



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 13, 2025

### ✠ 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 ✠

**CHRIST'S MERCY IS OURS TO SHOW TO OTHERS**

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

### ✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

**O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD** (LSB 696). Johann Heermann (1585-1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). During his time as pastor many people of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn. We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a "healthy frame," not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one's calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God would actually work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Savior. Then, in splendor, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name. [Taken from [www.logia.org](http://www.logia.org) hymn summaries]

### ✠ 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 138 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 696, "O God, My Faithful God."

**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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** (July 20, 2025) –

- Old Testament: **1 Kings 19:11-21** – God comforts Elijah with news of a faithful remnant of people who worship the true God.
- Psalm: **Psalm 16** – "... in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
- Epistle: **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** – "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
- Holy Gospel: **Luke 5:1-11** – Jesus absolves Peter and calls him to proclaim His Gospel.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Kay and Joel Shoemaker in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary, July 22.

THE ANNUAL COALITION LIFE CIRCLE GALA fundraiser will be Tuesday, July 22, 5:30pm at Greensfelder Recreation Complex in Ballwin. The speaker is Sr. Deidre Byrne- sister, soldier, and surgeon. She has served from battlefields, to operating rooms, and on the front lines in front of abortion facilities to save lives. There is a \$25 fee to attend. To register- <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=29884> If you would like to sit with friends from Hope, please let Judy Maichel know- [mjmaichel@juno.com](mailto:mjmaichel@juno.com).

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR VASES are July 20 and 27. Vases are \$30 each and are yours to take home after the service. Please call Carol, 314-691-3619, to order vases for a specific date, or pick up an envelope from the narthex and fill it out and place it in the offering basket.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE THANKS EACH MEMBER for their faithful financial stewardship in support of the ministry of our congregation. Through the first five-months of the fiscal year (January-May) we are running a small deficit of \$4,300. We want to encourage members during summer months of travel and time away that you remember the work of the church and continue your faithful stewardship. We thank you for stewarding all the gifts entrusted to your care.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR JULY 13 – Trinity 4: Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we’re beginning a summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we’ll take a look at Psalms 3, 4, 11, 15, and 20. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of Paul’s 2nd letter to the Corinthians! On Concord Matters this Saturday (7/19 at 10 a.m.), Pastor Finnern will lead us through “Part 2” of our study on the 2nd Commandment in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Seeking Truth & Speaking Truth, The Worsening Pandemic of Gambling, A New Study on Christian Faith & Marriage, Eastern Mysticism in Public Schools, A Supreme Court Ruling on Children & Pornography and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

✧ STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧					
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 60	FINANCIAL ✧ June				
	June		Year to Date through June		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$40,741	\$29,093	Income:	\$213,837      \$174,526
	Expense:	\$25,036	\$31,948	Expense:	\$202,445      \$184,485

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ July 13, 2025		
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS	WEEK’S CALENDAR
8:00 - Schola Rehearsal	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Parlor:</b> High School	MONDAY 7 pm Church Council
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a>		TUESDAY
10:15 - Coffee Hour	<b>Basement:</b> Early Childhood	WEDNESDAY
10:30 - Bible Study	Youth	THURSDAY
	<b>Basement Auditorium:</b> THE WORD IN SONG “O God, My Faithful God” (LSB 696)	FRIDAY
	Pastor Asburry	SATURDAY Pastor’s day off