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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 20, 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 ✠

JESUS MAKES FISHERS OF MEN

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8-15).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

"COME, FOLLOW ME," THE SAVIOR SPAKE (LSB 688). Based on Matthew 16:24, Johann Scheffler wrote four stanzas of this hymn (stanzas 1-3, 5). Stanza four was published with the original stanzas in 1704. Scheffler, a physician by training, was raised as a Lutheran and wrote most of his poetry while still a Lutheran. Later in his life he became a follower of a mystic preacher and found his beliefs more in line with the Roman Catholic church.

✠ 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 16 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, LSB 688, "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake."

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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (July 27, 2025) –

Old Testament: **Exodus 20:1-17**—God gives His Ten Commandments as the pattern of life for all people.

Psalm: **Psalm 19**—"The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

Epistle: **Romans 6:3-11**—Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:20-26**—Living in Jesus' perfect righteousness (which exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees!).



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

IN TODAY’S DIVINE SERVICE we install Mr. Robb Kostial to serve on the Board of Elders. Robb has been appointed to fill the elder position left vacant at the last Voters Assembly election and will be ratified at the next regular Voters Assembly meeting. We thank the Lord for Robb and his service to the saints at Hope.

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR VASES are July 27 and August 3, 10, 17 and 24. 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.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE: We thank each member for their faithful financial stewardship in support of the ministry of our congregation. Through the first half of the fiscal year (January-June) we have made up a previous small deficit and are running in the black, with income of \$11,000. We still want to encourage members during summer months of travel and time away to remember the work of the church and continue your faithful stewardship. We thank you for stewarding all the gifts entrusted to your care. Look for a more detailed mid-year financial update in the coming weeks.

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR JULY 20 – Trinity 5: 1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” Elijah was so sure that he was right – that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can’t go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God’s work in the church with our offering. Take a look in Luther’s Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: This summer on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we're studying a selection of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 23, 27, 33, 37, 42, and 43. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we are wrapping up our study of 2 Corinthians, picking up with chapter 10. Don't forget to tune in on Saturday (7/26 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters as we study the 3rd Commandment in the Large Catechism! How should we understand the Sabbath? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... 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 subjects include: Young Women Rejecting Feminism; The Movies “Conclave” and “Sinner;” The Lord’s Supper; The Hymn “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

✧ STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 103	FINANCIAL ✧ June 29 – July 12					
	June 29 – July 12			Year to Date through June		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$7,125	\$13,198	Income:	\$213,837	\$174,526
	Expense:	\$12,013	\$13,338	Expense:	\$202,445	\$184,485
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ July 20, 2025						
SCHEDULE		SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR		
8:00 - Schola Rehearsal		2 nd Floor – Parlor:		MONDAY		
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE		High School		TUESDAY		
Live stream at		Basement:		WEDNESDAY		
www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl		Early Childhood		THURSDAY		
10:15 - Coffee Hour		Youth		FRIDAY		
10:30 - Bible Study		Basement Auditorium:		SATURDAY		
		THE WORD IN SONG		Pastor’s day off		
		“Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior				
		Spake” (LSB 688)				
		Pastor Asburry				