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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 18, 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 RESTORES PARADISE AND FEEDS US FREELY

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground..." (Gen. 3:19). In other words, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good (LSB 819). This lively hymn of praise, with its short and memorable refrain, was written by Johann Schütz (1640-1690). Based on Deuteronomy 32:3-4, "For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he." Through the text one can envision a pastor instructing and encouraging his flock to join in praise to God.

✠ 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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good."*

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 25, 2021) -

- Old Testament: **Jeremiah 23:16-29** – God's people do not hear His prophets; God warns us against false prophets.
- Psalm: **Psalm 26** – "In the great assembly I will bless the LORD."
- Epistle: **Acts 20:27-38** – St. Paul urges pastors and churches to beware of false teachers.
- Holy Gospel: **Matthew 7:15-23** – Jesus warns against false prophets and false faith.



✠ 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, August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. 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.

WHILE PASTOR ASBURRY is on vacation (July 15-26), if you have any pastoral care needs (hospitalization, etc.), please call the church office (314-352-0014) to arrange for a pastor who is on call.

ALL ARE INVITED TO FAMILY FRIENDLY CONCERTS AT PEACE LUTHERAN, 737 BARRACKSVIEW ROAD. This Thursday, July 22, from 7-8 pm will be The Story Book Quartet - The Bremen Town Musicians. Music and storytelling combine in this entertaining program emphasizing teamwork. Popular storyteller Greg Schweizer narrates the classic Brothers' Grimm folk tale. Just like the four animal friends in this story, listeners learn the importance of cooperation.

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 18: **Romans 6:22 - "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life."** The fruits of faith in Christ are the good works of a faithful Christian life. We have received grace upon grace in the free forgiveness of our sins, and so we are now free to go forth and bear fruit in serving our neighbor in the home, the church, and society.

NEW MISSIONARY PRESENTATIONS. Are you interested in a unique opportunity to help our newly employed LCMS missionaries? This month, our brand-new missionaries will be creating presentations about their work. They are looking for feedback and need practice presenting in front of a live audience. Join the LCMS Office of International Mission on Saturday, July 24 from 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m. for "New Missionary Presentations." Come meet our new LCMS missionaries and learn about their work to help spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Provide feedback for them as they aim to refine their presentations and prepare to share their message with the church at-large. A complimentary barbecue lunch will be provided by LCMS International Mission after the presentations. For location details and to help us get a head count, please RSVP to mservices@lcms.org or call 314-996-1332.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ June 13-26

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 87

FINANCIAL

		<i>June 13-26</i>		<i>Year-to-date through May</i>	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:		\$9,665	\$11,353	\$118,526	\$121,602
Expense:		\$11,370	\$12,303	\$106,400	\$109,634

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ July 18, 2021

SCHEDULE

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheran1
10:15 - Coffee Hour
10:30 - Bible Study/Summer Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

2nd Floor:
Summer Sunday School
Chad & Alicia Rolland
Basement Auditorium:
"Living as Easter Christians:
A Study in 1 Peter"
Pastor Kevin Robson

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY