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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ November 29, 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 JESUS COMES IN HUMILITY TO REDEEM US

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

Happy New Year! Today we welcome the new church year, and the beginning of Advent. We hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, foreshadowing his second Triumphant Entry when he returns on the last day. Our Hymn of the Day, *Savior of the Nations, Come* (LSB 332) was written by Ambrose of Milan (the father of Latin hymnody). Ambrose's hymns are characterized by their simplicity and were written for congregational use. The tune NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, is adapted from a plainsong melody that accompanied the original Latin text.

❖ 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 24 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 332, "Savior of the Nations, Come"*

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 ❖

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - "People of Zion" (December 6, 2020)

Old Testament: **Malachi 4:1-6** – The great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Psalm: **Psalm 50** – "The Mighty One, God the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down."

Epistle: **Romans 15:4-13** – The God of patience, comfort, and hope.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 21:25-36** – Your redemption draws near.



✠ 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 Robert Moffatt in thanksgiving and in memory of the loved ones we have had in our lives.

POINSETTIA PLANTS will be placed in the altar area during the Christmas season. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 752-0525 or 691-3619, **before December 15**. Poinsettias are \$6.00 each and are yours to take home anytime during the Christmas season.

GIVING TREE: Please check out the Giving Tree in the church Narthex. Take a card (or two) off the tree. Each card has a gift suggestion written on it. Gifts must be returned by December 13. Do not wrap the gifts, as they will be given to the mothers for wrapping. Make sure the gift card is attached to the gift.

COPIES OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11/1/2020 VOTERS ASSEMBLY, including a report from the treasurer, are available in the narthex for all who would like a copy.

THE CHURCH IS WANTING TO SEND CARE PACKAGES to the military we are praying for but we need their addresses to do that. If you have or know the address for the following, please call the church office, 352-0014, and give them their address. Looking for: Rick Bernsten; Ryan Berkel; Jacob Shubert; and Keith Woodcock.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: **Jeremiah 23:6b - "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' "** Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the Heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, good works can be done by us for the *right* reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

THIS WEEK ON AM850 & [kfu.org](#), study "Advent with the Prophets" on Sharper Iron during Advent (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), begin studying Identity on Mental Health Monday with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann (11/30 at 9:00 a.m.), and enjoy Midday Moments on creation, family, faith, scripture and the lighter side of life with Gary Duncan and special guests on weekdays at 12:00 p.m. Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ November 1-14, 2020

ATTENDANCE Sunday: TBA Wednesday: TBA	FINANCIAL			
	November 1-14		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$13,327	\$11,002	Income: \$231,683.50	\$235,767
Expense:	\$3,042	\$11,001	Expense: \$211,932.34	\$235,769

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SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	Nursery: 2nd Floor - Sanctuary: Bible Class "On Holy Ground: Why We Do What We Do in Worship" Pastor Randy Asburry	MONDAY
10:30 — Sunday School/Bible Study		TUESDAY
11:45 — Youth Catechism Class		WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm Advent Evening Prayer
		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off