you are interested: srosebrock@hopelutheranstl.org. More concert info at <http://www.cathedralconcerts.org>.

HOPE USHERS' BANQUET will be held this year on **Tuesday, October 12** at Pietro's Restaurant, 3801 Watson Rd. Social and gathering will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the Usher's Room off the narthex. Members of the congregation are invited to join them.

OPEN ALTAR VASES for Sunday, September 19 and October 3, 10 and 17. Vases are \$16.00 each and are yours to take home after the last service. Please call Carol to reserve a date, 352-0014 or 752-0525.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for Rev. Matthew Harrison, president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and for the Synod's newly elected vice presidents and other officers will be **Saturday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.** in The chapel of Saint Timothy and Saint Titus at Concordia Seminary. Hope's Kantorei will be singing. Lunch, bluegrass music and festivities will follow in the seminary Quadrangle. The congregation is invited to attend, if you prefer you can watch the service online at www.lcms.org/live. For more information contact 888-843-5267 or infocenter@lcms.org.

LIFE CHAIN is a national event, held as a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life witness for the sanctity of human life. On **Sunday, October 3**, participants will stand on sidewalks holding signs to witness to passersby that abortion kills children and hurts women, but Jesus forgives. Please consider joining the group from Hope. We will meet on the parking lot at 1:30 to carpool to the Planned Parenthood clinic on Forest Park. We stand from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you can't join us, pray for good weather and that the Holy Spirit will use this witness.

✘ **THIS WEEK AT HOPE** ✘

<i>Trinity 14 - September 5, 2010</i>					
<u>Schedule</u>		<u>Offerings during Sunday School Hour</u>			
8:00 - DIVINE SERVICE <i>Coffee Hour (Coffee Room)</i>		Nursery (child care)			
10:30 - DIVINE SERVICE		"St. John's Gospel" - Pastor Asburry - coffee hour room			
11:45 Schola rehearsal		High school class -- Mr. Joel Shoemaker - Sunday School room			
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Church and School closed	7:00 Board of Elders	7:15 Loft Ensemble 8:10 Morning Prayer 3:15 Kantorei 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Divine Service		<i>Kantor's day off</i>	<i>Pastor's day off</i> 10:00 Installation Service at the Seminary

Members & Guests Attending

Divine Services - Last week

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 53
10:30 a.m. - 86
Wednesday - 28

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

Sunday, Sep. 5 - Mrs. Kay Shoemaker
Thursday, Sep. 9 - Susan Parker