



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ May 30, 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. Today we open all of the center section pews and Bible Class moves back to the basement auditorium. Coffee Hour also returns! See the service folder for updated health and safety protocols. 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 TRINITY REVEALS HIMSELF TO SINNERS

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "Woe is me!" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1-7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for" (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!" (Is. 6:3). "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen" (Rom. 11:33-36).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

TODAY WE CELEBRATE one of the most humanly incomprehensible things...the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. To set this feast apart from the Easter/Pentecost celebrations and the season of Trinity (also known as the "Green Season") we make use of the Luther Mass, or Divine Service 5 from *Lutheran Service Book*. Divine Service 5 has roots in the Reformation when Martin Luther wanted a service that the people could participate in. Today we take for granted that the congregation will sing things such as the Gloria, Agnus Dei, etc. Until Luther's time, these were solely the realm of the choir. Setting these texts to sturdy German chorales turned this participation in the liturgy over to the common person, allowing a deeper participation in their reception of the Lord's Supper. Our hymnody today, of course, focuses on the teaching of the Holy Trinity and our response to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### ✠ 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 29 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- PONDER today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 795, "Voices Raised to You We Offer"

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (June 6, 2021) -

*O Lord, I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. (Ps. 13:5)*

Old Testament: **Genesis 15:1-6** – Abram trusts God's promises.

Psalm: **Psalm 33** - "Our soul waits for the Lord."

Epistle: **1 John 4:16-21** – We love God because He first loved us.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 16:19-31** – Faith hears God's Word and trusts Christ alone.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR given by the Day family in thanksgiving to God for the blessing of 24 years of marriage, and the abundant gifts given them, especially the gift of children, as Caleb celebrates his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the gift of neighbors to love, as they thank God for Susan Morris.

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 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 30: **John 3:6 - "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."** In Holy Baptism, we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, and new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense. The total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently - as we might expect from the Trinity! A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Study Jeremiah 9-13 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), begin the book of 2 Kings on "Thy Strong Word" (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear practical application of our Catechism for daily living on Concord Matters (6/5 at 10:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), the KFUE Radio app, or wherever you get your podcasts!

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ May 9 - May 27**

**ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday: 82

**FINANCIAL**

	May 9 - 27		Year-to-date through April	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$12,047	\$10,983	Income: \$96,504	\$97,283
Expense:	\$11,035	\$10,549	Expense: \$84,322	\$87,707

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ May 30, 2021**

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE  
Live stream at  
[www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl](http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl)  
10:15 - Coffee Hour  
10:30 - Bible Study

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS**

**Nursery:**  
2nd Floor -  
**Basement Auditorium:**  
"Living as Easter Christians:  
A Study in 1 Peter"  
Pastor Randy Asburry

**WEEK'S CALENDAR**

MONDAY  
*Memorial Day-church office closed*

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY  
*Pastor's Day off*