



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 12, 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 ✠

*ANXIOUS BONDAGE vs. CONFIDENT TRUST*

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24-34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God – that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8-16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25-6:10).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY FOR TODAY, What God Ordains is Always Good (LSB 760)*, was a combined effort by Samuel Rodigast (text) and Severus Gastorius (tune). Rodigast, the son of a German Lutheran pastor, was on the philosophical faculty of the Greyfriars Gymnasium in Berlin. The text was written to comfort Severus Gastorius upon a serious illness. Gastorius was cantor of Jena, Germany. The hymn first appeared in print in 1681 and is noted to be a favorite of the choir school Gastorius taught. Johann Sebastian Bach used the tune *WAS GOTT TUT* in seven of his cantatas.

### ✠ 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 146 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 760, "What God Ordains is Always 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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (September 19, 2021)*

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 17:17-24** – God raises the widow's son through Elijah's ministry.  
Psalm: **Psalm 30** – "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning."  
Epistle: **Ephesians 3:13-21** – God strengthens us with His Spirit to know His marvelous love.  
Holy Gospel: **Luke 7:11-17** – Jesus raises a widow's son at the town of Nain.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

TODAY BEGINS THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION FOR 3 YEAR OLDS THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU ALICIA AND CHAD ROLLAND for planning and teaching the summer Sunday School class. All students and teachers will meet in the basement auditorium for the opening and class assignments.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, September 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](mailto:dianafrost@sbcglobal.net) or (636) 692-8159.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, September 12: **Matthew 6:24b** - "You cannot serve God and money." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our stewardship. Well, you have to go back to verse 21 to get the whole thing: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Read Matthew 6:19-34 again this week at home and consider your generosity to the Lord's work in light of what Jesus says.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Begin studying the book of Leviticus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), begin studying the book of Ezekiel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services weekdays at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

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BREW IN THE LOU IS BACK! Please join us Saturday, October 9 at Francis Park! Finally, we have the pleasure of enjoying tastings of St. Louis' best beer, wine, spirits and food, live music and more at the 9th Annual Brew in the Lou Festival at Francis Park to support Lutheran schools. Up to 100 tasting stations will line the banks of The Lily Pond, featuring 45 local, regional and national craft breweries, distilleries and wineries. [Preorder](#) your wristbands today for only \$40 (\$50 on day of the event). There will also be a marketplace for local artists and retailers. Your attendance at Brew in the Lou provides critical assistance to our 8,300 Lutheran students and [34-member Lutheran schools](#) - as well as local businesses that have been hit hard by the pandemic all year long. To order go to [www.lesastl.org](http://www.lesastl.org)

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ August 8-21**

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday: 70

**FINANCIAL**

	<i>August</i>		<i>Year-to-date through August</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$19,663	\$24,320	\$185,268	\$194,569
Expense:	\$20,658	\$23,365	\$166,678	\$192,886

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 12, 2021**

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE  
Live stream at [www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl](http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl)

10:15 - Coffee Hour

10:30 - Bible Study/ Sunday School

11:30 - Schola rehearsal

11:30 - Youth Catechism Class

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:**  
Early Childhood Sunday School

**Basement:**  
Primary - Junior High Sunday School

**Basement Auditorium:**  
"Living as Easter Christians: A Study in 1 Peter"  
Pastor Asburry

**WEEK'S CALENDAR**

MONDAY  
7:00 Board of Finance

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY  
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY  
Pastor's Day Off