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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 4, 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 ✠

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION MEANS THAT WE WILL ONE DAY BE RAISED

"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1-8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. "After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God" (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Today we join Christians all around the world in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is one of the "barn burners" of the church year, musically speaking. We celebrate this morning with brass, organ, and plenty of congregational singing. With the end of the Lenten season, we once again join in singing "This is the Feast of Victory" and "Alleluia!" During the season of Easter, we substitute the simple Alleluia & Verse for the traditional Sequence Hymn, *Christ is Arisen* (LSB 459), complete with the choral chants and congregational exclamation of "Alleluia!" The Hymn of the Day, *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* (LSB 458), is a completely Lutheran take on Easter. Written by Martin Luther, with a tune edited by Lutheran Kantor Johann Walter we sing not only the happy part of the Easter story, but also the suffering...which is why the resurrection has such meaning for us!

✠ 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 118 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 458, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

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 ✠

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 11, 2021)

As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the Word (Quasimodo Geniti).

- Old Testament: **Ezekiel 37:1-14** – Ezekiel sees the valley of dry bones.
 Psalm: **Psalm 33** – "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made"
 Epistle: **1 John 5:4-10** – Jesus, the water and the blood.
 Holy Gospel: **John 20:19-31** – Jesus institutes Holy Absolution.



✠ 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](#).

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS from the "Roschke-Stohlmann Lutheran Vocations and Education Fund" are now being accepted. Scholarships shall be granted based on motivation, financial and scholarship needs of the applicant as evaluated by the Board of Finance. Scholarships shall be awarded in the following order of priority: 1. Seminary training; 2. Pre-seminary training; 3. Full-time rostered church work training (teacher, DCE, DCO, Deaconess, etc.); 4. Lutheran elementary education; 5. Lutheran high school education. Application must be received by **Monday, May 10, 2021**. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, April 4: **John 20:1 - "Now on the first day of the week ..."** All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new. He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him - a new heart, a new life, new desires, and a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our Risen Lord's grace. Especially after the sort of year we've had since last Easter. It's sure good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, we celebrate our Risen Savior! Hear the end of Mark and begin 1 Peter 1 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue in 1 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear practical conversations on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.). Find podcasts, including the new "Friends for Life" podcast from LCMS Life Ministry, on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ March 14-27

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 89

FINANCIAL

March 7-20		Year-to-date through February	
Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income: \$17,299	\$10,986	Income: \$41,163	\$48,638
Expense: \$ 9,078	\$11,904	Expense: \$41,624	\$46,717

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ April 4, 2021

SCHEDULE

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl
10:30 - DIVINE SERVICE

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

Nursery:
2nd Floor -
Sanctuary:

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY
Church office Closed

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day off