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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 12, 2020

✠ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ✠

OBVIOUSLY, we are not in the Lord's House today due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, voluntarily taking measures to slow its spread, and the local government stay-at-home orders. Nevertheless, we are making the Service of the Word available on Hope's [Facebook page](#), beginning at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. Only a pre-selected group of ten people, or less, are allowed to be in the church on Sunday mornings. By advice and encouragement from the Missouri District office, we are no longer offering times for the Service of the Sacrament during this crisis. However, we continue to find comfort, peace, and strength in our Lord's other means of grace – His Word, Baptism, and Absolution.

✠ THE WORD FOR TODAY ✠

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION MEANS THAT WE WILL ONE DAY BE RAISED

"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1-8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. *"After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God"* (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Today is the Feast of Feasts! While today's festival worship may not be our usual musical feast, we pray that what we are able to offer will nourish your soul. Some of you may be interested in a look behind the scenes of the musical aspects of our livestreamed services. Each service includes a prelude and a postlude which serves as a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship, as well as "bump music" for our livestreams. With limited personnel in the sanctuary, Kantor Janssen is pulling double duty as both organist and livestream producer. He pre-records the preludes and postludes with the organ's playback capability so he can press play for the organ right after pushing "Go Live" on Facebook, all from the production booth in the second pew. So, when you hear the prelude or postlude, it's actually our organ being played at that moment. Kantor has also been working to choose specific hymns that are both appropriate to our time, the service, and that most people are comfortable singing at home. *Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

✠ 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 118 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 458, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"*

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 ✠

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 19, 2020)

As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the Word (Quasimodo Geniti).

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| Old Testament: | Ezekiel 37:1-14 – Ezekiel sees the valley of dry bones. |
| Psalm: | Psalm 33 – "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made" |
| Epistle: | 1 John 5:4-10 – Jesus, the water and the blood. |
| Holy Gospel: | John 20:19-31 – Jesus institutes Holy Absolution. |



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

EASTER LILIES ON THE ALTAR this morning were placed in loving memory of dear husbands, John W. Bishop and William Yancey by Joyce Yancey; and in loving memory of dear husband, father, and grandfather, Philip Swenson, by Sandra Swenson. Lilies at the altar were placed in memory of loved ones by the Spyers Family.

NOTICE: By action of the Church Council, the April 26 regular meeting of the Voters Assembly has been rescheduled to **Sunday, May 3** at 12:00 noon. This is due to the full afternoon of preparing for the Hymn Festival at 4:00 pm on April 26.

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE EVENTS: Unfortunately, the final events in this year's music series have been cancelled. This includes the Organ Vespers on April 19 and the Hymn Festival on April 26. We look forward to rescheduling these and additional events for the 20-21 season.

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, May 11, 2020**. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, April 12: **Mark 16:6 - "And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.' "** The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!

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THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, we wish everyone a blessed Easter. We begin a new series "The Righteousness of God for You" studying the book of Romans on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue studying the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org!

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STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ Weeks of March 22, 2020 – April 4, 2020

ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL			
	March 18 – March 28, 2020		February 2020	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$10,706	\$10,749	\$22,330	\$23,577
Expense:	\$8,542	\$10,750	\$20,314	\$23,580

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ April 12, 2020

SCHEDULE

9:00 SERVICE OF THE WORD
 Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl
 NO Sunday School/Bible Study
 NO Schola Rehearsal
 NO Youth Catechism Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

Nursery:
 2nd Floor -
Auditorium:
 Bible Class-

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY
 NO Kantorei

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
 NO Thrive Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off