



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 23, 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 HOLY SPIRIT GIVES PEACE

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

#### COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD (LSB 497)

Luther based the first stanza of his Pentecost hymn off of a prior translation of the Latin antiphon for the Vigil of Pentecost, "Veni, Sancte Spiritus." Luther improved the German text and added two more stanzas. Each stanza is based on a description of the Holy Spirit: Stanza 1—To the God and Lord who gives faith and keeps united those in this faith; Stanza 2—To the Light guiding Christians ever again to Christ, the Light of the world via his Word; Stanza 3—To the Fire who comforts and energizes his saints. The gracious work of God done through the Holy Spirit is needed so that those who do not know Christ would be brought to faith in Him. This work also keeps His saints in the saving faith against all the perils of this world, **That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!** Of this hymn Luther stated, "The hymn, 'Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,' was composed by the Holy Ghost Himself, both words and music." (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 143 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 497, "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

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

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY (May 30, 2021) –

**Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the Undivided Unity:**

**Let us give glory to Him for He has shown mercy unto us.**

Old Testament: **Isaiah 6:1-7** – Isaiah sees God on His throne.

Psalm: **Psalm 29** – "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name"

Epistle: **Romans 11:33-36** – The depth of the riches of God's wisdom.

Holy Gospel: **John 3:1-17** – God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY IS THE LAST CLASS FOR preschool through high school Sunday School members. The teachers were thankful for faithful attendance by the students and wish all of you a blessed summer. See you in September!

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, June 6, 13, 20, and 27. Vases are \$21 each and are yours to take home after the service. You can take an envelope by the calendar to put your payment in or call Carol, 752-0525 or 691-3619 to reserve a date.

IDENTITY SUMMER 2021 is coming once again for youth entering 7th - 12th Grade in the fall of 2021. STL Identity Youth is back in action for 2021! With the majority of the events being hosted outside and a limited number of people allowed to register for each event, the days may look a little different than before to help keep us socially distanced. Choose the event you want to be involved in and sign up! Invite a friend to be a part of these ministries - the more people sharing the love of Jesus in our surrounding communities the better! Want to do two events? Because space is limited at each event, we ask that you wait until May 25 to sign up for a second event so that others have a chance to participate. Registration opens on May 7<sup>th</sup>. A link to register can be found on the Identity page of Epiphany Lutheran Church's website: [www.elcstl.org](http://www.elcstl.org). An email will also be sent to those that have participated before with a link to register. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [STLidentity@gmail.com](mailto:STLidentity@gmail.com) or [church@elcstl.org](mailto:church@elcstl.org).

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, May 23: **Acts 2:1 - "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place."** Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival - a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that the New Testament takes on the meaning of a new harvest - the ripe fields of the nations. This includes bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): study Jeremiah 6-8 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear conversations about living out our Lutheran faith on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), and finish 1 Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 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 25 - May 8**

**ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday: 84

**FINANCIAL**

April 25-May 8		Year-to-date through March	
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income: \$12,844	\$11,140	Income: \$68,171	\$72,964
Expense: \$ 8,702	\$10,700	Expense: \$63,529	\$73,076

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 23, 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:*  
"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