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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ June 27, 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 ✠

CHRIST'S MERCY IS OURS TO SHOW TO OTHERS

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD (LSB 696). Johann Heermann (1585-1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). During his time as pastor many people of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn. We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a "healthy frame," not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one's calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God would actually work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Savior. Then, in splendor, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name. [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 138 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 696, "O God, My Faithful God."

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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 4, 2020) -

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 19:11-21** – God comforts Elijah with news of a faithful remnant of people who worship the true God.
- Psalm: **Psalm 16** – "... in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
- Epistle: **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** – "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
- Holy Gospel: **Luke 5:1-11** – Jesus absolves Peter and calls him to proclaim His Gospel.

✠ 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 Rev. Peter and Marcia Lange in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Boening; and in honor and thanksgiving of the Reverend and Mrs. George Lange's 61st wedding anniversary, and of Peter and Marcia's 36th wedding anniversary.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, 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 CONTINUES! 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 27: **Luke 6:40 - "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher."** This statement is the key to understanding all of sanctification - how we are made holy. It starts with Jesus. He has redeemed us by His sacrifice on the cross, and now we are to follow Him. We are to grow into the image of God, to be like our Teacher, Lord, and King Jesus. We learn generosity from the one who gave His all for our sake. How is the Lord calling you to imitate His generosity in your callings in home, church, and society?

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway, Jack Phillips, Robert George, Lawrence Rast, Bryan Wolfmueller and Will Weedon. Registration is \$150 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Worship with us in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center weekdays at 10:00 a.m., study Jeremiah 25-28 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study 2 Kings 19-22 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters 7/3 at 10:00 a.m. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ May				
ATTENDANCE Sunday: 94	FINANCIAL			
	<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 27, 2021		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK'S CALENDAR
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	Nursery: 2nd Floor - Basement Auditorium: "Living as Easter Christians: A Study in 1 Peter" Pastor Randy Asbury	MONDAY <hr/> TUESDAY <hr/> WEDNESDAY <hr/> THURSDAY <hr/> FRIDAY <hr/> SATURDAY