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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ February 28, 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 ❖

HOLDING GOD TO HIS WORD

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7) – to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1-5).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

WHEN IN THE HOUR OF DEEPEST NEED – LSB 615

Today's Hymn of the Day confronts the questions, fears and wounds of this life directly. Its title directs us to where we can turn "when in the hour of deepest need." This hymn was penned by Paul Eber (1511-69), but it owed from a Latin hymn written by his teacher, Joachim Camerarius (1500-74). Both hymns are based upon the great prayer of King Jehoshaphat. Read this prayer in 2 Chron. 20:6-12. Paul Eber was among the most gifted of the Wittenberg poets and hymn writers. He suffered childhood illness, was handicapped after being thrown from a horse, buried all but two of his 14 children, and endured blistering theological attacks. Though we know little of the circumstances surrounding the composition of this hymn, one of its first known uses was in a service that was a call to prayer issued by Johannes Bugenhagen on Ascension Day 1547, after Emperor Charles V demanded that the city of Wittenberg lay down its arms. (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 121 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 615*, "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

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 ❖

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (March 7, 2021)

Jesus opposes the devil in order to free us from his oppression.

Old Testament: **Exodus 8:16-24** – The finger of God working in the plagues in Egypt.

Psalm: **Psalm 4** – "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Epistle: **Ephesians 5:1-9** – Being imitators of God.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 11:14-28** – Jesus and Beelzebub.

✠ 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](#).

LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS ARE IN A BASKET ON THE TABLE WHERE YOU PICK UP BULLETINS, ALONG WITH CALENDARS FOR KIDS. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF!

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. 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.

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.

DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is an on-demand podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Hosea. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE.ORG, hear sacred music for Lent on Joy! with Ron Klemm on 3/3 at 1:00 p.m. CT, worship with us in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on 3/3 at 11:00 p.m. CT, study Mark 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Ephesians 4-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, February 28: **Matthew 15:27-28 - "She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'O woman, great is your faith!' "** Faith says "Yes" to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says - even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!

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 28, 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