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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 4, 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 ✠

WILL GOD DWELL ON EARTH?

King Solomon built a house where God promised to dwell with His people, and yet he marveled that God, who showed "steadfast love to [His] servants who walk before [Him] with all their heart," would dwell on earth with sinful people. Not even the highest heaven can contain God, much less any house built by human hands. However, God's dwelling places is where His people pray and receive His forgiveness. (1 Kings 8:22-30). Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church is the "new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God." Through the Church and every congregation our Lord Jesus Christ still dwells with His people as their God, wipes away their tears of shame and grief, conquers death, and brings the healing of new life with the God of heaven. (Revelation 21:1-5) Every Christian congregation is the place where Jesus comes to meet sinners and dine with them, as He did with Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-10) Because Jesus "came to seek and save the lost," every congregation that proclaims His Word and administers His Sacraments is the place where people can say, "Today salvation has come to this house."

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God." (Psalm 84:1-2).

Today we celebrate 104 years of sharing the Gospel in South St. Louis. The Psalm is a setting of the Psalm 84 with both tune and text written by Kantor Janssen. He wrote this Psalm hymn for the 75th anniversary of Calvary Lutheran Church in Watseka, IL (hence the tune name). The Hymn of the Day is our cherished 100th anniversary hymn, *As Stone on Living Stone is Set*. The choral anthem is *Locus Iste* by Anton Bruckner. Sung in Latin, it translates into English roughly as, "This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach."

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✠ 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 84 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "As Stone on Living Stone is Set"

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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (October 11, 2020)

Old Testament: **Deuteronomy 10:12-21** – What does God require? To walk in His ways and serve Him.

Psalm: **Psalm 34:8-22** – "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 1:1-9** – God is faithful and enriches in every way in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 22:34-46** – The two greatest commandments.



✠ 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](#).

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.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, October 11, 18 and 25. Vases are \$21 each and are yours after the last service. Please call Carol, 752-0525, to reserve a date.

LIFE CHAIN 2020 marks the 33rd anniversary of the National Life Chain. Life Chains are planned for several Sundays across the country. The traditional first Sunday of October is one of those. There will be several in the St. Louis area on Sunday, October 4. If you would like to join a group from Hope, we will be at Planned Parenthood at the corner of Forest Park Avenue and Boyle on Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00pm. If you have questions, contact Judy Maichel at njmaichel@juno.com.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfu.org, near the end of 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), continue studying Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and consider a curious theological question or two with Pastor Bramwell on Cross Defense (10/5 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4: **Luke 14:11 - "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."** The Kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It's like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, and joy.

A DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on Matthew 10 and 11: Not Peace, But a Sword; Rewards; Messengers from John the Baptist; Woe to Unrepentant Cities; and more. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ September 13-26, 2020

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
	September 13-26		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Sunday: 67	Income: \$7,245	\$11,002	Income: \$189,564	\$188,615
Wednesday: 11	Expense: \$11,672	\$10,999	Expense: \$165,353	\$188,630

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 4, 2020

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	Nursery: 2nd Floor -	MONDAY
10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study	Sanctuary: Bible Class	TUESDAY
11:45 - Youth Catechism Class	"Where Is My Church? Life Together Before, During, and After the Pandemic" Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm Divine Service
		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off