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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 11, 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 ✠

IN LIFE AND DEATH, CHRIST FULFILLS THE LAW OF GOD

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "test" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34-46). The Law requires you to "fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the sojourner" (Deut. 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL READING we hear about the *Greatest Commandment*, that being to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matt 22:37). The Hymn of the Day is our response to that instruction. In stanzas one and two we sing of our proclamation that we will love God, who is our strength, tower, love, life, Savior, etc. In stanza three we turn to thanksgiving. We sing, "I thank Thee that my soul is healed by what Thy lips revealed..." This is the heart of the Gospel message! In stanza four we pray that God would keep us watchful and humble and keep us from straying from The Way. The closing stanza finishes with our proclamation that we will love God in our lowest times, not because of the promise of a reward for our actions, but because God first loved us. Our love is a reaction to what has already been given to us, that being, the free gift of grace.

✠ 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, "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

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. LUKE THE EVANGELIST (October 18, 2020)

- Old Testament: **Isaiah 35:5-8** — The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Psalm: **Psalm 147:1-11** — "Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God."
Epistle: **2 Timothy 4:5-18** — St. Paul exhorts Timothy to fight the good fight as he has.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 10:1-9** — Jesus sends out the seventy-two to proclaim the kingdom and heal.



✠ 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](#).

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Joyce Yancey in memory of John W. Bishop, whose birthday was Oct. 24 and in memory of Bill Yancey, whose birthday was Oct 9; and by Carol Spyers in memory of her parents.

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 18 and 25. Vases are \$21 each and are yours after the last service. Please call Carol, 752-0525, to reserve a date.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, study Proverbs 25-29 on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue our series on healing racial divides with Pastor Keith Haney on The Coffee Hour (10/14 at 9:00 a.m.), and finish 1 Samuel and begin 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word with Pastor AJ Espinosa (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: **Matt. 22:40 - "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."** We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for good works or inventing our own. God has given us roles to fill in home, at church, and in society, and that will keep us plenty busy. When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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 teachings include: Prayer, The Augsburg Confession, 2nd Century Bishop Ignatius of Antioch, Luke the Evangelist, Jacob's Family 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 ✠ September 20- October 3, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 82
Wednesday: 13

FINANCIAL

Sept. 20 – Oct. 3

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$8,098	\$10,926
Expense:	\$12,652	\$10,923

Year-to-Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$189,564	\$188,615
Expense:	\$165,353	\$188,630

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 11, 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
*"Where Is My Church?
Life Together Before, During, and After
the Pandemic"*
Pastor Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY
7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off