



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 10, 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 ✠

*JESUS PROMISES TO SEND HIS HOLY SPIRIT, THE HELPER*

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights”* through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, *“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid”* (Is. 12:2).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*SING PRAISE TO GOD, THE HIGHEST GOOD (LSB 819)*

Today we are substituting the assigned Hymn of the Day for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Due to our service stream, twelve stanzas of *Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice (LSB 556)* felt a little lengthy. I would encourage you to make use of it as a devotion throughout the week. Our substitute Hymn of the Day was written in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by Johann Jacob Schutz, a German lawyer. It quickly became a treasured part of congregational hymnody. The refrain, *“To God all praise and glory!”* fits well with the theme of this *CANTATE* Sunday, encouraging us to *“Sing to God a new song.”* This name and theme comes from the traditional Introit for this day, *“Cantate Domino canticum novum”* (Sing to the Lord a new song – Psalm 98). What a true joy to use our voices to sing praise to our redeeming Lord!

### ✠ 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 66 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 819, “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”*

### ✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

*THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 17, 2020) –*

**Certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. (Rogate)**

Old Testament: **Numbers 21:4-9** – Moses raises the bronze snake.

Psalm: **Psalm 107** – *“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.”*

Epistle: **1 Timothy 2:1-6** – Pray for all people.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:23-33** – Ask and you will receive.



✠ 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 10: **James 1:17 - “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”** There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo this theme: everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again - and He desires that we grow into His image, and reflect His love and open-handed kindness.

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**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ Weeks of April 19, 2020 – May 2, 2020**

ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL			
	April 19 – May 2, 2020		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$13,285	\$10,951	Income: \$66,129	\$70,731
Expense:	\$8,548	\$10,953	Expense: \$59,029	\$70,740

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 10, 2020**

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 SERVICE OF THE WORD

Live stream at  
[www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl](http://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  
7:00 - Board of Elders (via Zoom)

TUESDAY  
NO Kantorei

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY  
NO Thrive Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY  
Pastor’s Day Off