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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 13, 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 GOSPEL CALL GOES OUT TO ALL

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight" (Prov. 9:5-6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). For "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13-22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13-18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED (LSB 622). Samuel Kinner (1603-1668) was a physician in Breslau, Germany (now in Poland). Although this physician did not call the Lord's Supper the medicine of immortality, he clearly describes it as such: his body and blood, which grant rest, comfort, and pardon for weary and sin-oppressed souls. The saints are not to trust in an empty supper (such as the Reformed teach) but in the true Supper of Christ's Body and Blood in, with, and under bread and wine! Reason cannot understand this reality of Christ's presence, but the Word declares it to be true. We do not "spring our minds into heaven to access Christ there," but rather receive him where he promises to be, at his altar. Thanks be to Christ for this consoling Supper, a true and blessed comfort when living or dying. [Taken from www.logia.org hymn summaries]

✠ 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 34 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 622, "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared."

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at each Sunday morning Divine Service, with both chalice and individual cup offered. Members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may partake of the Sacrament trusting that in this Holy Meal the Lord Jesus Christ is present and gives His Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Guests are asked to speak with the pastor prior to communing. Those who have a health concern with the alcohol in the cup are asked to speak with the pastor. If you are taking Communion, please fill out the attendance card by marking an "X" in the box by the names of those communing, and hand the card to an usher as you go to the Lord's Table.

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (June 20, 2021) -

- Old Testament: **Micah 7:18-20**—God delights in mercy.
Psalm: **Psalm 103**—"Bless the LORD, O my soul!"
Epistle: **1 Timothy 1:12-17**—Christ came into the world to save sinners.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 15:1-10**—God's joy over one sinner who repents.

✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

PLEASE NOTE, THE ENTIRE SMALL PARKING LOT IS STILL reserved only for elderly and handicapped parking. We have elderly that are not able to walk from the large lot. THANK YOU for reserving that lot for those that truly need it!

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, June 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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY! Chad and Alicia Rolland will be leading one class (meeting upstairs in Room 2 next to the nursery) for all children who have not yet been confirmed. Older students will help lead with reading and activities. The summer line-up includes learning and singing the liturgy, digging into New Testament stories together, and activities/crafts.

CARONDELET STRING QUARTET INAUGURAL PERFORMANCE, Saturday, June 19, 3:00 p.m., at Epiphany Lutheran Church - Free Admission. You are invited to attend the inaugural performance of the Carondelet String Quartet. The program will include Joseph Haydn "Lark" quartet, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (British-African Composer) Fantasiestucke and Russell Peterson Quintet for Alto Saxophone and String Quartet with guest Elke Overton. The newly formed Carondelet String Quartet is the collaboration of four classically trained string players residing in South St. Louis City. Their mission is to provide free performances in the area in which they live. Their concerts strive to highlight works of classical masters, composers of diversity and feature guest artists.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, June 13: **Luke 14:19 - "And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' "** The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast - what could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today's parable invites us to examine our own priorities and attempted excuses and then to come home to the Lord in humble repentance.

LUTHERANISM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE... 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 topics include: A Christian Response to Progressive Ideology, Religious Liberty in Crisis, Media Coverage of Religion, Freedom of Conscience and more. 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, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: study Jeremiah 14-21 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear about 2 Kings 9-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and consider practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (6/19 at 10:00 a.m.). Download our new KFUE Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ May 23 - June 5

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 94

FINANCIAL

May 23 - June 5

Year-to-date through April

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$9,563	\$11,115	Income:	\$96,504	\$97,283
Expense:	\$8,694	\$11,176	Expense:	\$84,322	\$87,707

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ June 6, 2021

SCHEDULE

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl
10:15 - Coffee Hour
10:30 - Bible Study/Summer
Sunday School

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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day off