



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 24, 2020

### ✠ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ✠

**WELCOME!** We are happy that you are worshipping with us. As Psalm 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of 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. As we resume in-person, public worship, we are following appropriate social distancing and hygienic protocols as noted in the service folder. The 9:00 Divine Service is also being live-streamed on Hope's [Facebook page](#) and the service folder (bulletin) may be [accessed here](#). "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

### ✠ THE WORD FOR TODAY ✠

#### THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH BEARS WITNESS TO JESUS

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. "The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God" (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet. 4:11).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID (LSB 500)

Rhabanus Maurus (776-856), Archbishop of Mainz, wrote *Veni Creator Spiritus, Mentis*, which appears in varying forms as LSB 498, 499, and this one, 500. The Holy Spirit had an active role in the creation of all things (see Genesis 1:2). The hymn prays that he would continue to refresh us, freeing us from sin, and making us living temples. He who is uncreated light and fire is the one who gives the healing message of salvation in Christ alone. This holy one now makes sinners into holy saints. All of this is by the Spirit's gracious work, not the work of man, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). Rightly do saints who have received this grace return thanks to this Paraclete (counselor/comforter) along with the Father and the Son. This hymn is paired with the tune, *All Ehr und Lob*, which was the tune used by Luther for his German versification of the *Gloria in excelsis*. (from [logia.org](http://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 51 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 539, "Christ is the World's Redeemer"

**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 FEAST OF PENTECOST (May 31, 2020) -

*The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.*

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| Old Testament: | <b>Genesis 11:1-9</b> – Tower of Babel – Confusion of languages.                |
| Psalm:         | <b>Psalm 143</b> – "For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!"            |
| Epistle:       | <b>Acts 2:1-21</b> – Pentecost – the Holy Spirit & the preaching of the Gospel. |
| Holy Gospel:   | <b>John 14:23-31</b> – Jesus goes to the Father & promises the Holy Spirit.     |



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

**GREAT NEWS!** In keeping with the new City of St. Louis “Reopening Standards and Guidelines,” we are resuming in-person public worship at Hope with proper hygienic and social-distancing measures. Beginning today, **Sunday, May 24**, we are offering two Divine Service times – **9:00 am and 11:00 am**. We plan this schedule to run four (4) weeks, but it may be revised. For more details, see the [Pastoral Letter](#) on our [website](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Seminarian Ahren Reiter on receiving the Divine Call to serve as pastor in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod! Ahren will serve at [Holy Cross Lutheran Church](#) in Lawton, Oklahoma. Congratulations also go to Hope member Anna Barger as she will serve her deaconess internship at [Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society](#) in Hartland, Michigan. We pray God’s blessing upon the Reiter family and the Barger family in their transitions and new endeavors.

**STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 24: 1 Peter 4:10** – “**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.**” God’s grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service toward our neighbor. And chief among the ways we serve one another is to support the Church’s work of bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. And that’s what it means to be a steward!

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**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ May 3 - May 16, 2020**

ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL			
	May 3 – May 16		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$11,872	\$10,648	Income: \$91,901	\$94,308
Expense:	\$9,797	\$10,638	Expense: \$77,538	\$94,320

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 24, 2020**

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
9:00 DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<b>Nursery:</b> 2nd Floor –	MONDAY
11:00 DIVINE SERVICE	<b>Auditorium:</b> Bible Class-	TUESDAY NO Kantorei
NO Sunday School/Bible Study		WEDNESDAY
NO Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY
NO Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor’s Day Off