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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 23, 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 LORD LIFTS UP THE LOWLY

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

OH, HOW GREAT IS YOUR COMPASSION (LSB 559). This text, dripping with the Gospel and reminders that we are saved through Christ's merit, was written by Johannes Olearius and translated into English by August Crull. Olearius (1617-1684) was the first in a long line of German Lutheran theologians. In musical circles, he is probably best known for two things. First, he assembled his *Geistliche Singe-Knust* in 1671, a seven-volume collection of 1,200+ hymns. A prolific poet, his hymns reflect the orthodoxy of Martin Luther. Secondly, he is well-known for his commentary on the entire Bible, published in 1681 in Leipzig, Germany. It is from his commentary and other devotional works that Johann Sebastian Bach found the texts for a number of his cantatas. Other well-known hymns by Olearius include: *Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People* (LSB 347) and *The Lord, My God, Be Praised* (LSB 794).

✠ 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 50 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 559, "Oh, How Great is Your Compassion."

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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 30, 2020) -

Old Testament: **Isaiah 29:17-24**—God restores His humbled people Israel.

Psalms: **Psalm 146**—"Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!"

Epistle: **Romans 10: 9-17**—Faith comes by hearing the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel: **Mark 7:31-37**—Jesus heals the deaf and mute man.



✠ 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](#).

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of Mrs. Viola Dildine by Mrs. Joyce Yancey and Mrs. 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 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.

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: The state of Missouri is one vast and varied mission field. Starting on September 22, the Missouri District will be hosting three evenings called "Meet the Missionaries" via ZOOM. You are cordially invited to log on and learn about these ministries, as well as how you can be involved through prayer and support. Head to mo.lcms.org/missionaries for more information. See you online!

THIS WEEK ON KFUEO AM850 & kfuo.org, begin studying the book of Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), begin the book of 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into curious theological topics on Cross Defense with Pastor Tyrel Bramwell (8/24 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23: **Luke 18:11-12 - "The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'** " The Pharisees got so much right but so much wrong. It's a good thing for this Pharisee to be faithful to his wife and faithful in his giving to the Lord's work, but none of it is of any avail if it proceeds from a prideful heart. After all, what do we have to be proud of? If we have followed the Lord's ways, we have only done our duty. Better to be thankful (and amazed!) that the Lord has blessed us by making our giving part of His work.

MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY... LCMS Pastor Will Weedon is leading a Bible study on the Book of Matthew. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Loving Your Enemies and Giving to the Needy. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ August 2 - 15, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Hearers:
Communion:

FINANCIAL

	<i>August 2 - 15</i>		<i>Year-to-Date</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$12,988	\$10,647	\$164,030	\$164,899
Expense:	\$7,981	\$10,647	\$145,725	\$165,055

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ August 23, 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