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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 30, 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 ✠

FAITH COMES FROM HEARING

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book" (Is. 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Word of God, Come Down to Earth (LSB 545). This hymn text by Father James Quinn is a commentary on John 1:14, "The Word became flesh...." Father Quinn (1919-2010) was a Scottish hymn writer in the Roman Catholic Church. Heavily involved in ecumenical activities, his hymns have also had a wide reaching, ecumenical effect. His other hymn texts included in *Lutheran Service Book* are *Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go* (LSB 920) and a versification of the Nunc Dimittis, *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* (LSB 937).

✠ 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 146 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 545, "Word of God, Come Down on Earth."

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 6, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **2 Chronicles 28:8-15**—Samaritans show compassion to war captives from Israel.
Psalm: **Psalm 32**—"Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."
Epistle: **Galatians 3:15-22**—God's Law shows us our sin and leads us to Christ.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 10:23-37**—The Good Samaritan—Jesus teaches us how to "be neighbors."



✠ 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.

TWO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR. One for 5, 6, and 7 year olds and one for grades 3-5. Contact Kay Shoemaker at keshoemaker@gmail.com if you have questions or can volunteer your time and gifts to teach.

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 KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, continue in the book of Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear about what hinders trust on Mental Health Monday (8/31 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and dig into our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (9/1 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or on your favorite podcast app.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30: **2 Cor. 3:5** – "Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God." We are not sufficient, we are not enough, and we are not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough, He gives us what is sufficient, and He makes us capable. That is the beginning of wisdom: We are utterly dependent on God's mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence. For if we are dependent upon the Lord, how can we not follow His commandments and walk in His ways?

GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE... 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: The Word "Light" in the Bible, The Vocation of Singleness, Old Testament Judge Joshua, 6th Century Bishop of Rome Gregory the Great 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 ✠ August 9 - 22, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Hearers: 81
Communion:

FINANCIAL

		<i>August 9 - 22</i>		<i>Year-to-Date</i>	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$11,506	\$10,647	Income: \$164,030	\$164,899
Expense:		\$9,790	\$10,647	Expense: \$145,725	\$165,055

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ August 30, 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