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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ March 14, 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 ❖

THE LORD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets – that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God's people "shall not hunger or thirst" (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE – LSB 743

Johann Franck's hymn is a love song from the bride (church) to her Lord Jesus Christ! This is not as easy to see in English as in the original German which includes this line: God's Lamb, my Bridegroom. Jesus is the priceless Bridegroom, pleasure, friend, and Lamb who has ransomed us, not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood (1 Peter 1:18–19). Jesus defends his bride against all evils of body and soul, especially that accuser Satan. Christians also can also decry fear and death. The world and its treasures hold no sway over those who, in faith, rely on Christ. Faithful Christians, members of the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22–33), do not fear leaving this evil world, for then they will dwell forever before the face of their Bridegroom, their priceless Treasure, 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 132 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 743, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

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 ❖

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (March 21, 2021)

Jesus is our Great High Priest who sacrifices Himself for us.

Old Testament: **Genesis 22:1-14**—God tests Abraham and foreshadows the sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus the Christ.

Psalm: **Psalm 43**—"Vindicate me, O God."

Epistle: **Hebrews 9:11-15**—The blood of Christ cleanses us from sin.

Holy Gospel: **John 8:42-59**—Jesus says, "Before Abraham was, I AM"—equating Himself with God.



✠ 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. 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.

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway, Lawrence Rast, Bryan Wolfmueller, Will Weedon and Robert George. Early bird registration is \$135 and includes three meals. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, March 14: **John 6:8-9 - "One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"** The disciples focus on the numbers: so little for so much! But the Lord's grace will not be limited by the narrow vision of His disciples. The Lord has a plan to use even the little for His work of greatness. So let us be faithful even in the little and watch the Lord use it for His great works!

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP LCMS MISSIONARIES: Are you interested in a unique opportunity to help our newly employed LCMS missionaries? Our brand-new missionaries have been working hard creating presentations about their work but are looking for feedback and need practice presenting in front of a live Zoom audience. Join the LCMS Office of International Mission via Zoom for "New Missionary Presentations" on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 am- 10:30 am. Come to learn how these missionaries will share the Gospel to the ends of the earth and give them crucial feedback as they continue to refine their presentations in a safe environment. There will be opportunities for either verbal or written feedback depending on time and your comfort level. If you would like to attend, please email mservices@lcms.org to receive the Zoom link.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ February

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 81

FINANCIAL

<i>February</i>		<i>Year-to-date</i>	
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income: \$20,748	\$24,319	Income: \$41,163	\$48,638
Expense: \$19,974	\$23,359	Expense: \$41,624	\$46,717

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ March 14, 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:
"Eighth Day Images of Hope"
Pastor Randy Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm - Lent PM Prayer

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off