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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 16, 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 WEEPS FOR JERUSALEM

Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41-48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. "But My people do not know the judgments of the Lord" (Jer. 8:4-12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom. 9:30-10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor. 12:1-11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

The Church's One Foundation (LSB 644). A long time favorite of many Christians, this hymn text was born out of an ecclesiastical controversy over the historicity of many of the Old Testament accounts. The hymn writer, Samuel Stone (1839-1900), published *Twelve Hymns on the Twelve Articles of the Apostle's Creed* in 1866. *The Church's One Foundation* is based on the ninth article, "The holy catholic church; the communion of saints." The well-known tune AURELIA was written in 1864 as a wedding hymn by the highly regarded church musician Samuel Sebastian Wesley. It was first matched with Stone's hymn text in the appendix of the hymnal *Hymns Ancient and Modern* published in 1868.

✠ 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 92 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- PONDER today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 644, "The Church's One Foundation."

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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 23, 2020) –

Old Testament: **Genesis 4:1-15** – The fallout of the Fall into sin: Cain kills his brother, Abel.

Psalm: **Psalm 50** – God himself is judge.

Epistle: **Ephesians 2:1-10** – We are dead in our trespasses and sins, but God make us alive in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14** – God justifies (saves; forgives) not the self-righteous Pharisee, but the humble, confessing tax-collector.



✠ 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](#).

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 SHIELDS 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.

SEEKING HOUSING: Miss Meseret Alemu, an alumni of Concordia Seminary Deaconess program, and her parents are seeking housing in the St. Louis area for a few months. A private, furnished basement or discounted apartment and furnishings are needed. Ms. Alemu is originally from Ethiopia and her parents are visiting the U.S. after an early retirement for her father due to Parkinson's Disease. If you are able to help or need more information, please contact Meseret at 984-233-1110 or email her at missyshetta34@yahoo.com

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN FENTON is looking for part-time employees for the 2020-2021 school year because of the surge of new families joining our school. The 1st position is for teacher aiding in a preschool class on Monday/Wednesday/Friday, with hours of 8:00-12:30. The 2nd position is for teacher aiding in a preschool class Monday - Friday 8:00-11:30. We are also taking resumes for someone to help in our morning extended care, which would be 6:30-8:00 on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. It is possible to combine the 2 positions for up to 19.5 hours/week. The positions start August 18, with a meeting, and classes start August 19. If interested, please send a resume and an email of interest to meggold@oursaviorlcs.org.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16: **Luke 19:45-46 - "And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer," but you have made it a den of robbers.' "** The sellers in the temple were doing the right thing in the wrong place. Being a merchant is a fine occupation that is pleasing to God. But using the Lord's House for your personal gain? That makes a mockery of what the Church is for. This is God's House, where we come to hear His Word and offer Him our worship and praise in word and deed. We're not looking for a profit here, we're looking to give back and support the preaching of God's Word and the Church's care for the poor and needy.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, begin the book of Ruth on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear about how trust affects mental health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (8/17 at 9:00 a.m.), and study 1 Corinthians 9-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ July 26-August 8, 2020

ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL			
	July 26-August 8		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$13,997	\$10,647	Income: \$164,030	\$164,899
Expense:	\$11,368	\$10,647	Expense: \$145,725	\$165,055

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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>