



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ❖ November 8, 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 ❖

#### WALKING HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD AND FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our "burnt offerings" or "thousands of rams" (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another "with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, "filled with the fruit of Christ's righteousness," our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment" (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).

### ❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

#### CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE (LSB 611)

William McComb published this hymn in his book *The Poetical Works of William McComb* under the title "Christ All in All." In his letter to Timothy the apostle Paul writes, "Christ Jesus into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost" which is echoed throughout McComb's text. In Romans 5 Paul writes, "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Throughout this hymn we are reminded of the redemption through Jesus' death and resurrection that we receive as a free gift. In the final stanza, we pray for God's guidance as we stray throughout our lives.

### ❖ 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 116 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

**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 ❖

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (November 15, 2020)

**Proverbs 8:11-22:** The LORD's wisdom is better than jewels, fine gold, and silver; it gives insight, strength, and righteousness.

**Psalms 111:** The LORD is gracious and merciful and has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.

**Philippians 3:17-21:** Our citizenship is in heaven with our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 22:15-22:** Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.



✠ 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 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 KFUA AM850 & [kfu.org](#), begin studying 2 Timothy on Sharper Iron's "The Word is Trustworthy" series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue in 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), consider a curious theological topic on Cross Defense (11/9 at 2:00 p.m.), and study the practicality of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (11/10 at 2:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](#) or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8: **Philippians 1:5 - "[I always thank God] ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."** God doesn't need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become "partners in the Gospel." This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God.

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)

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... *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: The TV Series "The Mandalorian;" 1 Peter; Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise; The Doctrine and Practice of Closed Communion; and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUA, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ October 18-31, 2020**

ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
	October 18-31		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Sunday:	Income: \$9,310	\$10,647	Income: \$204,952	\$212,013
Wednesday:	Expense: \$11,149	\$10,645	Expense: \$186,576	\$212,199

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ November 8, 2020**

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<b>Nursery:</b> 2nd Floor -	MONDAY
10:30 – Sunday School/Bible Study	<b>Sanctuary:</b> Bible Class	TUESDAY
11:45 – Confirmation class	"ON HOLY GROUND: <i>Why We Do What We Do in Worship</i> " Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm Divine Service
		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off