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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 28, 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 ✠

JESUS RECEIVES SINNERS

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you" (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD, TO YOU I MAKE CONFESSION. There are two parts to confession: 1) to faithfully confess one's sins and 2) to receive absolution, that is, forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus' name. Johann Frank's (1618-1677) hymn of confession is a sung confession of sins with trust that they are forgiven in him who suffered and died to rescue, save, reconcile, and set free the penitent sinner. This hymn is rightly used when we hear preached Jesus' teaching of lost sinners being found again (whether the lost sheep and coin being found in Luke 15:1-10 or the return of the lost son in Luke 15:11-32). Such is the case when one confesses and is absolved; that penitent is forgiven and restored to a right relationship with the heavenly Father by Christ's precious blood, as proclaimed by the pastor (John 20:19-23). The forgiven sinner's sins are cast into the deepest sea (referring to Holy Baptism) and he or she stands cleansed from all iniquity. Thanks be to God for His mercy to sinners. [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 103 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 608*, "Lord, to You I Make Confession."

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 5, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **Genesis 50:15-21** – Joseph forgives his brothers again.
Psalm: **Psalm 138** – "I will praise You with my whole heart."
Epistle: **Romans 12:14-21** – Be of the same mind toward one another.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 6:36-42** – Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Rev. Peter and Mrs. Marcia Lange. Peter and Marcia come to us from St. John's Lutheran, Topeka, Kansas. Peter serves as First Vice-President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Welcome Peter and Marcia!

IN KEEPING WITH THE ST. LOUIS CITY "REOPENING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES," we are conducting in-person public worship with proper hygienic and social-distancing measures. We are offering two Divine Service times – **9:00 am and 11:00 am**. For more details, see the [Pastoral Letter](#) on our [website](#).

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28: **Luke 15:10 – "Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."** Jesus eats with sinners not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

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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 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](#), continue the series on Play and Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (6/29 at 9:00 a.m.), study James 4-5 on Sharper Iron's "Wisdom from Above" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and learn about our Lutheran doctrine on Concord Matters (6/30 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](#)!

SINCE THE 2020 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference is being offered in a virtual video format, we are taking new registrations. The \$135 registration fee includes the ability to watch a live stream on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, and/or recorded presentations on-demand. If you have any questions, please send an email to lynn@issuesetc.org.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ June 7 - 20, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Hearers:
Communion:

FINANCIAL

June 7-20, 2020

Year-to-Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$12,232	\$11,003	Income:	\$113,805	\$117,885
Expense:	\$15,997	\$11,003	Expense:	\$97,729	\$117,899

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ June 28, 2020

SCHEDULE

9:00 DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl

11:00 DIVINE SERVICE

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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

*Church Office Closed in observation of
4th of July*

SATURDAY

Pastor's Day Off