



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ September 26, 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 ✠

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN PROTECTS HIS CHILDREN BY GIVING HIS HOLY ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEM.**

We live in "a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation; for Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "in great wrath," with woeful "temptations to sin" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8-12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11-13). By "the authority of his Christ," His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of "the blood of the Lamb," against all the power of the enemy; for by "the word of their testimony," the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10-11; Luke 10:18-19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6); and as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1-3).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

Today we celebrate the feast of *St. Michael and All Angels*. This feast focuses our hearts and minds on the work of God's heavenly messengers, especially that of Michael the archangel. Our Hymn of the Day tells of the heavenly battle between Michael and the ancient serpent, or dragon, which results in Satan being banished from heaven. Lest the story end there, we continue singing of Jesus' final defeat of Satan for our salvation. *Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright* (LSB 520), a text from the 9<sup>th</sup> century, gives us a glimpse into the softer side of the angels' work, that of ministering to the helpless, poor, and needy.

### ✠ 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 91 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 521, "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken."*

**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 ✠

**ANNIVERSARY OF A CONGREGATION** (October 3, 2021)

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 8:22-30**—King Solomon prays at the dedication of the Jerusalem temple.  
Psalm: **Psalm 84**—How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
Epistle: **Revelation 21:1-5**—Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.  
Holy Gospel: **Luke 19:1-10**—Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES are Sunday, 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. 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 26: **Luke 14:5 - "And he said to them, 'Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?'"** The time is always ripe to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law - something less than love - that was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear but out of thanksgiving.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Study Ezekiel 10-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Leviticus 11-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs, plus our LCMS partner podcasts, at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

CONFESSIONAL LUTHERANS, WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK... 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 subjects include: Being a Lutheran Vicar During the Cuban Revolution, Responding to Today's Woke Worldview, Caring for Caregivers, Congregational Singing and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://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](http://www.lesastl.org)

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠ August 29- September 11**

**ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday: 97

**FINANCIAL**

<i>August 29-September 11</i>		<i>Year-to-date through August</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	
Income:	\$9,840	\$11,274	Income: \$185,268
Expense:	\$9,218	\$11,926	Expense: \$166,678
			\$194,569
			\$192,886

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ September 26, 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  
11:45 - 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 Asbury

**WEEK'S CALENDAR**

MONDAY  
TUESDAY  
WEDNESDAY  
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal  
THURSDAY  
6:00 ThriVe Parent University  
FRIDAY  
SATURDAY  
Pastor's Day Off