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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 26, 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 RESTORES PARADISE AND FEEDS US FREELY

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground..." (Gen. 3:19). In other words, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good (LSB 819). This lively hymn of praise, with its short and memorable refrain, was written by Johann Schütz (1640-1690). Based on Deuteronomy 32:3-4, "For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he." Through the text one can envision a pastor instructing and encouraging his flock to join in praise to God.

✠ 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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good."*

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 2, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **Jeremiah 23:16-29**—God's people do not hear His prophets; God warns us against false prophets.
- Psalm: **Psalm 26**—"In the great assembly I will bless the LORD."
- Epistle: **Acts 20:27-38**—St. Paul urges pastors and churches to beware of false teachers.
- Holy Gospel: **Matthew 7:15-23**—Jesus warns against false prophets and false faith.



✠ 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, 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 26: **Rom. 6:19b** - "For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification." To be sanctified means to be set aside for God's purposes. St. Paul encourages us to see ourselves, our bodies, our souls, and all that we are as set aside for God's work in all we do in the home, church, or society.

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THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, hear the comfort of the Gospel daily on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m., weekends at 7:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m., and continue studying the book of Judges on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs, including the new Lutheran Witness podcast, on demand at kfuo.org!

YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW... *Issues, Etc.* is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Myths about Lutheran Worship, Callings in Life, The Hymn "Thy Strong Word," Johann Sebastian Bach and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ July 5-18, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Hearers:
Communion:

FINANCIAL

July 5-18, 2020

Year-to-Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$10,405	\$10,648	Income:	\$135,322	\$141,462
Expense:	\$9,436	\$10,647	Expense:	\$124,288	\$141,478

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ July 26, 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

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off