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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ September 19, 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 ❖

JESUS CALLS FORTH LIFE FROM DEATH

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think" (Eph 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

O CHRIST, WHO SHARED OUR MORTAL LIFE (LSB 552) is our Hymn of the Day for today. The text, by Herman Stuempfle, Jr., proclaims the earthly side of Jesus' life and ministry. In stanza one we sing of Christ's defeat of death and His miracles of healing and raising the dead. We then sing the two interior stanzas that match with the appropriate Gospel reading, today that is the raising of the widow's son in Luke 7. The final stanza proclaims death's grip on us, yet reminds us that we need not fear the tomb as Christ has, "broken death's embrace and torn away its sting."

❖ 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 30 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 552*, "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Flesh"

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 ❖

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (September 26, 2021)

Old Testament: **Daniel 12:1-3**— The cosmic battle between God's faithful and those who reject Him.

Psalm: **Psalm 91**— "He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways."

Epistle: **Revelation 12:7-12**— War between God's angel armies and the forces of the devil.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 18:1-10**— In the conflict between God's kingdom and the forces of darkness, God's people receive His kingdom as little children.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, September 26 and October 10, 17, 24, and 31.. 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.

THRIVE PARENT UNIVERSITY will resume September 23, running 6:00-7:30 pm each Thursday. Dinner will not be served nor will children be invited to attend as the program slowly returns to normal.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, September 19: **Ephesians 3:14-15 - "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named."** We don't call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers. It's the other way around - God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. God is the real and true Father. He is kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous, and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Study Ezekiel 5-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear about Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (9/20 at 9:30 a.m.), study Leviticus 5-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (9/25 at 10:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

PROVIDING ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT ON THE FRONT LINES... 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: Growing Up in Nazi Germany and Communist East Germany; A Theology of the Body; St. Michael and All Angels; Vaccine Mandates 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.

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

STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ August 29- September 11

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 97

FINANCIAL

August 29-September 11

Year-to-date through August

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income:	\$9,840	\$11,274	Income:	\$185,268	\$194,569
Expense:	\$9,218	\$11,926	Expense:	\$166,678	\$192,886

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 19, 2021

SCHEDULE

9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl

10:15 - Coffee Hour

10:30 - Bible Study/ Sunday School

11:30 - Schola rehearsal

11:45 - Youth Catechism Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

2nd 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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal

THURSDAY
6:00 ThriVe Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off