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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 2, 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 PROMISES TO SEND HIS HOLY SPIRIT, THE HELPER

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

DEAR CHRISTIANS ONE AND ALL, REJOICE (LSB 556)

Luther makes a second appearance in the Easter season with this hymn for Cantate Sunday (the first being his *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*). This is one of his earliest hymns, thought to be the second hymn he wrote. Lutheran theologians often like to compare early and late Luther as his theology develops and sharpens with age. This hymn shows a rich and beautiful grasp of the Gospel quite early in Luther's study. Thus it comments on how fast the Gospel spread, doing its work as it was carried along especially by hymnody. In Luther's Law/Gospel fashion, he lays out the impossible struggle of justifying oneself through works before God (vs. 2 - 4). The hymn then follows with life giving relief through the Gospel (vs. 5 - 10). It tells the story of Luther's own struggle with sin and death. This struggle is now shared by all who sin and try to find any hope in this life apart from Christ. The sung confession of verse five gives the world hope as Christ alone can and does set free from sin and sorrow, Christ alone slays bitter death that mankind may live forever. The whole hymn provides a concise creed on the work of God to save. (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 66 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 556*, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 9, 2021) -

Certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. (Rogate)

Old Testament: **Numbers 21:4-9**—Moses raises the bronze snake.

Psalm: **Psalm 107** — "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress."

Epistle: **1 Timothy 2:1-6**—Pray for all people.

Holy Gospel: **John 16:23-33**—Ask and you will receive.



✠ 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](#).

TODAY WE INSTALL OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: Treasurer: Diana Brown; Elders: Kevin Robson, Chad Rolland, Jim Frost; Member-at-Large: Carol Spyers; and Chairman of Voters: Joel Shoemaker. May the almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen them in their offices that they may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

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, May 2: **James 1:17 - "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights."** God is the source of all goodness. When we do good, therefore, we imitate Him and reflect His light to all the world. Christians give freely because God has first given so freely to us. We are only imitating our Father and growing up into His likeness.

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... 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: Roman Catholic Mariology, The Godly Practice of Leisure, The Word "Glory" in the Bible, Facebook's New Prayer Post Feature 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, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, begin studying 2 Peter on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear about 1 Kings 8-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite podcasts on demand at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ April 11-24

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 89

FINANCIAL

<i>April 11-24</i>		<i>Year-to-date through March</i>	
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income: \$14,944	\$11,349	Income: \$68,171	\$72,964
Expense: \$ 11,488	\$10,901	Expense: \$63,529	\$73,076

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 2, 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:
"Living as Easter Christians:
A Study in 1 Peter"
Pastor Randy Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
7:00 Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day off