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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ January 24, 2021

✠ 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 ✠

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED AND MANIFESTS HIS GLORY

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1-9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Our Hymn of the Day (*O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*, LSB 413) comes to us in Latin written by an unknown author in 1495, just before the dawn of the Reformation. The first examples of it were found in Salisbury, England. The Englishman John Mason Neale (1818-1866) gave us a fine translation of this hymn. The joyous melody of this hymn and the clearly told facts of the transfiguration make it memorable. The very title of the hymn gives us a word that must be understood in its biblical sense—"type." A type is a preview of what was fulfilled in Christ Jesus. So, Melchizedek (Gen. 14:17-24; Ps. 110:4) was a type of Christ. In the transfiguration, the radiant glory of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah was a type (again, preview) of heaven. In stanza 2, Neale translates for us that "the incarnate Lord holds converse high." "Incarnate" means to have flesh, just as we do, and this flesh Jesus shares with us. See John 1 on this. In stanza 3, we have the promise of heavenly glory, where the writer indicates we shall all not only witness but also be a part of heavenly glory when we steadfastly "joy in God with perfect love." Stanza 4 is written to give us hope, we who walk so often in "the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps. 23:4). Despite life's tragedies, we sing hymns like this to spite Satan and the troubles he sends us. Finally, stanza 5 is our closing prayer that our Triune God might bring us to the reality of eternal life. (taken from *The Word in Song*)

✠ 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 2 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 413, "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

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 ✠

SEPTUAGESIMA ("About 70 Days" - until Easter) (January 31, 2021)

God the Father calls unworthy sinners and makes them rich.

Old Testament: **Exodus 17:1-7**—God gives the grumbling Israelites water from the Rock.

Psalm: **Psalm 95:1-9**— "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 9:24--10:5**— Christ is the spiritual Rock.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**— The laborers in the Vineyard; God's extravagant mercy.

✠ 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 in January are Sunday, Jan 24, and 31 and February 7 and 14. Vases are \$21 each and are yours to take home after the service. There is a 2021 flower calendar in the narthex that if you would like to put flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday sign up on the calendar and take an envelope by the calendar to put your payment in. You can also call Carol, 752-0525 or 691-3619 to reserve a date.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Please join together in serving our neighbors by collecting items for Humanitri, an organization in St. Louis that helps the homeless acquire stability (Humanitri.org). A list of suggested items is in the narthex. You can place your items in a box located in the narthex starting January 17. We will collect for the next four Sundays.

LUTHERAN WITNESS subscription renewal (or take out a new subscription!) time is here. The *Lutheran Witness* is a magazine that informs us as to what others are doing for the Lord. A yearly subscription is \$15.96. You can put your check in the specific envelope in your Tithing packet, make check payable to Hope Lutheran Church. If you no longer wish to receive an existing subscription, please notify the church office.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24: **Matthew 17:7 - "But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.'"** When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us, cares for us, and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS... *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: The Conversion of Paul, The Book of Revelation, The New Testament Manuscripts, The Need for a Global Children's Rights Movement, Discussing Social Issues with Progressives and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ December

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 78

FINANCIAL

		<i>December</i>		<i>Year-to-Date</i>	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$24,827	\$23,575		Income: \$281,717	\$282,918
Expense:	\$21,762	\$23,575		Expense: \$253,915	\$282,918

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ JANUARY 24, 2021

SCHEDULE

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl
10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study
11:45 - Youth Catechism Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

Nursery:
2nd Floor -
Sanctuary:
"On Holy Ground:
Why We Do What We Do in
Worship"
Pastor Randy Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY
7:00 Church Council via Zoom

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm - Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off