



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 25, 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 Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace*

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

ON THIS CELEBRATION OF THE 503<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation today's service takes on a distinctive nature. Our Divine Service setting is what is known as the *Deutsche Messe*, or German Mass. Designed by Martin Luther as a way to give the congregation ownership of the sung parts of the service, he incorporates what were common tunes to pair with texts in German (as opposed to the Latin sung in the Roman Catholic church of the time). Today we make use of those same chorale-based hymns translated into our native language. Today's choral music features Lutheran composers from the entirety of Lutheranism. The choral prelude this morning is a setting of Martin Luther's *Morning Prayer* by Carl Schalk, the Choral Alleluia is set by Kantor Janssen, the choral offertory is a setting by Jacob Weber, and the communion anthem is an extended setting of *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* by Dietrich Buxtehude. Organ settings of *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* are by Charles Ore, Michael Costello, Jeffrey Blersch, John Behnke, and (Lutheran by association) Max Reger.

### ✠ 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 46 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

**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 ✠

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** (November 1, 2020) - *GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH*

Old Testament: **Revelation 7:2-17** – The heavenly hymn of praise sung by God's holy people.

Psalm: **Psalm 149** – "The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation."

Epistle: **1 John 3:1-3** – God makes us His children and we will be like Him when He appears.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12** – Jesus preaches the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

✠ 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](#).

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE: Sunday, 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.

JUST A REMINDER, NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, TIME WILL FALL BACK ONE HOUR!

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](#), continue studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear a heartwarming adoption story on The Coffee Hour (10/28 at 9:00 a.m.), and continue in 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs and more on demand at [kfuo.org](#) or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25: **John 8:36 - "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."** Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

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](mailto:buckmancal@aol.com) to make arrangements)

JOURNEYS TO CONFESSIONAL LUTHERANISM... 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 we'll be hearing about the journeys to confessional Lutheranism from former Atheists, Mormons, Roman Catholics, Evangelicals, Calvinists and liberal Lutherans. 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 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday:  
Wednesday:

**FINANCIAL**

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

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 25, 2020**

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 DIVINE SERVICE  
Live stream at  
[www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl](http://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  
"ON HOLY GROUND: Why We Do What We Do in Worship"  
Pastor Asburry

**WEEK'S CALENDAR**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY  
7:00 pm Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY  
Pastor's Day Off