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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ February 21, 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 DOES BATTLE IN OUR PLACE

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1-21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1-11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40-51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1-10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb. 4:14-16).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

With the beginning on Lent we show restraint in which portions of the liturgy we sing. You will notice that the *Hymn of Praise* and *Alleluia Verse* are omitted during the Lenten season. With the beginning of Lent/Eastertide we also move into a different musical setting of the Divine Service. During this season we make use of Divine Service Setting Two from *Lutheran Service Book*. This morning we also sing the Litany. Traditionally used on the first Sundays of Lent and Advent, this expanded prayer serves as a way to remind us of the penitential nature of both seasons.

❖ 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 32 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 656, "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 ❖

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (February 28, 2021)

Jesus praises the persistent faith of a Canaanite (Gentile) woman.

Old Testament: **Genesis 32:22-32**—Jacob wrestles with God.

Psalm: **Psalm 121**—"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, ..."

Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 4:1-7**—God calls us to be holy.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 15:21-28**—The Canaanite woman's "great faith."

✠ 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](#).

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LEMAY is hosting a midweek Lenten organ recital series. Thirty-minute recitals will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesdays in Lent, preceding their mid-day Lenten services. Recitals will be heard live on KFUE 850 AM, streamed on YouTube (at Peace Lutheran Church STL), or socially distant and in person in their sanctuary. The series begins on Ash Wednesday. Kantor Janssen will be playing the recital on February 24. More information is available at peacestlmusic.org.

EASTER LILIES will be used on Easter Sunday in the altar area. 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, **before March 22**. Lilies are \$8.00 each and are yours to take home after the service on Easter.

LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER: 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.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT..."When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE.ORG, join us for Midweek Lent Worship and Organ Concert on 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. CT, continue studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs at kfue.org or on your podcast app.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, February 21: **Matthew 4:4 - "But he answered, 'It is written,' 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"** What good are all the things of this world (food, drink, house, home, wealth, etc.) if we lose the things of God? What's more important? How should our priorities be arranged?

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ January		
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 81	FINANCIAL	
	<i>Month of January</i>	<i>Year End 2020</i>
	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
	Income: \$20,415 \$24,319	Income: \$281,717 \$282,918
	Expense: \$21,659 \$23,358	Expense: \$253,915 \$282,918
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ February 21, 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 <i>Nursery:</i> 2nd Floor - <i>Sanctuary:</i> "Eighth Day Images of Hope" Pastor Randy Asburry	WEEK'S CALENDAR MONDAY <hr/> TUESDAY <hr/> WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm - Lent PM Prayer <hr/> THURSDAY <hr/> FRIDAY <hr/> SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off