



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 20, 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 ✠

*ANXIOUS BONDAGE vs. CONFIDENT TRUST*

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24-34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God – that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8-16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25-6:10).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY FOR TODAY, What God Ordains is Always Good (LSB 760)*, was a combined effort by Samuel Rodigast (text) and Severus Gastorius (tune). Rodigast, the son of a German Lutheran pastor, was on the philosophical faculty of the Greyfriars Gymnasium in Berlin. The text was written to comfort Severus Gastorius upon a serious illness. Gastorius was cantor of Jena, Germany. The hymn first appeared in print in 1681 and is noted to be a favorite of the choir school Gastorius taught. Johann Sebastian Bach used the tune *WAS GOTT TUT* in seven of his cantatas.

### ✠ 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 760*, "What God Ordains is Always Good"

*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 ✠

*ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS* (September 27, 2020)

Old Testament: **Daniel 12:1-3** – The cosmic battle between God's faithful and those who reject Him.  
Psalm: **Psalm 91** – "He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways."  
Epistle: **Revelation 12:7-12** – War between God's angel armies and the forces of the devil.  
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 18:1-10** – In the conflict between God's kingdom and the forces of darkness, God's people receive His kingdom as little children.



✠ 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 CONTINUE 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.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Peter and Marcia Lange in loving memory of Marcia's parents.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, September 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-TEACHER. One co-teacher is needed for 5, 6, and 7 year olds. Contact Kay Shoemaker at [keshoemaker@gmail.com](mailto:keshoemaker@gmail.com) if you have questions or can volunteer your time and gifts to teach.

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: When the pandemic first began, Lutheran schools throughout Missouri quickly adapted to continue to meet the needs of students, families, and staff. We're all so appreciative of these administrators, teachers, and support staff members who continue shining the light of Christ in uncertain times. Please join the District in prayer this fall for our 50 early childhood centers, 50 elementary schools, and 9 high schools. Your work is making an eternal difference!

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), study a curious theological question with Pastor Tyrel Bramwell on Cross Defense (9/21 at 2:00 p.m.), study the practical application of our Lutheran confessions on Concord Matters with Pastor Sean Smith (9/22 at 2:00 p.m.), and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: **Matthew 6:25 - "(Jesus said), 'Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.' "** Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father: He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

SACRED MUSIC STATION. You can listen to the best of the Church's music for the past 2,000 years on Lutheran Public Radio. LPR streams 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ August 30-September 12, 2020		
ATTENDANCE Hearers: Communion:	FINANCIAL	
	Aug. 30-Sept. 12	Year-to-Date
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$11,968    \$10,851	Income: \$189,564    \$188,615
Expense:	\$8,185    \$10,949	Expense: \$165,353    \$188,630
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 20, 2020		
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>	<b>Nursery:</b> 2nd Floor - <b>Sanctuary:</b> Bible Class "Coping with Fear" Pastor Asburry	MONDAY
10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study		TUESDAY
11:45 - Youth Catechism Class		WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Divine Service
		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off