



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 16, 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 SPIRIT OF TRUTH BEARS WITNESS TO JESUS

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. "The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God" (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet. 4:11).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID (LSB 500)

Rhabanus Maurus (776-856), Archbishop of Mainz, wrote *Veni Creator Spiritus, Mentis*, which appears in varying forms as LSB 498, 499, and this one, 500. The Holy Spirit had an active role in the creation of all things (see Genesis 1:2). The hymn prays that he would continue to refresh us, freeing us from sin, and making us living temples. He who is uncreated light and fire is the one who gives the healing message of salvation in Christ alone. This holy one now makes sinners into holy saints. All of this is by the Spirit's gracious work, not the work of man, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). Rightly do saints who have received this grace return thanks to this Paraclete (counselor/comforter) along with the Father and the Son. This hymn is paired with the tune, *All Ehr und Lob*, which was the tune used by Luther for his German versification of the *Gloria in excelsis*. (from [logia.org](http://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 51 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 500, "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

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

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST (May 23, 2021) –

*The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.*

Old Testament: **Genesis 11:1-9** – Tower of Babel – Confusion of languages.

Psalm: **Psalm 143** – "For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!"

Epistle: **Acts 2:1-21** – Pentecost – the Holy Spirit & the preaching of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel: **John 14:23-31** – Jesus goes to the Father & promises the Holy Spirit.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME Bishop Vsevolod Lytkin from the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, a partner church of the LCMS. Bishop Lytkin will preach the sermon and give a presentation during Bible Class. We also welcome Pastor Daniel Johnson and Pastor Larry Beane, both of whom serve with the [Siberian Lutheran Mission Society](#). Visit their website to learn more about the Gospel work and outreach in Siberia.

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 16: **1 Peter 4:10** - “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” The grace, the gifts, the blessings – they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So, we listen to His Word, pray for His Wisdom, and receive His grace.

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CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfu.org](#): study Jeremiah 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), dig into 1 Kings 17-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear a practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m.). Download our new KFUE Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

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: 56

**FINANCIAL**

<i>April 18-May 1</i>		<i>Year-to-date through March</i>	
<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 16, 2021**

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE  
Live stream at  
[www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl](http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl)  
  
10:30 - Sunday School/Bible Study

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS**

*Nursery:*  
2nd Floor -  
*Sanctuary:*  
The Work of the Gospel in Siberia  
Bishop Vsevolod Lytkin

**WEEK’S CALENDAR**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY  
7:00 Divine Service

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY  
Pastor’s Day off