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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 18, 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 Lord bids us to *pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest* (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like *deserts*, filled with *jackals* (Isa. 35:6-7), and the Lord sends His laborers out *as lambs in the midst of wolves*. But Christ's Word of "Peace" *heals the sick* and brings the very *kingdom of God near* to those who hear it (Is 35:5; Luke 10:3-9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), *did the work of an evangelist*. He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ's work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this Ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8-12), written for Theophilus and for *all who love His appearing* (2 Tim. 4:5-8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the *seventy-two sent out ahead* of Jesus, *two by two*. Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul's missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he *alone was with Paul*.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

This morning we celebrate the spreading of Christ's Gospel through the evangelist, St. Luke. Our Hymn of the Day is *O God of God, O Light of Light* (LSB 810). The tune is the sturdy 18th century German tune *O Grosser Gott*. The text, by John Julian, first appeared in hymnals in 1884. In stanza two we sing "Slowly in type, from age to age the nations saw their coming Lord." The "type" in that phrase speaks to the Old Testament "types," or people and things (i.e. Moses, Abraham, and the Prophets) that pointed to Christ. The Old Testament's prophecy was fulfilled in that "deep Judean night" when Christ was born. Stanza three retells Christ's story: hate and scorn and crown of thorns are past, He now reigns in Heaven. In stanza four we proclaim, "All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!" This was the life's work of St. Luke, to spread this saving Gospel to sinners.

✠ 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 147 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **Ponder** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 810, "O God of God, O Light of Light."

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 FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION (October 25, 2020) - *The Everlasting Gospel*

- First Reading: **Revelation 14:6-7** - An angel proclaims the eternal gospel.
Psalm: **Psalm 46** - "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Second Reading: **Romans 3:21-28** - God's righteousness comes by Christ's death and resurrection and is received through faith.
Holy Gospel: **John 8:31-36** - "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

✠ 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](#).

ON THIS DAY when we remember and thank God for St. Luke, Evangelist and "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14), we also thank our Lord for His gifts of health care workers, especially through the current pandemic. In today's service we recognize Hope members who serve in vocations of health care workers: Gabrielle Bahr, Colin Hart, Sally Henrickson, Donna Keller, Chad Rolland, and Joel Shoemaker. Our Lord Jesus "has done all things well" (Mark 7:37).

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, October 25 and November 8, 15, and 22. Vases are \$21 each and are yours after the last service. Please call Carol, 752-0525, to reserve a date.

THIS WEEK ON KFUEO AM850 & [kfuo.org](#), begin studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), dig into Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (10/19 at 9:00 a.m.), and continue learning about worship and Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (10/20 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](#) or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18: **Eph. 4:24 - "... Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."** We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam: sinner, enemy of God, and destined for death and destruction. But in Christ we have a new self: forgiven, child of God, cleansed, and destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. St. Paul encourages us to "put on the new self" and consciously exert effort to cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord's House, faithfully supporting the ministry, and praying and reading Scripture daily are the works of the new self.

REAL REFORMATION RADIO... 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: Evangelical Buzz Words; The Ten Commandments & Proverbs; Original Sin; The Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave" and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUEO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](#), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

COME ENJOY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICAN'S VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION [PREVIEW](#) [look for daily updates!] our unique and affordable auction items. Your purchases will help support CFNA and encourage many small businesses throughout the St. Louis area! Bidding will start at 7:00 a.m. on November 7 and the Auction will close November 14 at 9:00 p.m. A simple "Donate Now" button is also available to support CFNA and as always at the website: <http://www.cfna-stl.org/opportunities/> At this time (until Nov. 5, Tues.) there is still opportunity to DONATE AN ITEM OR SERVICE (Call 314-517-8513 or email buckmancal@aol.com to make arrangements)

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ September 2020

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
	September		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Sunday: 82	Income: \$15,388	\$23,576	Income: \$204,952	\$212,013
Wednesday: 13	Expense: \$21,222	\$23,569	Expense: \$186,576	\$212,199

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 18, 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	"ON HOLY GROUND: Why We Do What We Do in Worship" Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm Divine Service
		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off