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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 19, 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 ✠

OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

ALL MANKIND FELL IN ADAM'S FALL (LSB 562)

Lazarus Spengler (1479-1534) was an early supporter of Luther's reforms. In fact, Spengler was named and excommunicated in the papal Bull of Excommunication against Luther. His hymn (as translated, condensed, and adapted by Matthias Loy, 1828-1915), All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall, is considered one of the most important hymns of the Reformation era (along with hymns like Salvation unto Us Has Come).

On the day we hear the Ten Commandments from the lectern it is good to remind ourselves that we not only commit sins, but we are also sinful from the moment of our conception because of Adam's fall (Original sin). Apart from Christ there is no good in any person at all. Thanks be to Christ Jesus that because of His death for our sin we now have forgiveness, life, and salvation in Him. We are justified (declared righteous) by His grace. This justifying grace attends His saints until "we reach our final end." (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 19 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 562, "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall."

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 19, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **Genesis 2:7-17** – God creates Adam from the dust and provides for his bodily needs.
Psalm: **Psalm 33:1-11** – "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."
Epistle: **Romans 6:19-23** – We are freed from sin to be slaves for God.
Holy Gospel: **Mark 8:1-9** – Jesus feeds the 4,000, thus showing His re-creation of our bodies as holy.

✠ 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](#).

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Joel and Kay Shoemaker in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary on July 22.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, July 26, August 2, 16, 23 and 30. 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 19: **Matthew 5:24b - "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."** Our giving to the Lord's work is part of our wider Christian life. The Lord wants us to walk in His ways in all we do. He wants our hearts united to His. It's not our gift the Lord wants, it is our very selves in all we think, say, and do.

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

THIS WEEK ON KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org, hear a curious theological topic with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (7/20 at 2:00 p.m.), dig into our Lutheran confession of faith on Concord Matters (7/21 at 2:00 p.m.), and hear the good news of Jesus on Moment of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m.). Find your favorite 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, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Hearers:
Communion:

FINANCIAL

	June 2020		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$21,452	\$23,577	\$135,322	\$141,462
Expense:	\$26,499	\$23,579	\$124,288	\$141,478

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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

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off