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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 2, 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 ✠

BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16-29) They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12-17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27-38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

In God, My Faithful God (LSB 745). First appearing in 1607 in a German hymnal, text writer Sigismund Weingärtner penned this text. Very little is known of him, though it is thought he may have been a clergyman. In German the first letter of each stanza forms A-O-O-O-A. It is thought to be a reference to Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega." The strong and confident tune, AUF MEINEN LEIBEN GOTT, was penned by Roman Catholic composer Jacob Regnart and first appeared in 1574.

✠ 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 26 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 745*, "In 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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 9, 2020) –

Old Testament: **2 Samuel 22:26-34** – God shows Himself merciful; He brings down the haughty, but lifts up the humble.

Psalm: **Psalm 51:1-12** – "Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem."

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 10:6-13** – Though we are tempted and fall to sin, God is faithful to forgive.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 16:1-13** – Parable of the Unjust Manager – learning to be wise in this world.



✠ 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](#).

FLOWER VASES AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Noel Paul, whose birthday was August 4, placed by his wife, Ruth Paul and family.

RECEIVED TODAY into the Kingdom of God by the washing of Holy Baptism is **ROSALIE MARIE MAICHEL**, daughter of Nathan and Caroline Maichel. Rosalie's baptismal sponsors are John and Hannah Flo. May our heavenly Father keep **Rosalie** in His baptismal grace unto eternal life.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, August 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, AUGUST 2: **Jer. 23:17 - "They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.' "** Jeremiah's day sounds a lot like our own: with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes difficult favor of telling us *what is actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins, and calls us to repentance and a change in life.

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](#).

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfu.org](#), study Judges 14-17 on Sharper Iron's "Rebellion and Rescue" mini-series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study the Scriptures in the August Lutheran Witness with Pastor Weslie Odom on The Coffee Hour (8/7 at 9:00 a.m.), and study the Epitome of the Formula of Concord with Pastor Matt Richard and host Pastor Sean Smith on Concord Matters (8/4 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ July 12-25, 2020

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
Hearers: Communion:	July 12-25, 2020		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$11,429	\$10,648	Income: \$135,322	\$141,462
	Expense: \$7,880	\$10,648	Expense: \$124,288	\$141,478

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ August 2, 2020

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
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	Nursery: 2nd Floor - Auditorium: Bible Class-	MONDAY <hr/> TUESDAY <hr/> WEDNESDAY <hr/> THURSDAY <hr/> FRIDAY <hr/> SATURDAY <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>