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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ August 29, 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 ✠

THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

"Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means!" (Rom. 6:1-2). John preached the Law boldly against Herod's adultery with Herodias. Choosing human honor over honesty, Herod served up John's head on a platter to pacify Herodias's conscience without the contrition and repentance of Baptism (Mark 6:17-28). So John was *slain for the Word of God and for the witness he had borne* (Rev. 6:9). John is Christ's forerunner also in death; so other fellow-servants and brothers continue to be martyrs (witnesses) of Christ to this day (Rev. 6:11). Their *deaths are precious to the Lord* (Ps. 116:15) and so also to us, who celebrate even a beheading. Such is the confidence of the baptized! *Buried into Christ's death through Baptism, we believe we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His* also (Rom. 6:4-5). United to Christ, the Church's Head, John can be confident that He will be reunited to his own at the last day. Even John isn't really the forerunner; Jesus has gone before us all: out of the tomb alive, the firstborn of those who sleep!

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Just two weeks ago we observed *St. Mary, Mother of our Lord*. The hymns felt like Advent and Christmas, which felt just a little out of place in the heat of mid-summer. Today we observe the *Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist*. There isn't an abundance of hymns that speak to the beheading of St. John the Baptist, but we can sing hymns that honor his work to point people to Christ. Isn't that what the saints primarily do...point God's people to his Son, Jesus Christ? So, today you'll feel like its mid-December and we are celebrating Advent III, which is St. John the Baptist's big arrival on the Advent scene. We also include the George Neumark hymn, *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*. What better hymn to portray the mindset of a martyr than to "trust in God to guide then and hope in Him through all thy way?"

✠ 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 71 in the front of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- PONDER today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 750, "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee."

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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 5, 2021)

Old Testament: **Proverbs 4:10-23**—Our Lord God teaches us the way of life.
Psalm: **Psalm 119:9-16**— "Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!"
Epistle: **Galatians 5:16-24**— The life of the flesh vs. the life of the Spirit.
Holy Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19**— Jesus heals ten lepers and one follows Him in faith.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

HOPE MUSIC ENSEMBLES- REHEARSAL RESUMPTION

Music ensembles are resuming rehearsals in September. If you haven't replied yet:



- 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

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, September 5, 12, 19 and 26. 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.

A BOOK GROUP MEETS AT DIANA FROST'S HOUSE EVERY MONTH. We will be meeting next on September 21 to discuss *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please email or call Diana at dianafrost@sbcglobal.net or (636) 692-8159.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, August 29: Luke 10:25 - "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" " That's just not a good question! Doing and inheriting just don't go together. What can you do to inherit the English throne? Nothing. Inheriting is about birth right; doing is about merit. We receive eternal life by birth right in our Baptism into Christ. All of our doing in the Kingdom of God flows from who we are by our new birth. It can never be the other way around. So today we remember St. John the Baptist who, because he believed the Lord, walked in His ways and gained the crown of life in martyrdom.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING BY LFCS Saturday, October 16, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Epiphany Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall; Cost – \$10/person; Registration Ends on September 1.

Just as training is required to properly handle a medical emergency (First Aid/CPR), caring for someone during a mental health emergency also requires proper training. Through this Nationally accredited training, you will learn how to recognize the common signs and symptoms of prominent mental illnesses; how to understand the impact of traumatic experiences and the role of resilience in our mental health development; how to connect people to helpful resources; and more. **More information and a link to register can be found on Epiphany's website: www.elcstl.org.** Or contact Epiphany at (314) 752-7065 with questions.

THIS AFTERNOON KICKS OFF 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 ✠ August 8-21

ATTENDANCE Sunday: 82	FINANCIAL			
	August 8-21		Year-to-date through July	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income:	\$11,809	\$10,983	Income: \$165,605	\$170,249
Expense:	\$9,023	\$10,552	Expense: \$146,020	\$153,497

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ August 29, 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
10:15 - Coffee Hour		TUESDAY
10:30 - Bible Study/Summer Sunday School	Basement Auditorium: "Living as Easter Christians: A Study in 1 Peter" Pastor Asburry	WEDNESDAY
		THURSDAY
		FRIDAY
		SATURDAY Pastor's Day Off