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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 4, 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 MAKES FISHERS OF MEN

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8-15).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

"*COME, FOLLOW ME,*" *THE SAVIOR SPAKE* (LSB 688). Based on Matthew 16:24, Johann Scheffler wrote four stanzas of this hymn (stanzas 1-3, 5). Stanza four was published with the original stanzas in 1704. Scheffler, a physician by training, was raised as a Lutheran and wrote most of his poetry while still a Lutheran. Later in his life he became a follower of a mystic preacher and found his beliefs more in line with the Roman Catholic church.

✠ 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 16 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 688, "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake."

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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 11, 2021) -

Old Testament: **Exodus 20:1-17** – God gives His Ten Commandments as the pattern of life for all people.

Psalm: **Psalm 19** – "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

Epistle: **Romans 6:3-11** – Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:20-26** – Living in Jesus' perfect righteousness (which exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees!).



✧ 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 of her dear aunt whose birthday was July 4; and in honor of her son's 10th wedding anniversary on July 2.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, July 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, July 4: **Luke 5:5 - "And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' "** In Peter's words there are both exasperation and trust. He's tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord's word - and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord's word - and acting on it.

SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD... 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 Election; The Colors of the Church Seasons & Festivals; The Seven Deadly Sins; Political Censorship 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: Hear a missionary story from the Cayman Islands on The Coffee Hour 7/6 at 9:00 a.m., study Jeremiah 29-31 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and finish 2 Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org!

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧ June 13-26

| ATTENDANCE Sunday: 94 | FINANCIAL | | | |
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| | June 13-26 | | Year-to-date through May | |
| | Actual | Budgeted | Actual | Budgeted |
| Income: | \$9,665 | \$11,353 | Income: \$118,526 | \$121,602 |
| Expense: | \$11,370 | \$12,303 | Expense: \$106,400 | \$109,634 |

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ July 4, 2021

| SCHEDULE | SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS | WEEK'S CALENDAR |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl | 2nd Floor: Summer Sunday School Chad & Alicia Rolland | MONDAY <i>Church office closed</i> |
| 10:15 - Coffee Hour | Basement Auditorium: "Living as Easter Christians: A Study in 1 Peter" Pastor Randy Asburry | TUESDAY |
| 10:30 - Bible Study/Summer Sunday School | | WEDNESDAY |
| | | THURSDAY |
| | | FRIDAY |
| | | SATURDAY |