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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 3, 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 ✠

THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL REJOICE

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11-20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1-3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him"* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me"* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength"* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *"And no one will take your joy from you"* (John 16:22).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE (LSB 483)

The hymn of the day for Jubilate Sunday is indeed filled with joy and makes the heart happy to sing. The tune by Martin Franzmann matches the text written by the Moravian Georg Vetter, which was written some fifty or so years after the Reformation. Its confession of faith proves a zeal for evangelism is not unique to our age. Rather happiness in the task is especially seen in those followers who came after Jon Hus. The hymn shows the great importance the Moravians held in having both pastors and people joining together in proclaiming the resurrection of Christ. The hymn embodies this even in its opening phrase, *"With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation."* Primarily a commentary on the words of Mark 16:15, *"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation,'"* our hymn contains phrases such as: *"To all earth's ends," "every nation, every land,"* and again *"every nation."* Whatever suffering and hardships come to the followers of Jesus, *"With high delight"* impresses on the hearts and minds of all who sing it that the Gospel grants our work to be a task in which we can continually rejoice, letting praises ring, giving thanks as we sing forth Christ's victory and *"death's undoing."* (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 147 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 483, "With High Delight Let Us Unite"*

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 10, 2020) - Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! (Cantate)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 12:1-6**—First song of Isaiah.

Psalm: **Psalm 66**—"Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!"

Epistle: **James 1:16-21**—Every good and perfect gift is from above.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:5-15**—Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

CONGRATULATIONS to Seminarian Ahren Reiter on receiving his Divine Call to serve as pastor in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod! At the first-ever virtual Call Day Service for Concordia Seminary, Ahren received the Call to serve at [Holy Cross Lutheran Church](#) in Lawton, Oklahoma. We pray God’s blessing upon Ahren, Christina and Elinor as they transition to Lawton and upon Ahren as he will soon be ordained and installed to serve as pastor.

NOTICE: The Spring regular Voters Assembly meeting (originally scheduled for April 26, then rescheduled for May 3) will be postponed until after the St. Louis City COVID-19 stay-at-home order is lifted. The Church Council is considering scheduling the meeting to occur two weeks after we are permitted to return to public, in-person worship services. More details will be announced when they are known.

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, May 3: **1 Peter 2:11** – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul – it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles: we belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him.

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ROMANS BIBLE STUDY...LCMS Pastor Will Weedon begins a Bible study on the Book of Romans. *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](#), on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

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STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ Weeks of April 12, 2020 – April 25, 2020

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
Hearers: Communion:	April 12 – April 25, 2020		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$10,393	\$11,003	Income: \$66,129	\$70,731
	Expense: \$9,590	\$11,004	Expense: \$59,029	\$70,740

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 3, 2020

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
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	Nursery: 2nd Floor – Auditorium: Bible Class-	MONDAY <hr/> TUESDAY <i>NO Kantorei</i> <hr/> WEDNESDAY <hr/> THURSDAY <i>NO Thrive Parent University</i> <hr/> FRIDAY <hr/> SATURDAY <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>