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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ April 18, 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 GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR HIS SHEEP

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). "For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25).

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (LSB 709)

The hymn of the day for Good Shepherd Sunday is a hymn on a hymn! When Jesus sang hymns with his disciples, they would have been singing from their hymnal, the Psalms – Psalm 23 included. Since this hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23, Christians have been singing these words for more than three thousand years! King David wrote Psalm 23, perhaps the most beloved of all the Psalms. Our hymn pictures Jesus as the answer to David's hymn. It shows Jesus loving us; Jesus leading us to good water; Jesus shepherding us when we go astray; Jesus walking through the valley of the shadow of death with and for us; Jesus feeding us a meal in the wilderness of this life; and Jesus bringing us to eternal life. Its place in the middle of the Easter season shows the Good Shepherd rounding up his scattered church after his resurrection. One will call to mind Jesus shepherding the disciples on the road to Emmaus, bringing the Apostles and particularly Thomas back to the fold, opening Mary's tear-filled eyes to see that he is the Risen One, curing Peter's broken conscience and restoring him, appearing to his brother James and many others as the Shepherd who loves them. Even now he gathers the scattered through the preaching of the Word and restores the lost into the fold through the great "peace be to you," of the absolution. (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 23 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 12, 2019) – *Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!* (Jubilate)

Old Testament: **Isaiah 40:25-31** – On eagle's wings.

Psalm: **Psalm 147:1-11** – "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power"

Epistle: **1 Peter 2:11-20** – Living as free people.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:16-22** – Jesus turns our grief into joy.

✠ 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 18: **John 10:14 - "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."** What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord. He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him. In knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD... 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 topics include: The TV Series "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier;" The Historical Reliability of John's Gospel; The Word "Resurrection" in the Bible; The Calling of the Prophet Isaiah and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CONCERTS AT PEACE presents a Special Brown Bag Concert for Senior Citizens on Wednesday, April 21 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the parking lot. Popular and Jazz pianist and singer **Ken Kehner** will provide music. You are invited to order a Brown Bag lunch (or bring your own) to enjoy during the concert from your car or lawn chair. To order lunch visit www.peacestlmusic.org or call the church office. This concert is courtesy of the St. Louis Musicians Union. Monday, April 19 is the deadline to order lunch.

CONCERTS AT PEACE will host the St. Louis Theater Musicians' Orchestra in concert Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the West Parking Lot. You may sit in your car or bring a lawn chair to enjoy music from 22 musicians that perform in the orchestra pits of the Muny, The Fox and Repertory Theater of St. Louis. Support has been provided by Local 2-197 of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ March

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 110

FINANCIAL

March		Year-to-date through March	
Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income: \$27,009	\$24,327	Income: \$68,171	\$72,964
Expense: \$ 21,905	\$26,359	Expense: \$63,529	\$73,076

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ April 18, 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:
"Shepherds in the Scriptures"
Pastor Randy Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
7:00 Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day off