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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 15, 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. 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 ✠

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

The Lord *clothes* His people *with the garments of salvation* and *covers them with the robe of righteousness* (Isa. 61:10). So the Blessed Virgin Mary *rejoices in God her Savior* (Luke 1:47). The Lord was gracious to her. *She believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord* (v. 45). That is why *all generations shall call her "blessed"* (v. 42 & 48); likewise, "Blessed are all who hear the Word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28). She has the unique honor of being the one from whom *the Righteous One sprouts up on earth before all nations* (Isa. 61:11). But she sings as a recipient of His great mercy. *God sent forth His Son, born of this woman, born under the Law, to redeem those under the Law, that we might be sons and heirs* (Gal. 4:4-7). Mary is rightly called "Mother of God" because of the nature of the Son she bore; but He alone is called "Savior," "Redeemer," and "Advocate." Jesus Christ is *the one thing needful*, come to rescue and heal and save us (Luke 10:28-42). He is the *seed of the woman* at last come to *crush the serpent's head* for us (Gen. 3:15).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Upon looking at the hymns in the service today, it seems that we might be celebrating Advent or Christmas! Not quite. Today we observe the day dedicated to St. Mary, the Mother of our Lord. While most of the hymnody today focuses on Christ through Mary, we do have occasion to sing the well-loved Hymn of the Day for the First Sunday of Advent, *Savior of the Nations, Come*. The opening hymn, *For All the Faithful Women*, is a multipurpose hymn. If you look in the hymnal you will notice a number of "stanza 2" options. This hymn has verses specifically referencing many of the faithful women throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today, we rightly sing of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. While we may be tempted to let Mary be the main take away from today's worship, it's fully Christ through the virgin mother. We sing of Mary in our closing hymn, "O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: 'Alleluia!' Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: 'Alleluia!'"

✠ 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 45 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 934, "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord."*

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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 22, 2021) -

Old Testament: **Isaiah 29:17-24** - God restores His humbled people Israel.

Psalms: **Psalm 146** - "Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!"

Epistle: **2 Corinthians 3:4-11** - We are not sufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency comes from Christ.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14** - God justifies (saves; forgives) not the self-righteous Pharisee, but the humble, confessing tax-collector.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

HOPE MUSIC ENSEMBLES- REHEARSAL RESUMPTION

Kantor Janssen sent an email out earlier this week about music ensembles resuming rehearsals in September. If you didn't receive one, or haven't replied yet, you have some options to get some more information or to submit your name. 1) Use this QR code with your phone to submit your name. 2) Email Kantor Janssen (mjanssen@hopelutheranstl.org). 3) Talk to Kantor before or after Sunday services



DR EGGER INAUGURATION CHOIR Are you interested in singing for Dr. Egger's inauguration service? The service is on Friday, August 27 at 2:30 pm. There will be a short rehearsal scheduled after church on Sunday, August 22 to prepare. As Dr. Egger's home congregation, we are honored to participate in this way. If you are interested, please talk to Kantor Janssen ASAP!

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD for the consecration and installation of ANNA BARGER (daughter of Jeff and Pam Nielsen, and daughter of Hope congregation) to serve as deaconess at St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Flint, Michigan. We pray for God's grace and strength that she may serve faithfully to the glory of His name.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, August 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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, August 15: Luke 18:11-12 - "The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men ... I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' " The Pharisee has surely missed the point of tithing! We can't earn brownie points with God, and we certainly can't put Him in our debt. Our giving to the Lord's work proceeds from a thankful heart full of God's own generosity, not our own pride. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, "I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word." We are the Lord's servants, therefore we live by His Word.

WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE... 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: Christianity & Wokeness; The Persecution of Finnish Lutheran Leaders; Defending the Christian Faith Like the Early Church; Fighting Critical Race Theory and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 35 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at ondemand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

COME AND ENJOY THE GIFT OF MUSIC during the kickoff of our 2021-22 Concordia Seminary Concert Series! The public is invited to participate in the Opening Weekend Hymn Festival at 3 p.m. CT Sunday, Aug. 29 in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. The festival will feature Dr. James Marriott, the Kreft Chair for Music Arts, as well as the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale. We hope to see you there! You also can live stream the service at <http://ow.ly/KFuz50Fz9yt>. Learn more at <https://www.csl.edu/.../concordia-seminary-concert-series/>.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ July				
	FINANCIAL			
ATTENDANCE	<i>July</i>		<i>Year-to-date through July</i>	
Sunday: 79	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$27,637	\$24,320	Income: \$165,605
	Expense:	\$21,449	\$21,932	Expense: \$146,020
				\$170,249
				\$153,497

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ August 15, 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	2nd Floor: Summer Sunday School Chad & Alicia Rolland Basement Auditorium: The Service of the International Lutheran Council Pastor Roger James	MONDAY <hr/> TUESDAY <hr/> WEDNESDAY <hr/> THURSDAY <hr/> FRIDAY <hr/> SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off