



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 9, 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 ✠

#### THE STEWARD'S SHREWDNESS SANCTIFIED

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26-34).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

What is the World to Me (LSB 730). Originally in eight stanzas (we are missing 2, 5-7), this hymn text by Georg Pfefferkorn is based on 1 John 2:15-17.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

With its theme of "Renunciation of the World," we are able to sing August Crull's translation of this text. Crull was a Lutheran pastor and educator of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century in America. He was a distinguished hymnologist and many of his translations have appeared in Lutheran hymnals.

### ✠ 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 51 in the front part of Lutheran Service Book.
- PONDER today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 730, "What is the World to Me."

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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 16, 2020) -

Old Testament: Jeremiah 8:4-12—God laments that His people won't repent.

Psalm: Psalm 92 - "For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy."

Epistle: Romans 9:30-10:4—Human righteousness of works vs. God's righteousness through faith.

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:41-48—God visits His people in the coming of Jesus, and as Jesus cleanses the Temple.



✠ 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. Effective Sunday, September 13, we will return to our regular Sunday morning schedule to include Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Class. The 11:00 am Divine Service will be moved to Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning September 16. For more details, see the most recent (7/29/20) [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, Olin Spyers, on the anniversary of their marriage, August 12, placed by Carol Spyers.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, September 6, 13, 20 and 27. Vases are \$21 each and are yours after the last service. Please call Carol, 752-0525, to reserve a date.

A FEW FACE MASKS ARE AVAILABLE to those who might need one. These are easily washed and reused. If you have a need for a face shield, please contact the church office.

A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY... 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 teachings include: The Word "Blessed" in the Bible, The Lutheran Confessions, Jesus' Mother Mary, Old Testament Patriarch Isaac 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Often, unbelievers show more shrewdness in this than we Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed every Sunday, won't that effect how we use our money?

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

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfue.org](http://kfue.org), hear conversation on Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (8/10 at 9:00 a.m.), continue in 1 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear a curious theological topic with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell on Cross Defense (8/10 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or wherever you get your podcasts.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ June, 2020

ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL			
	June		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$28,783	\$23,577	Income: \$164,030	\$164,899
Expense:	\$21,497	\$23,577	Expense: \$145,725	\$165,055

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SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	Nursery: 2nd Floor - Auditorium: Bible Class-	MONDAY
11:00 DIVINE SERVICE		TUESDAY
NO Sunday School/Bible Study		WEDNESDAY
NO Schola Rehearsal		THURSDAY
NO Youth Catechism Class		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off