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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 13, 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. We continue to follow appropriate social distancing and hygienic protocols as noted in the service folder. The Sunday 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 CRY OF FAITH: LORD, HAVE MERCY

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:11-19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. "Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:16-24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy," eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus' help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus' cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10-23).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

The Hymn of the Day, "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849), comes to us partially via the Sacred Harp hymnal and singing style. Sacred Harp singing is a style of singing that is indigenous to the Eastern United States, particularly Appalachia and New England. Sacred Harp hymnals make use of shape-note notation, basically symbols that represent the solfege syllables. The text is by Rev. Rusty Edwards, a recently retired pastor whose hymn texts are in use by over forty different denominations around the world.

✠ 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 119 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 849, "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness."

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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 20, 2020)

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 17:8-16**—Prophet Elijah visits a widow's home and God provides for her.
Psalm: **Psalm 146**--"The Lord watches over the sojourners."
Epistle: **Galatians 5:25-6:10**—Life in the Spirit: restoring each other and doing good.
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 6:24-34**—Jesus teaches us not to worry but to trust God's providing hand.



✠ 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. Effective Sunday, September 13, we resume our regular Sunday morning schedule to include Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Class. We are also offering a second Divine Service opportunity on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning September 16. For more details, see the most recent (7/29/20) [Pastoral Letter](#) on our [website](#).

TODAY WE RESUME our regular Sunday schedule! Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 10:30 am **in the sanctuary**. Following the opening, Sunday School children will go to their respective class spaces and the adults will remain in the sanctuary for Bible Class.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS CO-TEACHERS. One co-teacher is needed 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.

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, hear the new format for Concord Matters: Care of Souls with Pastor Sean Smith (9/15 at 2:00 p.m.), continue in Proverbs on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and continue in 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word with Pastor AJ Espinosa (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: **Luke 17:18-19 - "(Jesus said), 'Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.' "** Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us, and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you. It's only natural. And thus, our stewardship is only a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts, which enable the Church to reach more with the Good News of Christ.

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... 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: Fear of Death, The Vocation of Police Officer, Holy Cross Day, 3rd Century North African Bishop Cyprian of Carthage 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, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Hearers:
Communion:

FINANCIAL

	<i>August</i>		<i>Year-to-Date</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$25,459	\$23,576	\$189,564	\$188,615
Expense:	\$19,628	\$23,575	\$165,353	\$188,630

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 13, 2020

SCHEDULE

9:00 DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl
10:30 – Sunday School/ Bible Study
11:45 – Youth Catechism Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

Nursery:
2nd Floor -
Sanctuary:
Bible Class
"Coping with Fear"
Pastor Asbury

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
7:00pm Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off