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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 20, 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 ✠

JESUS RECEIVES SINNERS

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you" (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

LORD, TO YOU I MAKE CONFESSION. There are two parts to confession: 1) to faithfully confess one's sins and 2) to receive absolution, that is, forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus' name. Johann Frank's (1618-1677) hymn of confession is a sung confession of sins with trust that they are forgiven in him who suffered and died to rescue, save, reconcile, and set free the penitent sinner. This hymn is rightly used when we hear preached Jesus' teaching of lost sinners being found again (whether the lost sheep and coin being found in Luke 15:1-10 or the return of the lost son in Luke 15:11-32). Such is the case when one confesses and is absolved; that penitent is forgiven and restored to a right relationship with the heavenly Father by Christ's precious blood, as proclaimed by the pastor (John 20:19-23). The forgiven sinner's sins are cast into the deepest sea (referring to Holy Baptism) and he or she stands cleansed from all iniquity. Thanks be to God for His mercy to sinners. [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 103 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 608, "Lord, to You I Make Confession."

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (June 27, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **Genesis 50:15-21** – Joseph forgives his brothers again.
Psalm: **Psalm 138** – "I will praise You with my whole heart."
Epistle: **Romans 12:14-21** – Be of the same mind toward one another.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 6:36-42** – Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

✧ 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!

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Carol Spyers in loving memory and thanksgiving for her Christian parents; and on this Father's Day in loving memory of the fathers and grandfathers in her life.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, June 27, July 11 and 25. 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 BEGAN LAST WEEK! 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, June 20: **Luke 15:5 - "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing."** The Lord Jesus came to seek and save what was lost. He came to put us back in the family of the Father and restore us to the kingdom of God. We are now new creatures in Christ Jesus. When we were claimed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, we receive new desires, new priorities, and a new zeal for the things of God. We have been found. Let our lives reflect this fact!

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH... 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: What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Knew about the Word of God, The Nativity of John the Baptist, The Movie "Cruella," LGBTQ+ Pride Month and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Worship with us in Daily Chapel services weekdays at 10:00 a.m., study Jeremiah 21-24 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and study 2 Kings 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org, the KFUE Radio app, or wherever you get your podcasts!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ May				
ATTENDANCE	FINANCIAL			
Sunday: 89	<i>May</i>		<i>Year-to-date through May</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income: \$22,022	\$24,319	Income: \$118,526	\$121,602
	Expense: \$22,078	\$21,927	Expense: \$106,400	\$109,634

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ June 20, 2021		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl 10:15 - Coffee Hour 10:30 - Bible Study/Summer Sunday School	Nursery: 2nd Floor - Basement Auditorium: "Living as Easter Christians: A Study in 1 Peter" Pastor Randy Asburry	MONDAY <hr/> TUESDAY <hr/> WEDNESDAY <hr/> THURSDAY <hr/> FRIDAY 5:00 - Wedding Rehearsal <hr/> SATURDAY 3:00 - Wedding: Christina Buhler & Abram Egger