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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ April 11, 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 WOUNDS OF CHRIST GIVE US LIFE

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (LSB 471)

The hymn tells the story of Jesus' resurrection appearances. In nine verses the accounts of the first week of the resurrection unfold. The many individuals who were overcome with immense sorrow encounter the preaching of the word and with it Christ and his resurrection. It indicates such a joyous turn of events by wrapping its verses throughout in joyful Alleluias. The words paraphrase John 20. When we sing this hymn, we participate with St. John and the holy angels in the preaching of Christ's resurrection to the world. Both singer and hearer go with the women early in the morning to the tomb, hide behind locked doors with the disciples, encounter Jesus and his wounds with Thomas, all the while seeing sorrow, fear, and unbelief shattered by Christ and the proclamation that today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! The Resurrection grants and strengthens faith to a fear-filled world, and so the work of this hymn both restorative to the fallen and missional to the unbelieving. It culminates in verse eight before ending with a high doxology in verse nine. "How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life will win. Alleluia!" (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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 471, "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 11, 2021)

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. (Misericordias Domini).

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 34:11-16**—God is our Shepherd.

Psalm: **Psalm 23**—"The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

Epistle: **1 Peter 2:21-25**—Life through God's Word.

Holy Gospel: **John 10:11-16**—Jesus the Good Shepherd.

✠ 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](#).

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Robert Moffatt in memory of Laura Frahm Moffatt, who would have celebrated her 74th birthday and the 54th wedding anniversary of Robert and Laura Moffatt.

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 11: **John 20:19 - "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"** The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us - not our works - we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons - out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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: What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Members Knew about the Church Calendar, Eastern Orthodoxy, Christians in a Woke World, The Prophet Jonah and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUC, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ March 14-27

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 110

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 11, 2021

SCHEDULE

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

10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

Nursery:

2nd Floor -

Sanctuary:

"Eighth Day Images of Hope"
Pastor Randy Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY
7:00 Church Council

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
7:00 Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day off