



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ March 7, 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 OVERCOMES THE STRONG MAN

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### LORD OF OUR LIFE AND GOD OF OUR SALVATION - LSB 659

Jesus Christ, the Lord Who has the words of eternal life (John 6:68). Christ is the One Who defeats Satan, the accuser, and helps His saints (Rev. 12:10). Though they are surrounded by foes with unfurled banners, yet the Lord's banner of love waves over His Church (Song of Sol. 2:4) and preserves Her. Though darkness surrounds the believers, His Light of the Gospel shines through the darkness. Though the Church is assaulted by devils, still the Lord's armor (panoply; Eph. 6) defends Her. This hymn is unusual in that the second stanza of the text is sturdy and loud; the text then tapers off from billows to prayers for peace (and a wise organist will match this tapering). He brings His peace to our hearts, to the Church, to the world, and is in fullness in heaven. (from logia.org)

### ✠ 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 136 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 659*, "Lord of Our Life"

*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 ✠

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (March 14, 2021)

*Jesus feeds the 5000 and shows Himself to be the true Bread of Life for His people.*

Old Testament: **Exodus 16:2-21** – God gives "manna" – bread from heaven.

Psalm: **Psalm 132:8-18** – "For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place"

Epistle: **Acts 2:41-47** – The fellowship of believers around Word and Sacraments.

Holy Gospel: **John 6:1-15** – Jesus feeds the 5000; He is Bread from heaven.

✠ 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](http://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](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY... 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 Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave," The Building of the Temple, Responding to Calvinist Proof Texts, Old Testament Judge Samson and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, March 7: **Ephesians 5:1-2 - "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."** Our sanctification flows from the justification which we have received in Christ. His love for us transforms us into His image. This is why the Bible talks so much about giving - because we are to imitate God in His generosity. If you want to walk in the footsteps of your Heavenly Father: seek mercy, kindness, and open-handed generosity.

| STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ February 14-February 27  |   |   |
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| <b>ATTENDANCE</b><br>Sunday: 81  | <b>FINANCIAL</b>  |   |
|  | <i>February 14-27</i><br><u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u><br>Income: \$11,547    \$12,159<br>Expense:    \$9,276    \$11,680                                 | <i>Year End 2020</i><br><u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u><br>Income: \$281,717    \$282,918<br>Expense: \$253,915    \$282,918  |
| THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ March 7, 2021  |   |   |
| <b>SCHEDULE</b><br><br>9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE<br>Live stream at<br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a><br><br>10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study<br><br>11:45 - Youth Catechism Class | <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS</b><br><br><i>Nursery:</i><br>2nd Floor -<br><br><i>Sanctuary:</i><br>"Eighth Day Images of Hope"<br>Pastor Randy Asburry | <b>WEEK'S CALENDAR</b><br><br>MONDAY<br>7:00 Board of Finance<br><hr/> TUESDAY<br><hr/> WEDNESDAY<br>7:00 pm - Lent PM Prayer<br><hr/> THURSDAY<br><hr/> FRIDAY<br><hr/> SATURDAY<br>Pastor's Day Off |