



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ November 1, 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 ✠

*SAINTS ARE BLESSED IN THE ETERNAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST*

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*FOR ALL THE SAINTS (LSB 677)*

"For All the Saints" comforts us regarding those who have died in Christ and encourages us to share bravely their confession. It is a commentary on Christ's one church, here militant, there in glory. It was written off of the text "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ..."

It is an example of liturgy and hymnody teaching the faith and comforting in the face of death and every lonely day thereafter. When sung many tears are on cheeks, with words such as "Oh blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine..." "And when the fight is fierce the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song..." Who cannot help but give thanks to God in Christ Jesus for grandfathers and grandmothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, children and friends who have died in Christ Jesus? Who cannot be encouraged with God's sung Word to be brave that they might participate with them and join them once more?

The hymn was written by an Anglican bishop, William How. Among other things he was a higher critic and evolutionist. Yet in death, his best words remain and through song become our own. Through the ages hymns and liturgy have sanctified many wayward preachers and preserved faith in those who sing Christ's song. With its short stanzas and refrain, even small children, can be encouraged happily singing Alleluia time and again. There is no theology of glory here, but instead the truth that to be a Christian is a lifelong struggle that ends with yet more glorious days indeed the victor's crown of gold.(from [logia.org](http://logia.org))

### ✠ 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 149 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "For All the Saints"

### ✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (November 8, 2020) - *In Debt to God*

Old Testament: **Micah 6:6-8**— Since God already has mercy on us, He looks for these sacrifices: "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with [our] God."

Psalm: **Psalm 116:12-19** - "I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."

Epistle: **Philippians 1:3-11** - Being partners in the Gospel means letting your love abound.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35** - The Lord Jesus teaches us to forgive each other as God has forgiven us.

✠ 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 Deaconess Grace Rao in memory of all the saints who have gone to their eternal rest; and in loving memory of her parents, Devavara and Charlotte Battu Rao, her grandparents, Benjamin and Manoramma Daniell, her godparents, John and Preethi Huns, her older brother, Dev Battu Rao, her sisters, Malini Reddy and Nirmala Rao.

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.

THIS WEEK ON KFUEO AM850 & [kfu.org](#), continue in 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear a story in our Adoption series on The Coffee Hour (11/4 at 9:00 a.m.), and study how our Lutheran Confessions affect our life in the church with Pastor Sean Smith (11/3 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1: **Matthew 5:7 - "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."** This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us - His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity - flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

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)

THE PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse, Bible study podcast. It's 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 The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast; The Parable of the Weeds; The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl; and The Parable of the Net. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October 11-24, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday:  
Wednesday:

**FINANCIAL**

		October 11-24		Year-to-Date	
		Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:		\$11,453	\$10,647	\$204,952	\$212,013
Expense:		\$11,149	\$10,645	\$186,576	\$212,199

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ November 1, 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 —Voters' Assembly

**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