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## WEEKLY NEWS ❖ May 9, 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 FATHER ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS BECAUSE OF JESUS

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you" (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

### ❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

#### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (LSB 770)

Today we depart from a summary of the Hymn of the Day to look more closely at our opening hymn. *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* is a hymn some people love and others love to hate. With today's Scripture reading focus on prayer, stanza two serves as a resound reminder to "Take it to the Lord in prayer." The following comes from the *Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns* in an essay by Bruce Keseman. Consider just a few of the Scripture verses on which this hymn builds: "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matthew 7:7); "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15); and "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). As Martin Luther explains in his Small Catechism, "God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father."

### ❖ 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 107 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 766, "Our Father, Who From Heaven Above"

### ❖ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ❖

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 16, 2021) -

*Hear O Lord, when I cry with my voice! (Exaudi)*

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 36:22-28** - God creates new heart and spirit in us.

Psalm: **Psalm 51** - "Create in me a clean heart, O God"

Epistle: **1 Peter 4:7-14** - Sober living.

Holy Gospel: **John 15:26-16:4** - Jesus promises to send the Spirit of Truth.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEMINARIAN SCOT MISSLING upon receiving his vicarage assignment for 2021-22. Scot will serve his vicarage at [Living Savior Lutheran Church](#) in Fairfax Station, Virginia. We pray God's blessing upon both Scot and Veronica through the transition and their year of vicarage.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS DUE TOMORROW for the "Roschke-Stohlmann Lutheran Vocations and Education Fund". 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. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 9: **1 Timothy 2:5-6 - "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all."** To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God, fair and square. This is not only because He created us, but this is doubly so in that we are ransomed. We belong to God. That's the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... 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: Justification, The Means of Grace, The Theology of the Cross, Christology, Vocation, Living in Two Kingdoms and Worship. 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfu.org](http://kfu.org), finish Jude and begin Jeremiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study 1 Kings 11-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and learn how our Confessions interact with our daily life as Lutherans on Concord Matters (5/15 at 10:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

CELEBRATE SUMMER! CONCERT Saturday, May 29, 2021 6:30 pm in the West Parking Lot of Peace Lutheran Church. Concerts at Peace will host the Winds of Peace (The Peace Band) and guest soloist Scott Kennebeck. Under the direction of Burnell Hackman the Winds of Peace is made up of members of Peace Lutheran Church and the larger community. The first three rows of the Parking Lot will be roped off for lawn chairs with the next three rows reserved for people sitting in their cars. The Youth of Peace will be selling Ted Drewes, soft drinks and chips. Plan to attend and get summer off to a GREAT start!!!

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ April 18 - May 1**

ATTENDANCE Sunday: 93	FINANCIAL			
	April 18-May 1		Year-to-date through March	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income: \$13,172	\$11,323	Income: \$68,171	\$72,964
	Expense: \$ 11,120	\$10,876	Expense: \$63,529	\$73,076

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 9, 2021**

SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>	<b>Nursery:</b> 2nd Floor - <b>Sanctuary:</b> "Living as Easter Christians: A Study in 1 Peter" Pastor Randy Asburry	MONDAY
		TUESDAY
10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study		WEDNESDAY 7:00 Divine Service (Easter 6)
		THURSDAY 7:00 The Ascension of Our Lord
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day off