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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 31, 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 HOLY SPIRIT GIVES PEACE

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD (LSB 497)

Luther based the first stanza of his Pentecost hymn off of a prior translation of the Latin antiphon for the Vigil of Pentecost, "Veni, Sancte Spiritus." Luther improved the German text and added two more stanzas. Each stanza is based on a description of the Holy Spirit: Stanza 1 – To the God and Lord who gives faith and keeps united those in this faith; Stanza 2 – To the Light guiding Christians ever again to Christ, the Light of the world via his Word; Stanza 3 – To the Fire who comforts and energizes his saints. The gracious work of God done through the Holy Spirit is needed so that those who do not know Christ would be brought to faith in Him. This work also keeps His saints in the saving faith against all the perils of this world, **That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!** Of this hymn Luther stated, "The hymn, 'Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,' was composed by the Holy Ghost Himself, both words and music." (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 143 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 497*, "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

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 THE HOLY TRINITY (June 7, 2020) –

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the Undivided Unity:

Let us give glory to Him for He has shown mercy unto us.

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| Old Testament: | Isaiah 6:1-7 – Isaiah sees God on His throne. |
| Psalms: | Psalm 29 – "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name" |
| Epistle: | Romans 11:33-36 – The depth of the riches of God's wisdom. |
| Holy Gospel: | John 3:1-17 – God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son. |

✠ 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 **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](#).

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Robert Moffatt in memory of Laura Frohm Moffatt, whose 73rd birthday was January 27, and in memory of the 53rd wedding anniversary, March 22, of Robert and Laura Moffatt.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 31: Acts 2:1 – “**When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.**” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival – it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

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THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfu.org, we wish you a blessed Pentecost! Study Romans 13-15 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), worship with us in daily chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT, and consider a curious theological topic with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (6/1 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org!

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.

THE LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP is pleased to let all our faithful customers know that we have reopened! We will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just like many other shops we will require you to wear a face covering. We will be sanitizing door handles, etc. throughout the day to keep us all safe. In these special times we rely on our Savior Jesus Christ for all our needs. As always our profits to go Lutheran Family and Children's Service's and Lutheran Senior Services for Hidden Lake and Breeze Park Retirement Community. We are accepting donations. Our phone number is 314-389-9970.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ May 10 - May 23, 2020

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL				
	May 10 – May 23		Year-to-Date		
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Hearers:					
Communion:					
	Income:	\$9,583	\$10,648	Income: \$91,901	\$94,308
	Expense:	\$9,478	\$10,638	Expense: \$77,538	\$94,320

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 31, 2020

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