



Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ October 3, 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. 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 ✠

WILL GOD DWELL ON EARTH?

King Solomon built a house where God promised to dwell with His people, and yet he marveled that God, who showed "steadfast love to [His] servants who walk before [Him] with all their heart," would dwell on earth with sinful people. Not even the highest heaven can contain God, much less any house built by human hands. However, God's dwelling places is where His people pray and receive His forgiveness. (1 Kings 8:22-30). Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church is the "new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God." Through the Church and every congregation our Lord Jesus Christ still dwells with His people as their God, wipes away their tears of shame and grief, conquers death, and brings the healing of new life with the God of heaven. (Revelation 21:1-5) Every Christian congregation is the place where Jesus comes to meet sinners and dine with them, as He did with Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-10) Because Jesus "came to seek and save the lost," every congregation that proclaims His Word and administers His Sacraments is the place where people can say, "Today salvation has come to this house."

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

This morning we sing a number of hymns that are not found in our hymnal, though some are familiar to our congregation. The opening hymn is not a typical hymn-like setting. *Not Unto Us* is a setting of Psalm 115 which is the appointed text for the proper Verse for the Anniversary of a Congregation. Psalm 84 is sung in a hymnic setting, *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place* by K. Lee Scott. The Hymn of the Day is our own *As Stone on Living Stone is Set*. This hymn was composed in honor of Hope Ev. Lutheran's 100th anniversary in 2016 and was included in the new LCMS children's hymnal, *One and All Rejoice*, published in 2020.

✠ 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 84 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, "As Stone on Living Stone is Set"

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 ✠

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (October 10, 2021)

- Old Testament: **Genesis 28:10-17** – Jacob sees angels ascending and descending on a ladder.
 Psalm: **Psalm 84** – "O LORD God of Hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!"
 Epistle: **Ephesians 4:22-28** – Be renewed in the spirit of your minds.
 Holy Gospel: **Matthew 9:1-8** – Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic.



✠ 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 or (636) 692-8159.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR SUNDAY, October 3: **1 Corinthians 1:4 - "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus."** The grace of God and our thanksgiving go together. When God gives to us, thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it's not only the grace given to us that causes us to give thanks but even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Study Ezekiel 15-18 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m., study Leviticus 17-22 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear special guests on Midday Moments at 12:30 p.m.! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study on the Book of Mark. This week's teachings include: Jesus Healing a Boy with an Unclean Spirit; Jesus Foretelling His Death and Resurrection; Jesus' Teachings on Who Is the Greatest?; and Temptations to Sin & Divorce. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.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 ✠ September 12 - September 25

ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 83

FINANCIAL

<i>September 12 - 25</i>		<i>Year-to-date through August</i>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	
Income:	\$11,860	\$11,353	Income: \$185,268
Expense:	\$10,607	\$12,301	Expense: \$166,678
			\$194,569
			\$192,886

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ October 3, 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:
"Contend for the Faith: 2 Peter & Jude"
Pastor Asburry

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
5:00 Kantorei rehearsal

THURSDAY
6:00 ThriVe Parent University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Pastor's Day Off