



WEEKLY NEWS - July 18, 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 Board of Social Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church.

✦ THE WORD FOR TODAY ✦

Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, "*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground...*" (Gen. 3:19). In other words, "*The wages of sin is death*" (Rom 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For "*the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Rom. 6:23).

✦ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✦

In today's Gospel reading Jesus feeds the 4,000. This story reminds us that communion is central to our lives as Christians. The hymn *Sing Praise to God* captures this sentiment beautifully in the first stanza when it says *With healing balm our souls He fills*. The other hymns today, *Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread; What Is This Bread;* and *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee* all reinforce themes found in today's Gospel. The hymn *What Is This Bread* was written by Fred and Jean Baue. Pastor Baue is the pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Fairview Heights, Illinois and Jean is the librarian at Concordia Publishing House.

✦ 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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *Ponder* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good."

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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity (July 25, 2010)

- Old Testament: **Jeremiah 23:16-29**—God's people do not hear His prophets; God warns us against false prophets.
- Psalm: **Psalm 26**—"In the great assembly I will bless the LORD."
- Epistle: **Acts 20:27-38**—St. Paul urges pastors and churches to beware of false teachers.
- Holy Gospel: **Matthew 7:15-23**—Jesus warns against false prophets and false faith.

✦ 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 by Joel and Kay Shoemaker in honor of their 32nd

wedding anniversary, July 22; and by Janice Meyer in loving memory of her sister, Margery Meyer, who passed away July 19, 2001.

WE WELCOMED THESE VISITORS to services last week: Rosemary Ballard; Terri Haberstroh; Debby Henry; Peter & Carrie Ill; Eric Stewart and Michelle Zieres; and Chris & Amy Vossler.

BIBLE CLASS today will be led by Kantor Rosebrock on *Ubi caritas*, one of the Church's greatest hymns. Join the group to learn more about this hymn.

HYMN SING AT LACLEDE GROVES - YOU are invited to join a group from Hope Church **today, July 18**, to go to Laclede Groves to sing to the residents there. Bring a sandwich, salad and drinks will be provided, and come to the coffee hour room after the 10:30 service for a light lunch. A short rehearsal will follow and then carpool to Laclede to arrive about **2:00 p.m.** The group will sing in the **Chapel Hall**. *If you are a resident at Laclede*, tell your friends to join you in the Chapel Hall at **2:00 p.m.** to hear a group from your church.

\$2000 SCHOLARSHIPS for Hope School can be awarded to two new students in grades K thru 4. Students cannot be currently enrolled or coming from another Lutheran school. If you know of someone looking for a school, please give them Hope's information or have them call 832-1850.

ANNUAL HOPE BASEMENT SALE will be held on Wednesday and Saturday, **August 11 and 14**. We need your donations to make this a success. Please start saving usable kitchen appliances, small household items, clothes, toys, jewelry, craft items, books, children's items, and any other treasures you no longer need.

OASIS TUTORING PROGRAM is looking for people interested in tutoring in the Lutheran grade schools. Hope School actually uses 2 tutors from this program. There are 19 grade schools using this program. A training session will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1 and Thursday, Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church. For more information, call Luanne at 842-4826.

BARBECUE at Ascension Lutheran Church, hosted by the Men's Club, **today, July 18, from noon till 7:00 p.m.** in the gym at 6535 Eichelberger. Dine in or carry out. Dine there prior to the Compton Heights Band Concert in Francis Park that evening.

CPH OPERATION F.U.N. (For a United Neighborhood) - School families are invited to visit CPH (behind the building) on **Wed., Aug. 4 from 3-6 p.m.** and the students will receive a backpack filled with school supplies. Refreshments will also be available. Church members that would like to donate to this project, items needed are crayons, colored pencils, pens, loose leaf paper, and glue sticks.

Muslim Outreach is the topic at the Lay Bible Institute Summer Event on **Sat., Aug. 7, 2010**, at Concordia Seminary. The topic will be presented by Dr. John Loun, who has worked among Muslims in Europe, Africa, and the United States for more than 20 years. The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. and will be held in Sieck Hall, Room 202. Cost is \$20 per person and includes handouts and refreshments. For more information or to register, call Linda at 314-505-7486, or email ce@csl.edu. Deadline for registration is July 23.

SUMMER WORKSHOP at Concordia Seminary - Professor Emeritus Dr. Louis Brighton will present *The Johannine Epistles and the Apostle of Love*. The three epistles of the beloved John encourage all who follow Christ to be an icon, a picture of Christ, as we exhibit the sacrificial love of Christ to others. This workshop will begin on **Mon., Aug. 2 at 1 p.m.** and conclude on Wed., Aug. 4 at noon. Cost is \$125. For more information, call 505-7486 or go to www.csl.edu.

✧ **THIS WEEK AT HOPE** ✧

<i>Trinity 7 - July 18, 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		<i>"Ubi caritas"</i> - Kantor Rosebrock - coffee hour room			
		High school class -- Mr. Joel Shoemaker - Sunday School room			
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i> 7:00 Divine Service	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i> <i>Kantor's day off</i>	<i>Saturday</i> <i>Pastor's day off</i>

Members & Guests Attending

Divine Services - Last week

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 40
 10:30 a.m. - 81
 Wednesday - 22