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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 21, 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 GOSPEL CALL GOES OUT TO ALL

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight" (Prov. 9:5-6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). For "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13-22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13-18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED (LSB 622). Samuel Kinner (1603-1668) was a physician in Breslau, Germany (now in Poland). Although this physician did not call the Lord's Supper the medicine of immortality, he clearly describes it as such: his body and blood, which grant rest, comfort, and pardon for weary and sin-oppressed souls. The saints are not to trust in an empty supper (such as the Reformed teach) but in the true Supper of Christ's Body and Blood in, with, and under bread and wine! Reason cannot understand this reality of Christ's presence, but the Word declares it to be true. We do not "spring our minds into heaven to access Christ there," but rather receive him where he promises to be, at his altar. Thanks be to Christ for this consoling Supper, a true and blessed comfort when living or dying. [Taken from www.logia.org hymn summaries]

✠ 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 34 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- PONDER today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 622, "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared."

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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (June 28, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **Micah 7:18-20**—God delights in mercy.
Psalm: **Psalm 103**—"Bless the LORD, O my soul!"
Epistle: **1 Timothy 1:12-17**—Christ came into the world to save sinners.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 15:1-10**—God's joy over one sinner who repents.

✠ 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. 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](#).

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, June 28 and July 5, 12, and 26. Vases are \$21 each and are yours after the last service. Please call Carol, 752-0525, to reserve a date.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AHREN REITER upon his ordination last Sunday into the Office of the Holy Ministry! Ahren was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rock Springs, Wyoming. Trinity records its services and posts them on YouTube. If you wish to watch the service in which Ahren was ordained a pastor, you may [watch here](#). Rev. Ahren Reiter will be installed as pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, on Sunday, July 12.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 21: Luke 14:19 – “And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ ” The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast. What could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today’s parable invites us to examine our own priorities and attempted excuses and to come home to the Lord, who invites us in humble repentance.

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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 go to Lutheran Family and Children’s Services and Lutheran Senior Services for Hidden Lake and Breeze Park Retirement Community. We are accepting donations. Our phone number is 314-389-9970.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, we have our annual Sharathon, postponed from April. We ask that you prayerfully support KFUE Radio June 25-27 as you are able. Listen live at kfuo.org! We also discuss the importance of Play on Mental Health Monday (6/22 at 9:00 a.m.) and continue studying the book of James on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.).

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ May 2020

ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL			
	<i>The month of May</i>		<i>Year-to-Date</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$25,969	\$23,577	Income: \$113,805	\$117,885
Expense:	\$20,192	\$23,579	Expense: \$97,729	\$117,899

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ June 21, 2020

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