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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 5, 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 ✠

CHRIST'S MERCY IS OURS TO SHOW TO OTHERS

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD (LSB 696). Johann Heermann (1585-1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). During his time as pastor many people of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn. We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a "healthy frame," not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one's calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God would actually work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Savior. Then, in splendor, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name. [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 138 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 696, "O God, My Faithful God."*

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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 12, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 19:11-21**—God comforts Elijah with news of a faithful remnant of people who worship the true God.
- Psalm: **Psalm 16** — "... in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
- Epistle: **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**— "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
- Holy Gospel: **Luke 5:1-11**— Jesus absolves Peter and calls him to proclaim His Gospel.

✧ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✧

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 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, JULY 5: **Rom. 8:18 - "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."** It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

KFUO Radio, AM850 & [kfu.org](#), a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & [kfu.org](#) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfu.org](#) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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 & [kfu.org](#), begin studying the book of Judges on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue in the book of Exodus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10:00 a.m. and live streamed at [facebook.com/thelcms](#). Find these programs on demand at [kfu.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 14 - 27, 2020

ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL			
	June 14-27, 2020		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$12,277	\$11,003	\$113,805	\$117,885
Expense:	\$11,839	\$11,003	\$97,729	\$117,899

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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 Sunday School/Bible Study		WEDNESDAY
NO Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY
NO Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>